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Mr. Cyril Clemens, Editor  
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Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the complimentary copy of The Mark Twain Quarterly sent to the Roerich Museum which contained the article "Mark Twain in Russia" by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.

In looking over the list of Vice-Presidents at the beginning of the publication, it was noticed that Prof. Roerich's name is not included. I understand that in 1937 you officially informed the Latvian Roerich Society that Prof. Roerich had been elected as Honorary Vice-President. I take this opportunity, therefore, to call your attention to this matter, and will appreciate it greatly if you will let me know as to whether this was simply a printer's omission.

In the short years of my association with Prof. Roerich and his closest co-workers I can recall several occasions when the writings of Mark Twain were discussed with mutual admiration, and I assure you (as a dyed-in-the-wool mid-western-Hoosier) that Prof. Roerich's appreciation of the pan-human contribution of Mark Twain, voiced in the article "Mark Twain in Russia", is a true expression of his spirit. Furthermore, I am sure that he speaks unofficially for many, many Russians, including my associate Sina Lichtmann, co-director of Roerich Academy and Vice-President of Roerich Museum, who cherishes an affectionate regard for our Mark Twain. As a very timely illustration of this I am enclosing a clipping of a newspaper interview in which she speaks of Mark Twain.

I am sure that Prof. Roerich was greatly pleased to receive the news from Riga of his election as Honorary Vice-President of the Mark Twain Society. I may add that in Who's Who in America Prof. Roerich is listed as honorary member and advisor of numerous European and American Societies and Organizations, and it would be naturally of gratification to us if his name should be included in your forthcoming printing of the Quarterly.

Sincerely yours,

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Director