July 8, 1980 Consultation Klein Heinz Blaser Attorney Dr. Brunhilde Schmitz-Hangbers Attorney D- 4500 Osnabrueck, Grosse Strasse 58/60 To the Agni Yoga Publications

Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

W. Augustat

P.O.Box 81 01 04 8000 Munich 81

We are representing the interest of the Agni Yoga Society U.S.A. who in turn is represented by the two ladies: Mrs. Katherine Stibbe and Mrs. Ingeborg Fritschi 18 Farview Road Brookfield, Conn. 06804

Our clients ascertained that you are publishing books of which the Agni Yoga Society, in the U.S.A. has the exclusive rights to publish and distribute.

By the printing of these books and their distribution you are violating the copyrights. The copyrights belong exclusively to the Agni Yoga Society, who have received these rights directly from Madame Helena Roerich, the author of said writings.

Madame Helena Roerich died in 1955. According to #64 Abs 1 the copyrights only expire after 70 years after the death of the author.

Therefore you have no right to print and distribute the books which were originally written by Madame Helena Roerich and which will be listed.

We are referring to the titles of the following books:

- Leaves of Morya's Garden vol. I
- 2. Leaves of Morya's Garden vol. II
- 3. Community
- 4. Agni Yoga
- 5. Infinity vol. I
- 6. Infinity vol. II
- Hierarchy 7.

Furthermore you are printing and distributing "Letters of Helena Roerich," namely:

- 1. Vol. I part 1, Letters to America.
- 2. Vol. I part 2, Letters to Europe.
- 3. Vol. I part 3, 1935.
- 4. Vol. II part 1, 1935, 1936.
- 5. Vol. II part 2, 1937-1939.
- 6. Foundations of Buddhism.

Recently you also printed "Fiery World I" This book has also appeared lately in your Publishing House.

We repeat, you have no right to print and distribute these books. Therefore in the name of our clients, we demand that you return within four days after receipt of this letter the enclosed signed Agreement of default, which guarantees that you will not print nor distribute said books any more, and that within a certain period of time you will recall the books which are presently in circulation.

If no action in this matter is forthcoming we shall advise our clients to take immediate legal action.

From the point of view of compensation you are liable at the same time to our clients for the cost which has to be paid to our account within the afore-mentioned time:

#### Account of expenses:

Value: 100,000.-- DM

Total . . . . . 1.174,16 DM

Respectfully yours,

Attorney

### AGREEMENT

Between the Agni Yoga Society represented by Mrs. Katherine Stibbe and Mrs. Ingeborg Fritschi 18 Farview Road, Brookfield, Conn. 06804 U.S.A.

and

The Agni Yoga Publishing House W. Augustat, P.O.Box 81 01 04 8000 Munich 81

The Agni Yoga Publishing House pledges to discontinue to print and distribute the following books:

Leaves of Morya's Garden I Leaves of Morya's Garden II Community

Agni Yoga

Infinity I

Infinity II

Hierarchy

Letters of Helena Roerich: Vol. I part 1 Letters to America

Vol. I part 2 Letters to Europe

Vol. I part 3 1935

Vol. II part 1 1935, 1936 Vol, II part 2 .937-1939

Foundations of Buddhism Fiery World I

It is guaranteed that in the future these books will not be printed nor distributed. In case of violation, the Agni Yoga Publishing House is obliged to pay a penalty of 5000.— DM The Agni Yoga Publishing House promises furthermore because of its illegal actions to pay the attorneys Blaser and Dr. Schmitz-Langbers the expense account mentioned July 8, 1980, as well as recalling the above-listed books which are in circulation.

Personal comments:

These pages from the attorney have also been sent to:
The Ethical Society for the Advancement of World Renovation.
Printing Establishment Friedrich Karrer
Reslweg 3

A - 4020 Linz, Donau

Since Linz is in Austria and not under German Jurisdiction in those pages it was only asked not to print and distribute the books in Germany.

If necessary on should take legal action in Austria.

The attorneys failed to mention one more book, namely "HEART".

Heinz Blaser Rechtsanwalt u. Notar Dr. Brunhilde Schmitz - Hangbers Abschrift Rechtsanwältin D-4500 Osnabrück, Große Str. 58/60 Postfach 1323, Tel. 0541-22788 u. 28777 Kreissparkasse Osnabrück Nr. 260000 Stadtsparkasse Osnabrück Nr. 19075 Raiffeisenbank Rulle e. G. Nr. 1700 Postscheckto, Hann. Nr. 432020-308 An den Agni-Yoga-Verlag W. Augustat Postfach 81 01 04 8000 München 81 08. Juli 1980/4-Nk Ber. Klein Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, wir vertreten die Interessen der Agni-Yoga-Society-Gesellschaft in den USA, diese wiederum vertreten von den beiden Damen Mrs. Kathrine Stibbe, 18 Farview Road 06804 - Brookfield/CT. und Frau Ingeborg Fritschi, 18 Farview Road 06 804 - Brookfield/Ct. Unsere Auftraggeberinnen haben feststellen müssen, daß Sie Bücher und Schriften veröffentlichen, deren Veröffentlichung und Vertreibung ausschließlich der Agni-Yoga-Society in den USA zusteht. Durch den Druck der Bücher und deren Veröffentlichung verstoßen Sie gegen das Urhebergesetz. Die Urheberrechte liegen ausschließlich bei der Agni-Yoga-Society, die diese Rechte direkt vom Urheber, nämlich Frau Helene Roerich herleiten. Frau Helene Roerich ist 1955 gestorben. Gemäß § 64 Abs. 1 erlischt ein Urheberrecht aber erst innerhalb von 70 Jahren nach dem Tode des Urhebers. Mithin haben Sie kein Recht, Bücher, die ursprünglich von Frau Helene Roerich verfaßt worden sind, zu drucken und zu vertreiben. - 2 -

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Bei den Büchern handelt es sich um folgende Titel:

- 1. Blätter des Gartens Morya Band 1
- 2. Blätter aus dem Garten Morya Band 2
- 3. Gemeinschaft
- 4. Agni-Yoga
- 5. Unbegrenzheit I
- 6. Unbegrenzheit II
- 7. Hierarchie

Desweiteren drucken und verbreiten Sie Briefe von Helene Roerich und zwar

- 1. Band I Teil 1 Briefe nach Amerika
- 2. Band I Teil 2 Briefe nach Europa
- 3. Band I Teil 3 1935
- 4. Band II Tell 1 1935, 1936
- 5. Band II Teil 2 1937 1939
- 6. Die Grundlagen des Buddhismus

Neuerdings drucken Sie auch die Ausgabe "Feurige Welt I", dieses Buch ist ebenfalls in jüngster Zeit in Ihrem Verlag erschienen.

Da Sie keine Rechte haben, diese Bücher zu drucken und zu verbreiten haben wir Sie namens unserer Auftraggeberinnen aufzufordern, binnen 4 Tagen nach Zugang dieses Schreibens uns beiliegende Unterlassungsverpflichtungserklärung zur Verfügung zu stellen, in der Sie die Garantie dafür übernehmen, daß Sie zukünftig diese Bücher nicht mehr drucken und verbreiten werden und außerdem sämtliche im Umlauf befindliche Bücher einziehen werden.

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und

dem Agni-Yoga-Verlag, W. Augustat, Postfach 81 01 04, 8000 München 81.

Der Agni-Yoga-Verlag verpflichtet sich, es zu unterlassen, im folgenden aufgeführte Bücher zu drucken und zu verbreiten. Bei den Büchern handelt es sich um folgende Schriften:

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aufgrund des rechtswidrigen Verhaltens der Agni-Yoga-Society durch die Inanspruchnahme der Rechtsanwälte Blaser und Dr. Schmitz-Hangbers entstandenen Kosten gemäß der Kostenrechnung in dem Abmahnungsschreiben vom 08. Juhi 1980 zu ersetzen. sowie die im Umlauf befindlichen Bücher einzuziehen.

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Mr. Svetoslav Roerich c/o The Indian Bank Ltd. Infantry Road, Cantonment, Bangalore 1, Mysore State S. INDIA

July 25, 1980

Dear Mr. Roerich:

I apologize sincerely for the need to draw your attention to a situation which cannot be called a private matter any more. I d not know anything about your influence or possibilites - but at least you should know!

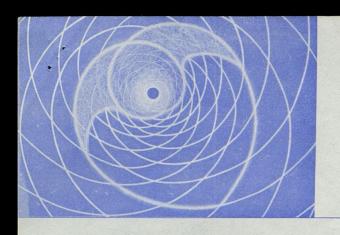
The tensions between the Agni Yoga Society New York and the German speaking area - which have, unfortunately, been a reality since 1953 - have now been increased through legal actions taken by the New York society to force control through court to the German speaking Agni Yoga groups. The enclosed copy of my letter to the Board of Directors may explain a little the position and situation we are in. All my proposals for cooperation within the last ten years have been rejected and today we give a foolish and unnecessary confrontation to the public. For the sake of the High Teachings?

The following reality must be known and considered to understand the background.

Mrs. Sina Fosdick - who might also have fulfilled some important and valuable duties within her position in the Agni Yoga Society and the Roerich Museum - has confirmed to me and to other people from Germany her position and feelings about the Germans quite often, namely that the Karma of the Germans does not allow them to have access to the High Teachings. She, therefore, did everything to stop and to sabotage the actions of Mr. Leopold Brandstätter who had had the honour to receive permission from your great mother to collect all paragraphs about "Psychic Energy" and to comment and publish them in a book. Mrs. Fosdick confirmed to me her position and "emotions" again in the year 1977.

We also received confirmation from two other members of the New York Board of Directors that Mrs. Fosdick is even lying - but due to her age nothing could be done about it and everybody has to wait until ...

Another fact is that Mrs. Sina Fosdick has written a letter to Dr. Aleksius Rencs, Radetskystr. 13, A-6850 Dornbirn, Austria "in the name of M.M." which forbids to translate and to distribute copies of any translations to anybody. Poor Dr. Rencs who is a



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former member of the Agni Yoga group in Riga has accepted this letter without any doubt and is waiting painfully to receive a release.

These very few facts - which could be extended by many more - should draw your attention to the reality in New York. Physical age is no reason or excuse for spiritual sickness - especially when everything is misused to establish a world leading position. We, therefore, disagree completely with the misuse, force and intrigues applied in the name of the great Master M.M., Agni Yoga and Madame Helena I. Roerich.

You also should know that, caused through Mrs. Fosdick's personality and the differences shown between the Russian Agni Yoga originals and the New York-edited translations, a deep mistrust has grown within the years. Upon my specific questions concerning these differences, I personally received Mrs. Fosdick's answer: "This has been decided by Madame Roerich!" (and no other explanation).

I hope and pray that all of the changes and corrections in the English translations are documented to show that they have, in fact, been initiated by your mother. - As an important action in this connection, we also propose to reprint the Russian original First Edition of the books, since only these works will be the base for the new spiritual science, for the University of Wisdom.

Dear Mr. Roerich, please forgive me for writing this letter to you, but the present situation does not leave any choice. Within my responsibility - as within yours - I ask you to take position and to do your utmost to secure the spiritual standard which is being asked for and which is needed to protect the action initiated by the great Master, greatly assisted by your mother and father. Please do everything to the best of your own know-how and possibilites. We will do the same from our end.

In deep respect for your beautiful and dynamic contribution to art, I am

sincerely yours,

Wilhelm Augustat

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President WELT-SPIRALE

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY Inc. The Board Of Directors 319 West 107th Street New York, N.Y. 10025 USA

July 25, 1980

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

"Whoever in speaking attributes the Teaching of Life to himself falls into falsehood. The Sources of the Teaching are beyond human limits. The Truth has been written down in infinity, but each day it reveals a new hieroglyph of its eternalness. Mad is he who while on Earth arrogates to himself the Teaching of Life. The loftiest sage considers himself a messenger. Not the new is proclaimed, but what is needed for the hour. The steward summons to the meal; this is not new, but for the hungry it is extremely important. So much the worse if someone obstructs the call to a meal. He who hinders forges shackles for himself." (Brotherhood, § 283)

About 100 years ago, H.P. Blavatsky created the spiritual basis for the beginning era of Aquarius in connection with and under the leadership of the Hierarchy. Approximately 30 years later, her compatriot - Madame Roerich - continued the great efforts with a gigantic performance and brought to mankind the Teachings issued by the great Master M.M. for the era of Aquarius. A deed which was only recognised by y very small group of people worldwide and which is still being ignored by the majority. It is obvious how the evolution of mankind suffers from this status.

Since about 30 years, several people in the German speaking areas of Europe have been making greatest efforts to understand and distribute the Teachings and make the Flare of Spirit known to a wider group of people. 30 years of heavy work, diligence and many personal sacrifices were necessary in order to combine thousands of people in a community of disciples of Light.

However, what had been disharmonixous from the very beginning, were and still are the relations between the German-speaking representatives and the management of the Agni Yoga Society in New York. As can be taken from correspondence dating back to the years 1952, 1953 and 1954, there did exist some personal contacts, but at the same time the tensions were too strong to allow any cooperation for which reason the founder of the Welt-Spirale - LEOBRAND - wrote to the Board of Directors of the Agni Yoga Society, at that time.

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The cause for these tensions was the strong influence and the patronizing attitude from the part of the New York management with respect to the activities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. At the same time, however, we have to point out the fact that Leobrand - upon Madame Roerich's request - translated the books, collected the paragraphs on "Psychic Energy", put them in order and commented them in a book comprising two volumes which were edited in the German language. Those activities happened during the years 1950 until 1960.

As soon as the books on "Psychic Energy" had been published, also the Agni Yoga works were finished in their translation and were starting to be published in the year 1963 and after - depending on the financial means available - and handed over to those interested who had been waiting anxiously for a long time already. Since the management of the Agni Yoga Society had prohibited Mr. Brandstätter from using the English translations of the Agni Yoga books for his translations into German, Leobrand decided to make the translations from the Russian originals. In this connection, we would like to mention a letter from the Agni Yoga Society New York who claimed that all rights to the books were not with them, but title was with Professor Svetoslav Roerich...

The past thirteen years now reflect an extreme effort on the part of the German management to improve the relationship between the German speaking areas and New York and clean the atmosphere from historical remainders. Several visits to New York, i.e. to the Roerich Museum, and personal discussions with your representative there resulted in the effort of your management to put myself on top of an Agni Yoga Center in Europe and to found a society against the existing Welt-Spirale and against Leobrand. After a most thorough investigation of either arguments, I refused this suggestion and therefore, was afterwards received in the Roerich Museum as an enemy. No books, no paintings or reproductions were sold to me etc

Several years passed by and my regular visits to the Roerich Museum despite the cold echo there finally led to a change in attitude resulting at least in some conversations with your President, Mrs. Sina Fosdick. I also became supporting member of the Museum and even received a letter of appreciation from there in 1977.

In the conversations I had with Mrs. Sina Fosdick, the latter uttered the opinion that the German speaking countries had no right (and still have none) to receive the High Teachings of Agni Yoga, for "Karmic" reasons, since - so she said - the second world war and the Jewish fate do not allow this. Although at that time, already translations into French, Italian, Spanish, Bulgarian, Jewish etc. were in existence, Mrs. Fosdick was of the opinion that it was still

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too early for the German translations. Consequently, according to her it was Mr. Brandstätter's fault to have forced the Teachings upon the German speaking countries by making the translations ... Mrs. Fosdick mentioned in these discussions that for this reason and for others there could be no cooperation between the two societies, although I had offered to her to support your European center in coordinating the publishing of the German translations and to control everything gradually so that finally your European Center could be publisher of all the Agni Yoga books and we would distribute the German editions.

Another meeting was held in 1979 with two of your Board members who explained to me the facts on hand. This meeting was, I believe, being held very openly and showed no direct possibility to cooperate. Also here I suggested to hand over the translations that were ready for printing to your European Center for publishing them so that the remaining books could be edited by New York. In this case, we would have taken over the distribution in the German speaking countries. In addition, those books that had been published in German before were going to an end in the available number anyhow so that New York could even have edited the new editions in their own responsibility and again hand them over to our society for distribution. However, both of your representatives could see no way of cooperating in this manner.

Furthermore, I have to mention here that your New York Center published the German translation of the "Leaves of the Garden Morya" in 1977, although this book had been existing in German since 1963 and was already in the bookshelves of our spiritual friends. No doubt, this caused a lot of confusion among our friends, seeing the competition, the rivalry, the antagonism which in several cases resulted in personal fightings rather than in spiritual uplift.

Seeing the rejecting attitude on the other side over and over again, we took the consequence and started to organize the German speaking countries accordingly. The reason for this plan also was the aim to prevent further splittings and dissensions which only had led to confusion and insecurity on the part of the spiritual disciples and to a misuse of the Teaching. The representatives of the Agni Yoga Society USA showed distinctly that there is no cooperation of any kind wanted.

Now, the already unpleasant situation is being escalated by a law suit being initiated by the Agni Yoga Society New York stating that the "copyrights" are with New York as they have been transferred from Madame Roerich.

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You dare using the High Teachings for the era of Aquarius in a legal affair at court like dealing in a bazaar for a ridiculous and worldly bargaining - just for the sake and profit of the darkness and of the negative side. Not even the Vatikan claims the exclusive rights for translation and distribution of the Bible!

Dear Spiritual Brothers and Sisters! Our knowledge of the English language is not good enough to express our feelings. You are trying to establish a "German Center" repeatedly, but not based on love, knowledge, labor - but on force, court matters, threatenings, claims ...

These means are not new to us, since already several years ago Mrs. Sina Fosdick wrote letters "in the Master's Name" and passed "inhibitions" to ignorant people who had no choice but to listen to them.

We see very clearly that these are manipulations of the dark in which we do not want to get involved. We refuse force, intrigues, lies and misrepresentations and claim the moral as well as spiritual right to our activities, to our service and to our obligations. We will, even more in the future, do our utmost in honoring the Banner of Morya and we will in cooperation with and by the assistance of our spiritual friends withstand all of these offenses and intrigues.

This now is the very last time that we offer to come to New York for a final clarification and for analysing the situation to find ways to cooperate. If someone in the German speaking area claimed the "right" for distribution of the German books, it could only be us who have worked on this for so long and with our most sincere efforts, always showing our loyalty with our repeated offers for cooperation (I have been a member of the Roerich Museum for many years now).

If, however, the intrigues and offenses continue the same way as before, we would feel obliged to inform the many thousands of our spiritual friends in Germany, Austria and Switzerland through our periodical about the hindrance we have been suffering for almost 30 years and about the present situation. Together with our friends, we will fight your "karmic" actions, for a better and brighter world.

Dear Friends, please keep in mind that the author of the Agni Yoga Teachings is the High Master - M.M. - alone and that these books were handed over to the <a href="mailto:entire">entire</a> mankind and to all individuals, and no question, Madame Roerich as "Mother of Agni Yoga" deserves

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the highest reverence for her outstanding deeds.

It is also a fact that none of the holy books - be it the Bible, the Bhagavadgita or others - is subject to any exclusive rights nor to any dogma or to any worldly national laws. The sense of the works is solely to lead mankind and all individuals to the path of Light without any human being having the right to decide who should be excluded.

I can assure you that I am writing this letter of such contents with my deepest regret - hoping that maybe the sad status can still be helped.

"Many would like to ask to be taught how to enter the Subtle World, but they do not know how to ask without appearing ridiculous. But let the Writings circulate throughout the world, let them be read, if even secretly. Let them be derided during the day and read by night. One may forgive these errors, for no one has given these people a simple guiding formula. Some frightened them, some lulled their consciousness, some lead them away from Truth, but no one indicated to them the beautiful transition to the Summits of Existence. Let us not reproach, but just lately there has been especially much confusion in the world. True, the fact of the existence of the Subtle World is somewhat strengthened in the consciousness, but still people do not know how to deal with such facts and how to reconcile them with the routine of life. They are attempting to pass in silence that which loudly proclaims itself." (Fiery World II, § 21).

Yours sincerely,

Wilhelm Augustat President WELT-SPIRALE Ethische Gesellschaft

cc: Mrs. K. Stibbe Mrs. I. Fritschi Mr. Svetoslav Roerich Dr. Brunhilde Schmitz-Hangbers
Attorney
P.O.Box 1323
4500 Osnabrueck

Munich, July 25, 1980.

## Your writing of 8.7.80 - Consultation: Klein

Dear Sir;

Referring to your letter, mentioned above, we inform you today of the following.

The Agni Yoga Publishing House claims their rights due to an agreement with the World Spirale, Linz, Austria. After checking back with them, the result was that the founder of the World Spirale, Leopold Brandstaetter, who died in 1963, had personal contact and instructions from Madame Helena Roerich in the years 1950-1954 and translated the Agni Yoga Works and f.i. already in 1955 published works based upon these German translations. The Trustees of the Agni Yoga Society in New York were well informed of this fact.

Furthermore there exists a letter from the Agni Yoga Society New York which shows that the so-called "copyright" for the Agni Yoga Works are not with the Agni Yoga Society, but with Mr. Svetoslav Roerich, son of Mrs. Helena Roerich.

Of course the World Spirale in Linz is glad to confirm these statements and also to designate witnesses to prove these facts of the case.

It is our opinion that the position taken by your clients can only be an error. However if other aspects should arise, which we do not know as yet, we are ready to look at the basis of your claim, impartially and unbiased, in your office at Osnabrueck. Maybe even then in a personal conversation can the existing error the Agni Yoga Society be cleared up.

Awaiting your opinion we are in the meantime, Respectfully yours,
Agni Yoga Publishing House
W. Augustat
Business Manager