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To The Directors
of the
ROERICH ACADEMY of ARTS.
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My dear Friends,

It was a great pleasure for me to hear that the ACADEMY has been inaugurated on a cooperative basis. Many thanks for the election of myself as Honorary President, the acceptance of which I have confirmed to you by cable. In all activities I always appreciate the cooperative foundation, which gives to all a fair chance to apply their best abilities. Such a work will always be your common work and will therefore be near to the heart of all participants. And in the sphere of art, first of all the heart will be the motive impulse. In my essays I have often repeated that educational work should not be confined only to the school walls - it should penetrate and spread widely, through lectures and excursions, recitals and various forms of social contacts. I feel with my whole heart how many

difficulties you have to overcome. Indeed much patience and perseverance is required in the educational field. Gather around the Academy a host of friends. Whether this be in form of an educational committee, or a group of friends, of that you can judge better on the spot. But the more their are individual supports, the better. From a sound acron a mighty oaktree grows but it takes time and care. Another old proverb says: "If money is lost - nothing is lost, but if courage is lost - everything is lost". And I wish to you, this all-convincing, all-victorious courage. I shall be very glad to follow your reports of your growing useful creative activity.

Very cordially yours

Hon.President R.A.of A.

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