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Mr. Louis L. Horch, President
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Horch:

It would relieve me of some embarrassment if you would consent to dropping my name from your committee for the forthcoming convention. Some of your statements to the press are said to be inaccurate by organizations toward which I have responsibilities, and the simplest way for all of us would probably be to accept my regrets.

In order to save you the obvious inquiry, perhaps I should say, for example, that the International Museums Office in Paris, with which I am connected, has attempted to communicate to you through your French Association the fact that it is unfavorable to a project of the type of the proposed Roerich Pacte although, to be sure, in the beginning it expressed general sympathy with your purposes. Might I suggest that the simplest way of clearing up any misunderstanding would be to communicate either with the Association française du Pacte Roerich or with the International Museums Office direct.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L.V. Coleman

Director

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