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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 16, 1933

Mr. Louis Horch, President
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Horch:

I understand from Secretary Hull that it will be all right for me to serve either as Protector or Honorary President of the Roerich Peace Pact Convention to be held here November 17, provided it is understood that in so doing, I am acting in my personal capacity and not as an official of the American government.

With best wishes to you in your endeavors to promote a better understanding between the nations, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. A. Wallace

Secretary

(Written in ink):

The State Department people are very friendly.

(Copy)

September 16, 1933.

In re
The Roerich Pact

Hon. Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary:

You are undoubtedly familiar with the good work done by Professor Nicholas Roerich, who is a world renowned artist, philosopher and archaeologist, to whom the Roerich Museum, at 310 Riverside Drive, New York City, has been dedicated and who is the founder of many cultural institutions. He is the sponsor of a Pact known as the Roerich Pact for the preservation of treasures of art and science throughout the world. In 1930, this Pact was submitted to and unani- mously approved by the Museum's Committee of the League of Nations. In the same year were founded the Committee of the Roerich Banner of Peace in New York and the Committee of the Roerich Pact in Paris.

The project has received enthusiastic support and approval by leading men and women of culture throughout the world.

The Convention will be held in Washington on November 17th in support of this movement for the Roerich Pact and the Roerich Banner of Peace. Inasmuch as this cause represents the loftiest ideals of international good will and the protection of cultural achievements, I beg very re- spectfully to invite you to attend and participate in the Convention and to further its cause in any way in your power. I have myself repeatedly expressed my sympathy and enthusiasm for this good cause, and I should be gratified to see this Convention meet the success it deserves.

I am, with great respect and esteem,

Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) George Gordon Battle

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CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

James Brown Scott
Director

Division of
International Law
700 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1933

My dear Mr. Horch,

May I not express my appreciation of your
gracious letter which has just been received?

As I advised Miss Lichtmann, it will give
me much pleasure to say a few words at the Roerich Banner
of Peace Convention at the Hotel Mayflower, November 18th,
provided I am in the city at that time.

With every good wish for the success of the
coming convention, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) James Brown Scott

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

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ROYAL BULGARIAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON

Oct. 24, 1933.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that I could not trace that any steps have been taken by my predecessor in order to secure Bulgarian participation in the forthcoming Roerich Peace Banner Convention, and that in view of the short time available such a result can be hardly expected.

Anyhow I beg to state, that I will be pleased to attend the meetings, although in an unofficial capacity.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S. W. Petroff.

Chargé d'Affaires.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
120 WEST 14th STREET
NEW YORK

October 26, 1933

Mrs. Emma Kraft
Vice-President Academy of Creative Arts
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Kraft:

As Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army in the United States, I am pleased to tell you that our Organization is in full sympathy with the ideals and aims of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace as described in the literature sent me.

We wish you the utmost success in the formulating and promulgation of your plans for world-wide protection of the great cultural treasures of humanity which War has so often made havoc of.

May the Divine Wisdom rest upon the deliberations of your coming Convention in Washington.

Yours very sincerely

(Signed) Evangeline Booth

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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252 Pond St. Jamaica Plain, Mass
Oct 28, 1933

My dear Mr. Horch

I am glad that a convention for a well considered plan to protect artistic, educational and scientific treasures is to be held.

In these anxious days, while there is peace, is the time for such a movement. In stress of war it would be difficult to gain the world's attention.

Hoping that successful progress may be made

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Pepper

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List of New Honorary Members: (Roerich Peace Banner Convention)

Hon. George White, Governor, State of Ohio

Hon. Jno Garland Pollard, Governor, Commonwealth of
Virginia

William M. Milliken, Director, Cleveland Museum of Art

Reginald Poland, Director, Fine Arts Gallery, San Diego, Cal.

Malcolm G. Wyer, Librarian, Denver Public Library

R.N. Trezise, Representative, AMORC

Mrs. Adolph Ladenburg

C. Clanton, Librarian, Dallas Public Library, Texas

E.P. Bicknell, Vice-Chairman, American Red Cross

G. A. Plimpton, President, Board of Trustees:
Amherst College and Folger Shakespeare Library

Emil Lorch, Director College of Architecture, University
of Michigan

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The Institute for Advanced Study
School of Mathematics
Fine Hall
Princeton, N. J.

30. Oktober 1933

Herrn Louis L. Horch
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York

Sehr geehrter Herr!

Ich danke Ihnen für Ihre ehrenvolle Einladung zu Ihrer
Versammlung, mit deren Ziel ich durchaus sympathisiere. Zu meinem
grossen Bedauern ist es mir aber nicht möglich, an dem festgesetzten
Tage dorthin zu kommen.

Mit ausgezeichneter Hochachtung

(Gezeichnet)

A. Einstein

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LEGATION D'AUTRICHE
PARIS (VIII^e)

Paris, le 9 Novembre 1933

38 avenue Hoche

N° 8473

Réception: 13 nov; 1933
N° 2967

Association Française NICOLAS de ROERICH

12 Rue de Poitiers

PARIS

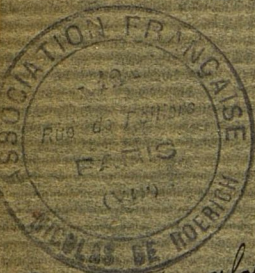
Messieurs,

Pour faire suite à ma lettre en date du 29 Octobre dr. j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que le Gouvernement Fédéral d'Autriche a été invité dans le temps par le Professeur Tulpinck, Président de l'Union Internationale pour le Pacte Roerich, à adhérer au pacte en question.

Le Gouvernement Fédéral avait chargé la Légation d'Autriche à la Haye de porter à la connaissance de Monsieur le Président que la commission autrichienne pour la coopération Intellactuelle sous la présidence du Professeur Dopsch, avait élaboré et soumis à la Société des Nations le projet d'un accord international pour la sauvegarde des monuments historiques. Le Gouvernement Fédéral ne pourra donc prendre aucune décision au sujet de son adhésion au projet de l'Union Internationale pour le Pacte Roerich avant de connaître l'accueil qui aura été réservé par la Société des Nations au projet de la commission autrichienne susmentionnée.

En portant ce qui précède, je vous prie, Messieurs, d'agréer l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Signé: Le Chargé d'Affaires:



*Pour copie conforme
Georges Michelauer*

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NAGGAR, KULU, PUNJAB

Nov 10 1933

Shardaprasad, Esq
Satna.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging with thanks receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., we beg to state that the subscription is not annual and refers only to this year's Convention. As a member you would receive a Report of the Convention. The amount may be paid at the rate of Rs:3 per Dollar and for simplicity's sake may be forwarded to us and made out to Secretary, Roerich Museum and we shall forward it to New-York.

Cordially yours,

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LEGATION ROYALE DE HONGRIE

EN FRANCE
15 rue de Berri

Paris, le 14 novembre 1933

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Réception: 15 nov. 1933
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Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,

Comme suite à votre lettre du 17 Octobre et à ma réponse du 22 du même mois, j'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que mon Gouvernement a chargé la Légation Royale de Hongrie à Washington de déléguer l'un de ses membres auprès de la Troisième Conférence Internationale pour le Pacte Roerich, pour représenter mon Pays, en qualité d'observateur, aux séances qui auront lieu prochainement à Washington.

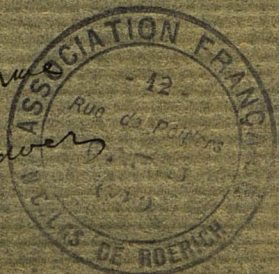
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Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire Général, l'expression de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Signé: Pour le Ministre de Hongrie

Conseiller de Légation.

Monsieur le Secrétaire Général
de l'Association Française
NICOLAS de Roerich
12 rue de Poitiers
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*Pour copie conforme
Georges Chislavsky*



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LE MARECHAL LYAUTEY

Le 15 Novembre 1933

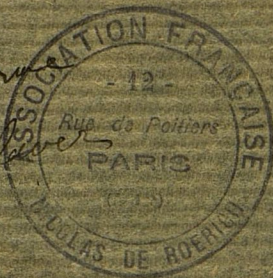
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Je m'honore de témoigner ma bien vive sympathie pour les travaux de la Conférence se réunissant à Washington, en vue de l'adoption par toutes les puissances du Pacte Roerich.

La mission qu'elle s'est donnée pour la protection effective des Monuments Historiques et des Oeuvres d'Art en temps de guerre offre, pour la sauvegarde de la Civilisation et de la Tradition, un tel intérêt! Mais, aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, il est non moins désirable de s'élever contre la guerre elle-même, fléau dont nous devons tous, à tout prix, nous efforcer de conjurer le retour.

Signé: Lyautey

*Pour copie conforme
Georges Lyautey*



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your letter of October 11th regarding the designation of someone to attend the Convention for the Banner of Peace to be held in Washington on the 17th and 18th of November next.

I have given much consideration to what you have said and to what you have written to me about the attitude of this Government should take toward this plan for a Banner of Peace and while I am not convinced that the practical measures which would be necessary for the carrying out of such a plan would be acceptable ~~for~~ to all the nations of the world, and I think you will agree that such an arrangement would be ineffective unless it were entered into by all nations, I agree with you that this is not a time for the United States even to seem to withhold its approval from such a plan for the preservation of the accomplishments and results of civilization in its intellectual and cultural domain.

As I understand that you are planning to attend this Convention yourself it would seem entirely appropriate and I would be grateful to you if you would be good enough to represent me on this occasion for the purpose of conveying to the assembly a message along the following lines:

"I have learned with interest and personal satisfaction of the efforts now being made for the protection and preservation of the educational, artistic and scientific works in every country during any period of hostilities in which they might be subject to destruction or injury. While there are in existence certain agencies for the protection of such works, I am in entire sympathy with the objects for which the meeting you are now attending was called and I would be gratified if these aims could be accomplished."

Sincerely yours,

S) Cordell Hull

*I shall have my friend try and
get a little message that she
above!*

Letter from H.

(I should have mentioned it to my letter to Mother)

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My dear Mr. Secretary

I have given great thought to the subject of the visit you made to me a few days ago at which time you presented to me Mr. Luis L. Horch and Mrs. Frances R. Grant, President and Vice-President of the Roerich Museum. With regard to the desire expressed by Mr. Horch that this Government or, that I, as Secy. of State take part in a meeting to be held in Washington in November for the purpose of furthering the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, I have come to the conclusion that although the proposed Pact is based upon principles for which I personally have the most sympathetic leanings, this Government cannot, nor can I as Secy. of State at this time become associate with this movement.

As far as your own participation in the activities concerning this proposed Pact, I see no reason why you should not take any part therein you may choose although I feel that it would be advisable for you to make it clearly understood that your association with these activities does not in any way commit the Government at this time to any action with regard to the proposals contained in the suggested Pact. Sincerely yours CH

(my friend's proposed reply, for which he asked my suggestions)

Dear Mr. Secretary

I greatly appreciate the kindly personal attitude which you have concerning the objectives of the Banner of Peace and the Roerich Peace Pact.

With regard to the official attitude I am not altogether surprised because in the past the United States has usually been very slow in recognizing international ideals of this sort. You may remember that 31 nations recognized the Red Cross in an official way before the United States. It was, in fact, 16 or 17 years after the Red Cross had been recognized by most of the important European nations before the United States was willing to join in this great humanitarian enterprise.

It seems that the Red Cross proposition was put up to Secretary Seward in 1866 and at that time he took very much the same attitude which you are now taking as a result of advice given him, so tradition says, by one of the assistants in the office. This situation in the State Department continued until 1881 when Clara Barton went direct to President Garfield. The President gave her a little note which she took to Secretary Blaine and as a result the way was cleared for the United States to join with the 31 nations which had previously signed in this great humanitarian project.

I really think that the objectives of the Banner of Peace and Roerich Peace Pact against the background of the present day are even more important in some ways than the Red Cross. I am trusting that the attitude which characterized the Hoover administration in this matter will now be changed and that we can begin to make some real progress toward doing our part in holding up international ideals in the way that is so dear to both your heart and to mine.

It is my understanding that in the Hoover administration there was some active opposition toward this general idea. I would appreciate it therefore if you could direct Mr. Dujm or whoever has charge of the inquiries concerning the convention next November 17, to handle the replies in the most friendly manner possible within the limits of your letter of Sept. 29. I am hoping also of course that you, like Secy. Blaine in connection with the Red Cross will eventually be willing to see you way clear to take the effective next step. Perhaps you can tell the preliminary conditions under which this might be possible

Your sincerely,

(My friend changed last paragraph in accordance with my suggestions & read the letter in the positive representation.)