

NAGGAR, Oct. 12, 1933.

To The Washington Convention
of the Banner of Peace.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute of Roerich Museum, having received your invitation to participate in the Banner of Peace Convention in Washington, hereby expresses its full adherence to this worthy cause. On the 17th of November you will gather to discuss measures which may lead towards universal adoption of this Banner, designed to protect artistic and scientific treasures in times of national upheavals, wars and against acts of vandalism, which are only too often perpetrated even during so-called times of peace. As a protection for scientific institutions and expeditions the Banner is predestined to play a great humanitarian role. Recently scientific expeditions have found it increasingly difficult to carry on their work in many parts of the world. Suspicions and often sheer hostility have brought to an end many a worthy enterprize which would benefit science and thus humanity. The Banner when adopted will serve as eloquent reminder of the value of scientific work, carried out unobstructively and enjoying wholehearted assistance.

Let us hope that this forthcoming convention may pave the way towards an international agreement that will facilitate scientific re-

search and that future expeditions may carry besides their national flag the Banner of Peace thus eliminating all causes for unnecessary suspicions and hostility.

In the name of this worthy cause the staff of the Institute is sending this message and requests you, dear Mr.Chairman, to add our vote in favour of the official adoption of the Banner of Peace.

Cordially yours,

Director.