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Dear Dr. Scott,

The last mail brought to our remote Himalayas your beautiful address delivered at the Third International Convention for the Promotion of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace. After having read your inspiring, enlightening, and authoritative judgement, I cannot abstain from sending you my sincerest admiration for your beautiful resume voiced by you in behalf of our humanitarian endeavour.

Since long your name is for me a symbol of justice and unusual significance in the urgent matters of International Peace. In my mind you stood always as a fearless defender of Truth. Amidst the terrific turmoil of our days your contribution to the World Construction shall forever remain a great treasure.

Verily, destruction, hatred and darkness have flooded the entire world. We are tired of disseminations and annihilations. A decaying darkness is creeping in and is clouding the achievements of Culture. You said correctly that the treasures of the human genius are not only national but they constitute the heritage of humanity and they are the beacons for the young generations. You also stated so justly that deplorable destructions take place not only in times of war but during other perturbations and misunderstandings. We have many marks of disunity and we must think now of the sign for better understanding among men and preservation of the highest human achievements.

Indeed, if the human life, as you point out so justly, is short the milestones of human thoughts and creativeness are guiding and serving human progress for millenniums. Truly it is not because of the earthly bread that man is alive. As you see I am expressing our common thoughts and are not all thoughts dedicated to constructiveness and Culture akin and cooperative?

You are quoting so subtly the French author who stated that civilization is for comfort and we may continue with the words of Louis Madeleine that "la Culture est tres humaine!" Precisely in the name of this feeling - one very human, I greet you heartily. And now when I shall hear of the progress of our Pact, I shall always remember your inspiring and very humane high judgment for the sake of true progress of humanity.

With my heartiest greetings and hoping to meet you personally in the near future,

Yours most cordially,