

(I think it would be good for Father to write to Dr. Gil Borges congratulating him on his appointment as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela. His address is ~~xxxxEstebanxxxxGilxxxxBorges~~

His Excellency Dr. Esteban Gil Borges,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
Caracas, Venezuela.

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His note to me, in the Spanish style is as follows

El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores  
Direccion del Gabinete

E. Gil Borges saludes attentively his distinguished friend Miss Frances R. Grant, and informs her of the receipt of her letter of March 10th. He thanks her deeply for the generous expressions which she extends on the occasion of the appointment which fell on his person for the undertaking of the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs and for the felicitations which she has sent. He also gives his thanks to her for her graciousness in sending her book, "Oriental Philosophy."

Gil Borges repeats on this occasion to Miss Grant his assurances of his thanks and his feelings.

*Reverently,*

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Lozado writes as follows:

Legacion de Bolivia

My dear Miss Grant,

~~xxxxxxxx~~ As I promised, I am writing to confirm my information. I have before me a letter of the Pan American Union dated May 6th, with which copies of the Acta de Deposito and Instrumento de Ratificacion were sent to this legation. In it you read "Tratado sobre la Proteccion de Instituciones Artisticas Cientificas y Monumentos Historicos". The Acta de Deposito omitted also the name Roerich, though the instruments of ratification mention the name. This ratification is made by the Republic of El Salvador. I am sure that the omission is due to some influence exerted upon the Pan American Union as it cannot be an overlook.

If I am able to secure some more information I shall communicate to you immediately. Most sincerely yours, E. Lozado.

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(As I cannot leave NY right now, I shall await his further word, then go down to Washington again.)

(my letter to Gil Borges)

Confidential

Dear Dr. Gil Borges,

I have learned that President Roosevelt has empowered the signing of the Inter-American Treaty on the Roerich Pact and has designated as plenipotentiary Secretary Wallace.

It would seem to me that this news would be the most inspiring impetus for the other Americas--and perhaps, as you so beautifully mentioned in our last talk, might enable the consummation of this ideal even before the appointed date. I wonder if news of this might not be given to the press, with a brief resume of the Roerich Pact and the Recommendation of the Montevideo Conference and the Pan American Union on the Roerich Pact. I know you share our real joy over the implications of this act and the hope it offers for new realizations of our mutual ideals for cultural understanding among the Americas.

I await with pleasurable anticipation your reply and will be delight to give out the news from here, if you feel this will be satisfactory.

We thank you sincerely for your great share in advancing this cause and in your beautifully expressed appreciation of its creator, Nicholas Roerich.

With very cordial greetings, Believe me,  
Sincerely.

PAN AMERICAN UNION  
( S E A L )

Dear Miss Grant,

Aug. 21, 1934

In reply to your letter of the seventeenth, I see no reason why the news that Secretary Wallace has been empowered to sign the Roerich Pact should not be given publicity.

In fact, the Pan American Union is now preparing a press release on the subject, the Department of State having informed me of the appointment of Secretary Wallace as the American Plenipotentiary to sign the Treaty. In this press release mention will be made of the action already taken by Panama and Honduras in the same sense.

I believe with you that this news should stimulate interest in the other American countries. I have for some time been considering ways and means by which the attention of the governments, members of the Union, might be drawn to the treaty and I think the news of the action of the United States, Panama and Honduras will serve the purpose.

Very cordially yours,

E. Gil Borges  
Acting Director General

Dear Dr. Gil Borges,

Please accept our appreciation for your letter of August 21. We are delighted indeed that the Pan American Union will release to the press the news that Secretary Wallace has been empowered as American Plenipotentiary to sign the Inter-American Treaty on the Roerich Pact. I think that the inclusion of Panama and Honduras is also splendid. I am certain that it will prove a most stimulating factor for the other American countries.

If you would be so gracious as to give me the date of release, I should be happy to cooperate in the best way possible from this end. I know how happy Professor Roerich will be on receiving this news in far-off Central Asia, and how appreciative he will be to you for your constant and cordial sympathy.

Under separate cover I am taking the pleasure of sending you the two books which I mentioned and which reflect the great profundity of Asia's Synthesis.

With cordial greetings and our added appreciation believe me,

PS I would appreciate having copies of the release for the press for possible use. FG

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September 13, 1934

My dear Miss Grant,

You will be pleased to know that I have received from the Minister of Ecuador in Washington, the Plenary Powers to sign the Roerich Pact.

Very cordially yours,

L. S. Rowe  
Director General

Miss Frances R. Grant  
310 Riverside Drive,  
New York, N.Y.

~~SECRET~~  
September 20, 1934

Dr Leo S. Rowe,  
Director General  
Pan American Union  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Rowe,

Replying to the letter of August 17, from Dr. E. Gil Borges, Acting Director General of the Pan American Union, I am transmitting herewith the document signed by the President of the United States, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ investing me with plenipotentiary power to sign the Treaty for the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments.

It will give me the greatest pleasure to sign this noble document which marks a culmination in the splendid cultural movement in this direction, initiated by Professor Nicholas Roerich some thirty years ago.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.