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EMBAJADA DE CHILE
WASHINGTON

24 September 1934

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Permanent Committee for the
Advancement of the Adoption of
The Rorich Pact and Banner of Peace,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York City.-

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th, and I shall be happy to transmit to my Government the information you give me concerning the proposed ceremony scheduled for April 14, 1935.-

Chile, as you know, is heartily in favor of the Rorich Peace Pact, and the authorization for signing is, I believe, merely a routine formality. However, I shall advise you as soon as this authorization reaches me.-

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)

M. Trucco

The Chilean Ambassador

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of Chief of Naval Operations
Washington

10 October 1934

My dear Mr. Horch:

Thank you very much for your nice letter of 8 October informing me that the President has officially empowered the Honorable Henry A. Wallace to sign the Røerich Peace Pact on April 14, 1935.

I congratulate you on having attained this important step for the successful culmination of the Pact and hope that I will be able to be of future assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

J.K. Taussig,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy.

Mr. Louis L. Horch,
Chairman, Permanent Committee
For the Advancement of the Adoption of the
Røerich Pact and Banner of Peace,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York.

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Embaixada de Brasil

Washington, November 10, 1934.

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Permanent Committee for the
Advancement of the Adoption of
the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter of October 17th, I have the pleasure of announcing to you that I have just received official power to sign the Roerich Peace Pact in the name of the Brazilian Government.

On this date, I am giving this information to the Pan American Union and saying that I am ready to fulfill the above formality as soon as the pact is declared open to the signature of the American countries.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Oswaldo Aranha

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LEGACION DE EL SALVADOR
Washington

December 29, 1934.

My dear Sir:

I have received your courteous letter of December 20, 1934, wherein you inform me that you have received word that the Government of the United States of Brazil has officially notified the Pan American Union that it will adhere to the Roerich Pact.

In your letter you urge me to bring to the attention of my Government the fact that the Governments of Panama, Honduras, Uruguay, Ecuador and Guatemala, have also notified the Pan American Union that they will adhere to the Roerich Pact.

In reply to your esteemed letter, I have the honor and pleasure of informing you that my Government has already empowered Doctor Hector David Castro, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of El Salvador in the United States of America, to sign the Roerich Pact on the 14th of April, 1935. The Pan American Union has already been notified of this fact.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Roberto D. Melendez
First Secretary.

Honorable Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Permanent Committee For the Advancement
of the Adoption of The Roerich Pact and
Banner of Peace,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Extracts

Chinese Legation, Washington.
December 31, 1934.

Dr. Louis L. Horch

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of December 24 asking me to transmit to my Government the information that an international depositary for plenary powers on the Roerich Pact is with the PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE, at the address of said Committee at Roerich Museum, 310 Riverside Drive, New York City; that the said Committee will retain the instrument of the Roerich Pact open to all nations for ratification, and will administer all negotiations relative to the same; that in accordance with the Resolution passed unanimously at the Third International Convention, the manner of ratification of the Roerich Pact has been extended to permit ratification: (a) by unilateral action through proclamation of the executive of any government, (b) by bilateral action through international agreements, or (c) by multilateral action through declaration of international conferences; that by a unanimous Resolution of the Seventh International Conference of American States held at Montevideo, Uruguay, in December, 1933, the "Roerich Pact" was recommended for adoption to all of the American Governments; and that a number of these governments, including the United States, have already signified their adherence to the Pact, and the consummation of the Montevideo Resolution by the remaining governments is anticipated on or before April 14, 1935.

In reply I wish to state that I shall not fail to transmit to my Government the above information.

Very faithfully yours,

Signed: Sao-Ke Alfred Sze
Chinese Minister

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Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
Washington January 15, 1935

Dear Mr. Horch:

I have received the volume on the Proceedings at the Third International Convention for the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace which you were good enough to send me.

As you are aware, the President has appointed the Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, a plenipotentiary to sign the Convention drawn up by the Special Committee of the Pan American Union. At the instance of the Secretary of State, the Department is endeavoring to further the plan.

Again with many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: James C. Dunn

Mr. Louis L. Horch,
310 Riverside Drive
New York, New York.

(Further acknowledgements follow by plain mail)

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Legation de Panama
Washington, D.C.

January 15, 1935.

Mr. Louis L. Horch,
Chairman Permanent Committee
Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed letter of the 9th instant, and of the copies of the Proceedings of the Third International Convention of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace held in Washington, D. C. November 17-18, 1933, which I have read with great interest and for which I thank you.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that it is my intention to propose at the next meeting of the Pan American Union that Professor Roerich be invited to be present at the signing of the Roerich Pact, which is scheduled to take place on Pan-American Day, the coming 14th of April.

As per your wishes, I am sending a copy of the said booklet to my Government.

With the reiterated expressions of my highest consideration, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: R. J. Alfaro
Minister

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
PAN AMERICAN UNION
WASHINGTON, D . C .

February 7, 1935

My dear Dr. Roerich:

At the meeting of the Governing Board of the Pan American Union held yesterday afternoon the Board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing me to extend to you a most cordial invitation to be present at the signing of the Roerich Pact for the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments. The signing will take place at the Pan American Union on Monday, April 15th, at 12 o'clock, and I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to be present on this occasion.

I beg to remain, my dear Dr. Roerich,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) L.S. Rowe

Director General

Dr. Nicholas Roerich,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

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PAN AMERICAN UNION

Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

February 12, 1935.

My dear Mr. Horch:

At the meeting of the Governing Board of the Pan American Union held on Wednesday, February 6th, final approval was given to the text of the treaty for the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments which will be signed at the Pan American Union on Monday, April 15th. I take pleasure in sending to you herewith a copy of the instrument as approved by the Governing Board.

It is planned that on April 15th the treaty will be signed by the representatives of the American Republics authorized by their respective governments. Thereafter, certified copies of the treaty will be sent to all the other governments of the world and the instrument will be opened to their signature.

The details of the program incident to the signing of the treaty on April 15th have been entrusted to the special committee of the Governing Board and as soon as these details have been completed I shall be pleased to communicate them to you.

I beg to remain, my dear Mr. Horch,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signature)

L.S. Rowe,
Director General

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Permanent Committee for the Roerich
Pact and Banner of Peace
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

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COUNCIL ON INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS, Inc.
Latin American Center
67 Broad Street, New York

February 23, 1935

Mr. Louis L. Horch, Chairman,
Permanent Committee,
For the Advancement of the Adoption
of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace,
310 Riverside Drive, New York City.

My dear Mr. Horch:

I am most grateful for your letter of January 17th which I have found to be exceedingly interesting. The work which you are undertaking without doubt is deserving of much merit and it is gratifying to note that it has met with such good success so far. Favorable consideration having already been given by ten of the twenty-one countries of Latin America augurs well for the final consummation of the Pact.

Rest assured, my dear Mr. Horch, that if there is any way in which I personally or the Council on Inter-American Relations may be of service to you and your distinguished Committee, it shall be our pleasure to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) James S. Carson

Chairman

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DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS IN SOUTH AMERICA:
(CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH SENT ENDORSEMENTS TO CONVENTION)

Brazilian Association of Roerich Society

Pro Arte Sociedade de Artistas e Amigos
das Bellas Artes, Brazil

~~Senor Roberto~~

Instituto Central de Arquitetos do Brasil

Sociedade Brasileira de Directo Internacional

Museo de Arte Retrospectivo, Brazil

Sociedade Propagadora dos Bellas Artes, Brazil

Sociedade Brasileira de Bellas Artes

Associacio des Artistas Brasileiros

Senor Arturo Copdevila
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Senor Alejandro Hidalgo,
Amigos del Museo Roerich,
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Senora Georgina de Albuquerque

(Individual letters were addressed to the Presidents of each of the above institutions)

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EMBAJADA DE MEXICO

Washington, D.C.
March 7, 1935

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Mr. Louis L. Horch,
Chairman, Permanent Committee
for the Advancement of the Adoption of
The Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to my letter of December
27, 1934, regarding to the adherence of Mexico to the Roerich
Pact, I am pleased to inform you that I have received instruc-
tions from my Government for the signature of said Pact,
on April 14, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

(Signature:) Y. Lartillo Najen

Francisco Castillo Najera.
Ambassador

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P.
General Secretary

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National Headquarters
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

April 26, 1935

Dear Mr. Horch:

I take the liberty of addressing you because I am deeply interested in the aim and purpose of the Roerich Museum.

I have read the text of the pact to be known as the Roerich Pact, signed by ourselves and twenty other American Republics, here in Washington, on April the fifteenth.

There is no doubt that such aims are to be highly encouraged and will do much to promote understanding and good will between nations, particularly of this hemisphere.

But on reading the wording of the pact, I was deeply disappointed in finding the title "religious" excluded. Scientific, artistic, educational and cultural institutions and monuments are specifically named: but religious monuments and institutions are not named.

This is the more surprising because I find that in his speech of that day, the Panaman Minister, Senor Alfaro mentions religious monuments and quotes the General Act of the Berlin Conference on African Trade (1885), as including religious institutions. This Act, he further declared, was confirmed by the Treaty of St. Germain, 1919, and specifically mentioned religious institutions. Article 27 of the second Hague Convention (1907) specifically mentions "buildings dedicated to religion."

In your own speech of that day, you define the intention of Nicholas Roerich in establishing the Roerich Museum - "to preserve the treasures of art, science and religion."

In his speech of that day, Secretary Wallace specifically spoke of the human heart's devotion to religion.

Would you kindly give your consideration to the work of having religious definitely and specifically inserted in Article I of the Roerich Pact.

We will, of course, receive many inquiries from the countries of South America, and we know antecedently that much surprise and disappointment will be expressed over the omission of "religious". And would not the flag, planned by the Roerich Pact, the Banner of Peace, have a fuller and more comprehensive meaning if "religious" were included?

I remain, with sentiments of respect,

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John J. Burke, C.S.P.
General Secretary

P.S.- I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Rowe.

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

30 April, 1935

Dear Mr. Horch:

Supplementing my letter to you of April the twenty-sixth, I find in the press release from the Assistant Secretary to the President, of April 15, 1935, it is stated that the treaty "provides for the protection of historic monuments, scientific, artistic, religious and cultural institutions," etc.. So I think there must be some over-sight.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: John J. Burke, C.S.P.
General Secretary

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