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To The Eighth Pan-American
CONFERENCE .
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Gentlemen:-

How significant it is that the signing of the Roerich Pact takes place in the spring - the time of nature's awakening - the New Dawn of Cosmic Life. This day of April 15th will become the Day of world wide rejoicing - the Day of cultural triumph.

Every heart that cherishes the best aspirations of mankind, every heart that beats for the betterment of human life, will always remember that to-day the firm foundations of world wide peace and understanding were laid. No compulsory artificial measures can ever hope to bring about a lasting upliftment of human consciousness. Only the realization and recognition of the immortal values of human genius will change man's attitude towards his fellow-beings.

Above all values must always stand the achievements of human Spirit - True Culture, these immortal milestones in the great design of evolution. What better service can parents render their children than by giving them as complete as possible an education and by ever being to them living examples of that which their children must in turn become some day. What better service can the governments, the leaders of their respective countries, render the future generations than by pointing out to them in a permanent and convincing way the values of culture - these achievements of human genius, that must and will always be recognized as the highest standards of life. When people will understand what constitutes the real treasures of life, the ideal of brotherhood will cease to be an unrealizable utopia.

The names of those who are present to-day as well as of those who worked and strove in the realization of this noble project will be regarded by future generations amongst the true friends of mankind.

Very cordially yours,

Svetoslav St. Roerich

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