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To:
Mr. Dudley Fosdick
Chairman
Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee,
200 West 57 Street
New York 19, N. Y. (U.S.A.)

My dear Mr. Fosdick:

I have received, with many thanks, your letter of the 29th Sept., 1947, and 50 copies of the Roerich Pact Brochure.

My dear friend Dr. Probo Bino Bellomo, director of the "Corriere del Libro", has sent to the Press a short communication on the Roerich Pact to be published in his learned journal. I shall be glad to send you a few copies of the "Corriere del Libro" by the next mail.

The daily-paper "Pomeriggio", edited by Mr. Mario Bonetti, will publish very soon an article on the Roerich institution in order to acquaint the Italian people with the great enterprise of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee. I hope you will be glad to know my humble work ab initio. I shall also be very happy to send you 25 copies of the issue containing such an article.

Perhaps Dr. Bellomo will be able to write an illustrated article on your institution. Can you send me a few photoes in order to help Dr. Bellomo for such a paper? He would much like to have photoes of H.E. Roerich, of your worthy self and of a few rooms of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee.

If I can do something for you, please do not hesitate to write as often as you like.

I am sending herewith a photo of mine as a "Memento".

With my fraternal greetings to you and all members of the Committee there, I remain

Devotedly and cordially yours,

E. G. Carpani

From:
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To
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New York 19, N. Y. (U.S.A.)

My dear Mr. Fosdick:

In continuation of my letter dated 10th Nov., 1947, I am sending herewith a cutting of the article on the Roerich institution published yesterday in our daily-paper "Pomeriggio". I am sending you, under separate cover, 25 copies of the above mentioned daily-paper. The article is signed by you in order to give importance to your great enterprise. I hope you are glad.

I should much like to appoint my brother, Mr. Renzo Carpani, to be Secretary for Italy of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee under my Vice-Chairmanship. Can I do so? If you are glad, please send a letter of appointment to my brother directly. I am glad to acquaint you with his address:

Mr. Renzo Carpani
Via Belle Arti No. 51
Bologna, Italy.

My brother will be very happy to help me in order to launch your further plans for activities in connection with the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

I should be very grateful if you would be kind enough to send a letter to our Sindaco, Bologna Municipality, in order to get a little seat for an office of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee in my place. Please type on your letter-paper sheet the Italian letter I am enclosing herewith and send it to our Sindaco together with a cutting of the article which is appeared in "Pomeriggio". As a Vice-Chairman for Italy of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee, I will work on behalf of the Roerich institution gratis. No charge of any kind will be made to Bologna Municipality for such a work. Please also inform me of your having done so. This is a very important thing.

Awaiting your early reply, with every good wish for all you do and many warm thanks,

I remain

Devotedly and cordially yours,

E. G. Carpani

From:
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From Dr. Carpani's letter of September 18, 1948 - Excerpts.

.....I want now to place one matter for your consideration.

According to the Roerich Institution, it is impossible to get financial aids from the Italian People and Government. Italian people feel the spiritual beauty of the Roerich ideals, but their anxious troubles in consequence of post-war political emergencies do not permit us to obtain some help. Our Government could perhaps join the Roerich Pact, but unfortunately there are many preoccupations of political and economical character.

All my learned co-workers and I have had a very strong will in order to develop our enterprise; nevertheless, we have not had the possibility to obtain a union of souls as we cannot dispose of financial resources. Verily, all spiritual values can be maintained when they are helped by financial forces which can propagate the idea. This is, from a sociological point of view.

The Italian Roerich Association, too, has not got the realization of its aims in spite of a good and active propaganda by our Journal "Corriere del Libro".

I awaited for meeting Dr. Watson in order to explain personally to him the above mentioned questions. If he had been here, he could now know de visu the critical position of my country and the work I have done until to-day. He could now also know my need of getting financial aids for realizing the Roerich ideals in Italy. As I think, the planted seed finds in the feelings of Latin people a fruitful ground, but - I am afraid to say - it should be fed. The success of our initiative depends upon the solution of such a problem.

As I have not had the possibility to meet Dr. Watson, on 23rd August 1948 I met the Cultural Attache of the American Embassy - Prof. C. R. Morey - and acquainted him with our programme. He has heard my statement with great benevolence, and expressed his admiration for the Institution. Nevertheless, Prof. Morey has told to me that the American Embassy in Italy cannot help no institution according to precise directions received from Washington. The American Embassy must therefore comply with such orders.

Confidentially speaking, Prof. Morey has also told to me that it is possible to get every thing if the American Embassy receives a recommendation from Washington in favour of our Institution in Italy. CONFIDENTIAL: - Prof. Morey has been good enough to let me know that the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee should sent an appeal to Washington in favour of the Italian Roerich Committee.

This Vice-Chairmanship for Italy must spread its mandate, and I have already planned to transfer its seat to Rome in order to develop a great work of propaganda on behalf of the Roerich doctrines, in consideration also of the coming Holy Year (1949-1950) which will surely cause the flow of very many pilgrims from all quarters. Indeed, such a programme shall be a very useful one as we can so penetrate into many cultural public manifestations for explaining to men of all countries the ideals, the goodness, the universal feelings of our Committee.

For realizing such a programme it is necessary your direct intervention, and - in consequence of all my endeavours proved useless until to-day - I appeal directly to you for an aid. Such an aid can either be granted to this Vice-Chairmanship for Italy through the American Embassy if you will be good enough to press to your Government at Washington, according to the suggestions of Prof. Morey, or directly from your Committee by remittance.

The stringent necessities of this Vice-Chairmanship are as follows:-

1. To get an adequate Seat in Rome together with its correspondent equipment for a decorous working.
2. To constitute Delegations in the most important towns of Italy.
3. To publish works dealing with Roerich culture and propaganda.
4. To potentialize the "Corriere del Libro" which could become the Organ of our Committee.
5. To supply our Sections with money for printing, postage, packing, registration, travelling, labour and other charges to be incurred for the publicity of the fame and scholarship of the Italian Roerich Committee.

An aid of this kind would be extremely useful to create a very important capillary organization which could engulf many other cultural and touring enterprises of international action with their centre in Rome. The coming Holy Year will exhibit to the people of the world at large the Art treasure of Italy.

I cannot help saying that I am anxious to hear from you as early as possible.

With heartiest greetings, I remain

Affectionately yours,

Dr. Enrico Gerardo Carpani, Vice-Chairman
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May 22, 1949

Mr. Dudley Fosdick
Chairman
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New York 19, N. Y. U.S.A.

My dear friend and colleague:

I am extremely glad to inform you that I wish to constitute an international University to be named ROERICH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY. I hope you are happy to give me your approval.

The Roerich International University - I am sure - will be considered one of the most noble enterprises of the Roerich Pact Committee. It will develop science, letters and arts from an academic and practical point of view. I am certain you will be glad to know this new enterprise on behalf of the Roerich Pact Committee.

Thanks to the precious cooperation of my friend Prof. Dr. Avv. Giovanni Giannetti Mola, Nobile di Bologna, a great authority in the field of civil law, I am able to open classes in Theology, Philosophy, Letters, Oriental Studies, Fine Arts, Music, Law, Canon Law, Diplomatic Science, International Relations, Science, Medicine and Technology. I have at my disposal an Academic Corpus of learned Professors. Many Italian learned personalities are ready to help us.

You know, the immortal name of Nicholas Roerich will be more and more the guiding light for such an enterprise, and I cannot help saying that the Roerich International University will contribute to perpetuate the fame of this great man.

Please let me know your opinion as early as possible by air mail in order to help my contacts with learned personalities who are interested in this very important work.

With heartiest greetings, I remain

Fraternally yours,

E. G. CARPANI

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