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TRANSLATION

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Esteemed Senor Fosdick:

Upon my return from Brazil, where I presided over a Cultural Interchange delegation, I found your kind letter of April 6, together with the interesting folder containing the terms of treaty recognizing officially by the various countries of the world the official existence of this important and b neficial pacifistic institution which is ours of the Roerich Pact.

We are fully organizing the Bolivian Chapter of this institution. Once organized, we will get in touch with the Government organs, to get official recognition as an entity tending to protect (safe-guard) the cultural interests and historical monuments of the national property (estate).

This week we are starting, as an initial act of our work, a series of lectures, in order to make known and scread the beneficial aims of this pacifistic organization.

Actually, this Wednesday, I will give a talk to propagate and make known what this Institution of the Reerich Pact is. A copy of my Radio Talk will be gladly sent to you in due time, for your information.

Then we will start a series of publications through the press, toward the same end, and I am planning a well organized plan of action to spread our activities and the mission that we are pursuing. Then we will go after recognition by the Government, and at this opportunity we will raise the flag of the Roerich Pact on one of the national monuments declared the property of the national culture.

I believe that for the moment we are already fully active and, as you can see, are working intensively. Shortly we will have some good news and publications. We have proceeded to obtain the publication of a quarterly organ, to give account of our activities and spread our beneficial aims.

Thanks for your kind consideration toward me and our work, and with cordial greetings, I remain

A. Montano Lanza