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May 25, 1928.

His Excellency,  
The British Ambassador,  
Sir Esme Howard,  
The British Embassy,  
1300 Connecticut Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency:

I am just in receipt of a telegram from the Roerich Museum, 310 Riverside Drive, New York City, referring further, as you will see by the enclosure, to the message received from Professor Roerich under date of May 24.

The Museum now requests that on their behalf I inquire of you, if Your Excellency can properly communicate either direct or through the British Foreign Office, with H. E. The Viceroy at Simla, or with the Governors of Bengal and Calcutta Residencies, requesting that as a measure of international courtesy they give instructions to the proper officials, that when the Expedition reaches India, as it is expected to do within a relatively short time, it be given such assistance, because it is an American Expedition, as may be possible in the circumstances. The official title of the organization is the Roerich American Expedition. It was led out from New York by Professor Roerich, who is an artist and scholar of international repute, and who for a number of years has been maintaining on Riverside Drive, a very remarkable Museum and Art School, whose educational value is well recognized in the metropolis. Further, Professor Roerich is a member of the Archaeological Society of Washington, and we are indebted in a number of ways to him and to the officials of the Museum.

If this request can be granted without embarrassment, I assure Your Excellency of our hearty appreciation, and know that the Museum authorities in New York will be very grateful indeed. Professor Roerich has really accomplished a remarkable thing in keeping his Expedition in the field four years single-handed, in such an extremely difficult country, and I am anticipating important results from his studies in that very little known region.

In case I do not have the privilege of seeing you again before you sail, I beg to extend my warmest good wishes for a perfect rest this summer in the North Country, and hope you will find it even more effective and pleasant than the Arizona resort you spoke of the other evening at the Embassy.

Faithfully yours,

*Arthur Stanley Riggs*  
Director and Secretary.



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

My dear Mr. Horch:

Many thanks for your night letter conveying the cable from Mr. Roerich, which I am stopping the presses to get into the June number.

A copy of the cable is being sent to Mr. Lansing, and I have taken the liberty also of communicating it to our very good friend, Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, knowing that he will be greatly interested in what Mr. Roerich says about the British Consul at Kashgar, and the matter of stopping communications addressed in care of the British authorities.

Please keep me advised as further details from Mr. Roerich come in, particularly if he has secured any archaeological or ethnological data you think might be of interest to us.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur Stanley Riggs

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Director and Editor