

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

in reply refer to
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June 5, 1928

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

Sir:

This Department acknowledges the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your telegram, dated May 23, 1928, transmitting a cable from Mr. Nicholas Roerich, concerning the arrival of the Roerich expedition in the Himalayas.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

(signed) Stanley K. Hornbeck,
Stanley K. Hornbeck,
Chief,

Division of Far Eastern Affairs.

(Copy of cable referred to above)

With deep gratification we transmit to you the following cable received from the Roerich American Expedition headed by the world renowned artist Nicholas Roerich which has been in Asia since 1924 sponsored by Roerich Museum New York STOP Nicholas Roerich cables to us as follows QUOTE Please communicate to the President of the United States that the Roerich American Expedition after many hardships reached the Himalayas STOP Thus has ended the big Central Asiatic expedition STOP Many artistic and scientific results STOP Already we have sent several series paintings to New York STOP We hope that the last sending from Mongolia has safely arrived STOP Many observations concerning Buddhism STOP Expedition started in 1924 from Sikkin through Punjab, Kashmir, Ladak, Karakorum, Khotan, Kashgar, Karashahr, Urunchi, Irtysch Altai Mountains Oriot region, Mongolia, Central Gobi, Kansu, Tsaidam, Tibet STOP Peaceful American flag encircled Central Asia, and everywhere warmly greeted except by the Khotan and Lhasa governments STOP Further movements of the expedition from Khotan were assisted by the British Consul at Kashgar STOP On the Tibetan territory we have been attacked by armed robbers STOP The superiority of our fire arms prevented bloodshed STOP In spite of Tibet passports expedition forcibly stopped by the Tibetan authorities on October sixth two days north of Nagchu STOP With inhuman cruelty the expedition has been detained for five months on an altitude of 15,000 feet in summer tents amidst severe cold about forty degrees centigrade below STOP The expedition suffered from want of fuel and fodder STOP During stay in Tibet five men Mongols Bur- iats and Tibetans died and ninety caravan animals perished STOP By order of authorities all letters and wires addressed to the Lhasa government the American Consul at Calcutta and British authorities have been seized STOP The members were forbidden to speak to passing caravans STOP They were forbidden to buy food stuffs from the population STOP Their money and medicines came to an end STOP The presence of three women in the caravan and a medical certificate about the heart weakness was not taken into consideration STOP With great difficulties on March fourth the ex-

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pedition started southwards STOP All nine European members of the expedition are safe STOP Courageously bore the hardships of an exceptionally severe winter STOP Many scientific results after four years of travels signed Nicholas Roerich STOP Directors of Roerich Museum submit this communication to you. - President Roerich Museum - Louis L. Horch - 310 Riverside Drive New York.

(Notations in pencil follow "send also to M. Lansing, Osborn, Chklaver," - etc., - in handwriting of Mr. Horch)