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Professor Nicholas Roerich,
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Darjeeling, India.

Dear Professor Roerich

With profound shock we have learned of the detention of the Roerich American Expedition under your leadership, in Tibet for five months by the Tibetan officials. In the name of the Directors of the Roerich Museum, the Master Institute of United Arts and Corona Mundi, International Art Center, we beg you to transmit to the authorities of the Tibetan government our strong protest against their ruthless and brutal conduct which has aroused indignation throughout America.

By its conduct--so ill-befitting the civilization of our day--the Tibetan government has jeopardized irreparably the health of the members of your Expedition and has done irretrievable wrong to the relationships made by the Expedition. In addition to the dreadful perishing of the caravan, the arrest and detention of the Roerich American Expedition under such inhuman conditions, has resulted in a loss of \$250,000 to the American art institutions, under whose auspices the Roerich American Expedition has pursued its work for art and science.

It was our firm conviction that you, who have been received with honors in more than twenty-five countries and to whom America is so indebted for your contributions to its culture and your services to its artistic progress, would be received by all peoples with the honor and reverence which your mission merits. The more reprehensible and censurable is the conduct of the Tibetan authorities which has so damaged the peaceful work of the Expedition.

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Professor Nicholas Roerich

We desire that the Tibetan Government be full cognizant that the American art institutions which have sponsored the Roerich American Expedition, as well as the American people, deeply protest this damage to the health of the members of the Expedition and the results of its work, as well as the financial losses they have sustained. They shall not permit this matter to rest without the reparation which this serious offence warrants. We are sending a Commission to investigate the details and causes of the events which so hindered the continuance of your work.

We assure you of the deep sorrow which we have experienced by the news and of our purpose to take all possible measure in the matter.

For the Board of Directors

ROERICH MUSEUM

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President