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Hillside
Darjeeling, India.
August 17, 1928

To the
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Kindly communicate to us by return post when we may expect the reply to the above-mentioned urgent letter, as we are obliged to include it in our Report.

Requesting your immediate attention to this matter, I am,

FRG HS

Very truly

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September 21, 1928
 "Hillside"
 Darjeeling, India.

Tibetan Trade Agent,
 Gyangtse,
 Tibet.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Tibetan authorities acknowledging the receipt from us of 1826 Rupees, covering the sum given for the Caravan expenses as well as the return of the sum given for Old brocade cloth acquired by Tibetan Authorities from the Roerich American Expedition.

We are now awaiting the reply to our communications of June 20 and August 17, to the Tibetan authorities concerning the detention of the Roerich American Expedition in Tibet and request you to expedite this matter so that we can have our reply at the earliest opportunity and despatch it to America.

Very truly yours,

"Hillside"
Darjeeling.
October 26th 1928.

To the
Tibetan Trade Agent,
Gyangtse, Tibet.

Sir:-

We have thus far written you twice *by* registered letters. These have been received by you. Thus far we have received from the Tibetan Government only a receipt, acknowledging money, but without any explanations nor answer to our previous letters. Naturally, you understand that the acknowledgment of the receipt of money also obliges the Tibetan Government to respond to our detailed letter regarding this sum of money. Moreover we donot even wish to admit the supposition that the Tibetan Government does not wish to accord an explanation to the American Institutions regarding the unprecedented maltreatment of our Expedition, which went to Tibet with the necessary Tibetan passports and authorisations. Should we fail to receive a reply, we regret that we shall have full right to presume that the Tibetan Government deliberately intended to harm our peaceful American Expedition, which went to Tibet with purely scientific aims. Once again we enclose herewith a copy of the certificate of the Doctor of our expedition, in which he confirms that the maltreatment of the Expedition was identical with an intention of destroying it.

We trust that we may receive a prompt reply which will explain and clarify this matter.

Yours very truly

Enclosure: C'y of Medical Certificate. Director
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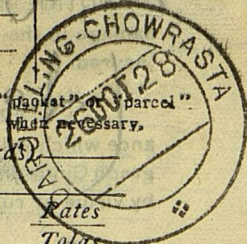
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Villa "Hillside"
Darjeeling.
November 3rd 1938.

To The Tibetan Trade Agent.
in Gyantse.
Tibet.

Dear Sir,

I herewith acknowledge to have received yesterday the letter from the Tibetan Council of Ministers sent through you, which letter I have forwarded to the Institutions in America.

I am sorry to say that this letter does not explain the reason of our five-monthly detention, as the snowfalls mentioned, only occurred about two months after the 6th October, the date of the beginning of our detention.

We now expect the results of the enquiries of the Tibetan Government into the question of the interdiction to sell us foodstuff and medicines, as mentioned in their letter, and remain

Yours truly,

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Translation of a letter

from the Tibetan Council of Ministers, dated Lhasa the 6th day of the Tibetan ninth month of the Earth-Dragon year to Prof. Nicholas K. Roerich, Head of the Roerich American Expedition.

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"To the Most Excellent American Sahib, Nicholas K. Roerich - letter from the Tibetan Council of Ministers.

Just recently a letter dated June 13th 1928 of the European year, in English with English and Tibetan copies and addressed to the Sovereign Protector, the Precious Dalai-Lama, has been transmitted to the Council of Ministers with the strict order to enquire into the case of Roerich, Sahib and the alleged interdiction to sell him food and other necessities, and to see whether anything injuring the good understanding between governments has been committed.

To this: - Since former times there has never been permission granted to foreign subjects to visit the country of Tibet. The most excellent Sahib, having arrived last year at Shu-na-khe, was refused permission to proceed into the kingdom of Lhasa. The frontier authorities having been instructed to act friendly in every way, the High Commissioner of Hor - Kapshöpa accorded hospitality and presented a petition to the Government. After this the officials of Nag-chu reported about the requirements of the most excellent Sahib, and subsequently petitioned again for a grant of passport and caravan animals free of charge, and this granted. The most excellent Sahib arrived to Tibet in a year of exceptional snowfalls. In this region all birds and wild animals, as also the cattle of the subjects of the Tibetan Government perished by myriads. The communications between the different districts were interrupted. All these conditions the most excellent Sahib was able to witness himself. Unable to protect yourself from the dreadfully cold season you experienced difficulties. We never had evil thoughts nor intended to be displeasing. As regards the interdiction to buy foodstuffs and other necessities, we are ready to give satisfaction on enquiry. The receipt for the sum of Indian Rupees 1826/- covering the cost of transport from Nag-tsang Shentsa to Thang-gu, which had been sent by you through Colonel Bailey, the British Resident in Sikkim, has been duly forwarded to you care of Colonel Bailey and we trust you received it.

The present letter is offered with a complimentary scarf on the auspicious sixth day of the Tibetan ninth month of the Earth-Dragon Year.

Seal
of the Tibetan
Council of Ministers.

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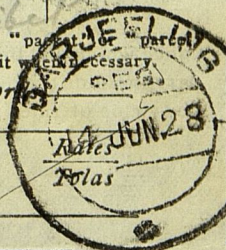
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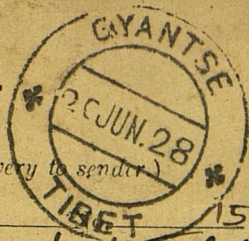
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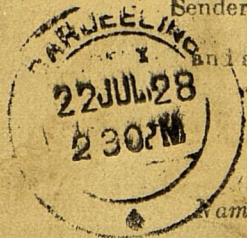
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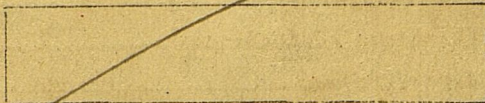
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