C O P Y

May 24, 1928

His Honor Calvin Coolidge,
President of the United States of America,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

Honored Sir ;

It was a great privilege to be able to transmit to you yesterday, by request of Professor Nicholas Roerich, the world-renowned artist, hiscable from Asia. Professor Roerich has been on the Roerich Museum Expedition to Asia, under the auspices of this institution, since 1924.

During this period the Roerich American Expedition has encircled the entire expanse of Asia and to our deep gratification has been bringing to the East the true knowledge of America. The flag of America has been carried by Professor Roerich, leader of the Expedition, across India, Little Tibet, above the heights of Karakorum, across Sinkiang, Altai, Mongolia, and Tibet, and everywhere Professor Roerich has pla ted new seeds of friendship for our country.

To America, the 250 paintings by Professor Roerich, completed in Asia and sent back to the Roerich Museum in New York, have brought new appreciations of the Eastern spirit. For Roerich Museum, the American Institution which has sponsored this Art Expedition, the results of its efforts have been deeply satisfying.

We recall that upon the ope ing of the Roerich Museum, on March 24, 1924, you graciously sent us your message and hope that our "confident anticipations as to its service to the cause of American Art may be fully realized". In the present accomplishments of the Roerich American Expedition we know that we have served this cause.

Knowing of your great belief in the function of art, for the new spiritual attainments of this country and appreciating your aims for peace, we feel that you will value this great service rendered by the Roerich American Expedition to American culture.

Very respectfully yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1928

In reply refer to
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Ms. Louis Horch, President,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York City.

Sir:

This department acknowledges the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your letter of May 24, 1928, concerning the Roerich expedition to Asia.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State

Stanley K. Hornbeck (signed)
Chief
Division of Far Eastern Affairs.