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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF BUREAU

March 31, 1934.

Mr. George M. Roerich,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

I connection with preparing the papers that we were discussing, I will need to have the following information for yourself and father:

Full name
Date and place of birth
Naturalized citizen?
First papers requested?
Legal residence

I believe you told me that you had your first set of papers, but I did not think of asking you whether your father was a naturalized citizen or whether he had papers at all.

Mr. J. L. Mahoney of our Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction, informs me that he doesn't believe there will be any difficulty in using the passports we now have but he is checking that with the State Department, and will let me know today or Monday. If I find out before this letter is mailed I will add it as a postscript.

I had a wire this morning from Dr. MacMillan stating that he will be here early next week. We expect to get the papers for you through effective April 5, possibly a day or two sooner, depending on the information I am asking for in this letter. You probably can have it back to me by Tuesday. When this step is completed we will make arrangements for you to come down to work with Dr. MacMillan and Mr. Stevens in planning for the trip. I am taking up the matter with Mr. B. Y. Morrison, in charge of the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction, and Mr. J. L. Mahoney, Administrative Assistant, as that Division is the unit which will handle and coordinate plans from this point on, I of course helping any way that I can.

Very sincerely yours,

K. A. Ryerson
K. A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.

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310 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.
April 1, 1934

Mr. Knowled A. Ryerson
Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry
United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ryerson

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 31, 1934,
and hasten to send you the following required information regarding
Prof. Roerich and myself:

Full Name:	Nicholas C. de Roerich	George N. de Roerich
Date and Place of Birth:	St. Petersburg, Oct. 10, 1874	Novgorod, Aug. 16, 1902
Naturalized citizen?	France	France
First papers requested?	First American papers	Received. Received
Legal Residence:	New York, N.Y.	New York, N.Y.

I note that you expect to get the papers through effective on April 5,
or before, and shall await your further communications both in regard to
this matter and to the interview with Dr. McMillan and Dr. Stevens.

I want once again to express to you my pleasure in meeting you and in
discussing so many subjects of mutual interest.

Assuring you of our pleasure in cooperativ in this scientific work
in behalf of the Department of Agriculture, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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April 12, 1934.

Dr. George Roerich,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Roerich:

There are being forwarded to you under separate cover, the
credentials which have been changed to read "Collaborator".

The other matters in connection with botanical studies are
going forward and I will keep in touch with you in connection with
them as different points arise.

Very sincerely,

K. A. Ryerson

K. A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.

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316 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.
April 14, 1934

Mr. Knowles A. Ryerson,
Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ryerson,

I hasten to acknowledge your letter of April 12, and the package containing the Credentials. In view of the very short time left before our departure, I am awaiting to hear from you regarding the details of equipment and funds, and other matters of organization of which we spoke.

I have submitted the itemized list of equipment to Mr. Mahoney. I have learned that an American made field glass manufactured by Bausch and Lomb with a leather case will cost \$32. The price of the American made Winchester rifle, Bore 44, will be between \$38 and \$43. Ammunition per hundred rounds will cost \$4.20 less 25% discount.

Hoping to hear from you shortly, and with cordial greetings, believe me,

Very sincerely,

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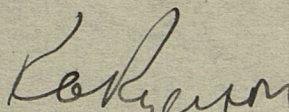
April 14, 1934.

Dr. George Roerich,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Roerich:

On your first visit here week before last, you spoke of a book by Father Moule entitled "Toung Pa'o, Ancient Cities of the Liao Empire". We have endeavored to get this book here from the Congressional Library and find that a copy is not available there. I am wondering if you could refer me to some other library in New York or elsewhere, where it might be seen as I should like to read it.

Very sincerely,


K. A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.

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310 Riverside Drive, New York
April 15, 1934

Mr. Knowles A. Ryerson,
Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ryerson,

In answer to your letter of April 14th, concerning the article by Father J. Mullie on the "Ancient Cities of the Liao Empire", this article appeared in the French periodical "T'oung Pao", V. XXI, 1922 (Leyden). I am sure the Congressional Library must have a copy of this important periodical. If not, you may try to find it in the Freer Collection (Far East), Washington. I have seen the periodical in the New York Public Library, in the Main Branch at 42d Street and Fifth Ave. It is also available in the Harvard College Library.

Awaiting your letters in regard to equipment and fire-arms,
believe me,

Cordially,

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c/o Taschurin & Co,
Torgovaya, Harbin, Pristan.
Manchu-tikuo.

Dr. Knowles A. Ryerson,
1601, Argonne Place, N.W.
Washington.

Dear Dr. Ryerson,

On our arrival here we found your cable sent c/o the U.S. Consulate, Harbin. So far no news from Dr. Macmillan and Stevens. Before leaving Tokyo, we left a letter containing all necessary instructions at the U.S. Embassy, and have notified the Foreign Office, Tokyo, of their passage through Japan. Had we known in time the name of their boat and date of arrival to Yokohama we could have taken further steps with the Custom Authorities in Yokohama. However the Foreign Dept. promised their assistance. During our stay in Japan and on the way to Manchukuo, the authorities, both military and civil, were extremely helpful and cooperative. We are now working out a plan for this summer's field-work. It is proposed to visit Barga and the Northern Khingan and then travel southwards to Jehol, which according to Dr. Nagai, is rich in arid regions with typical steppe flora. The Foreign Dept. in Tokyo have recommended to us a secretary to accompany the party, with 25 years experience in Manchuria. Mr. Kitagawa is now assisting us in preparation of the field work. Prof. de Roerich and myself plan to visit Hsin-ching, the capital of Manchukuo, to discuss all details of the trip to Jehol, where a special permit is required. The local Museum of the Society for the Study of Manchukuo, contains a fine herbarium and a separate herbarium of the desert and steppe flora of the Barga and Khingan regions collected by the well-known botanist Prof. Gordeev. The Museum authorities have very kindly placed their laboratories and workshops at the disposal of the expedition. I have good hope to obtain interesting material on local Materia Medica from local medicine men. Of course all this requires time, but things are so far moving very satisfactory.

With kindest regards from Professor de Roerich and myself,

Yours very sincerely,

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United States Department of Agriculture.

Bureau of Plant Industry.

Washington

Office of Chief of Bureau.

September 17, 1934.

Dr. Georges de Roerich,
c/o Tschurin & Co,
Torgovaya, Harbin, Pristan,
Machu-tikuo.

Dear Doctor Roerich:

By the time this letter reaches you, I imagine the growing season will have closed and the opportunity for collecting seed in the field for this year will be about over, except for that which you may find in the towns, villages and market places and among the native doctors and medicine men. I hope that, although the season has been a rainy one, you have been able to find an interesting collection of plants and have secured seed, herbarium specimens and data concerning them. The seed, herbarium specimens and other dried specimens, cuttings, if any, photographs, reports and other data should be carefully packed, in line with our suggestions made here, and turned over to the American Consulate at Harbin or such other points as there are Consulates, for forwarding through their channels. I have written Dr. Macmillan that before he and Mr. Stephens leave Harbin for other work they be of every assistance to you in packing the material, so that you may have the benefit of their past experience in packing, labelling, and shipping such material, and also that they be sure that the consular officers in Harbin and elsewhere understand about receiving and forwarding anything that is to be sent on to Washington by you in the future.

We are very anxious to get in the expense accounts for the expedition, none of which have yet been received, and have asked Dr. Macmillan to be of every assistance to you in bringing your accounts up to date, as both Dr. Macmillan and Mr. Stephens have had long experience in the preparation of these rather troublesome but necessary documents, so that we can know just exactly where our finances stand and make prompt settlement. We want to be sure that there are no questions either about the handling of plant material or about the accounts or any other aspect of the work that are not answered before Macmillan and Stephens leave, so that you will have a minimum of red tape and routine and there will be no misunderstanding regarding the shipments. We are vitally interested in the plant materials to be collected in Manchukuo and we want to take every precaution so that, once you have collected them in the field, there will be no opportunity of loss from that point to Washington. Mr. Mahoney informs me that he gave you in New York a model copy of foreign expedition expense account and left with you sufficient blanks for six months. However, I am having an additional one sent you in case you may have left the others at a base point and may wish to have it for the use of your secretary or for the use of yourself at all times.

Dr. Macmillan will return to Washington this winter as planned, and Mr. Stephens will remain in the Orient for further studies on grasses and legumes.

I look forward with interest to the recommendations that you may make for your work after you have completed the field activities this fall and have had an opportunity to make tentative plans for the winter months.

I hope that you and your father have enjoyed good health in the trying part of the world in which you work has been carried on, and I am looking forward with much anticipation to your reports as to results of the collection.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

K.A. Ryerson

Chief of Bureau