

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Miss Frances Grant,  
Roerich Museum  
310 Riverside Drive,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Grant,

In response to your recent request I have investigated the possibilities of obtaining cars for the Roerich expedition in North China.

The use of cars in connection with this expedition, we feel, should be left to the discretion of Professor Roerich as he is in a much better position to know the conditions under which they are working and the advisability of utilizing cars.

From the standpoint of governmental procedure the very best thing would be for the expedition to rent a car as there is no limitation on this use of the funds involved. The next best possibility, if cars are to be utilized would be to purchase a truck as the limitations on the purchase of trucks are not as great as on passenger carrying vehicles for where we are definitely limited to a price of \$750 which is considerable less than 2300 Mex dollars.

If a truck is purchased, Professor Roerich should obtain bids on comparable equipment from two and possibly three different concerns and accept the low bid. In this way the difficulties encountered in governmental procedure should be minimized. Of course if bids cannot be obtained from more than one concern it should be so stated.

We feel that with the above limitations in mind, Professor Roerich should use his own judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E.N. Bressman  
Scientific Adviser.