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Copies sent to
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and
Professor Nicholas Roerich
c/o Peiping Branch of
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Peiping, N. China

Louis Horch, President
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Horch:

For your information I am enclosing herewith copy of a cable which I have sent today to Professor Roerich. Also I am enclosing copy of a letter which I received from William Phillips, Under Secretary of State, regarding the Pact, under date of June 13.

I do not know whether there is any foundation whatsoever for the insinuations of political activity on the part of Professor Roerich in Mongolia. I am exceedingly anxious, however, that he be engaged, both actually and apparently, in doing exactly what he is supposed to be doing as an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture engaged in searching for seeds valuable to the United States. I would appreciate your cooperation in seeing that this is brought tactfully and effectively to Professor Roerich's attention. In saying this, I realize, of course, that most and probably all of these insinuations of the press in late June may be quite without foundation; nevertheless, with times as troubled in the East as they now are, it would seem to me wise to take no chances and, therefore, the department has asked Professor Roerich, with due consideration for safety, to travel to the safer area of the Province of Suiyuan which is reputedly rich in drought resistant grasses.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H. A. Wallace
Secretary

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