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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Bureau of Plant Industry  
Washington

Form No. 7  
Foreign Travel

L/A 918-P  
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Geo. H. de Roerich

Plant Exploration and Introduction

Permanent Station: New York, N. Y.  
Temporary Station: None designated

Authority is hereby granted you to incur expenses in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, and with the Fiscal Regulations of the Department, within the funds, for the purpose, and under the conditions noted below:

Date effective: April 17, 1934, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Duration of Authorization: June 30, 1934.

Project No. 3861

Amount: \$1,000.00

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Purpose: To discover, collect and introduce from foreign countries new and promising crop plants, especially as related to work in specific areas within the United States; cooperating in this with specialists in the Bureau of Plant Industry and in other Bureaus in the Department of Agriculture; to arrange with foreign crop specialists visited for a further exchange of seeds, plants and information that will be mutually helpful for the continuance of this program.

Itinerary: Japan, China, U.S.S.R., Germany, Turkestan, Manchuria, and other countries.

1. Travel and other necessary expenses, and upon completion of work return to your permanent station.
2. Purchase seeds, plants, plant material, material for scientific study, propagating material, equipment, including photographic, miscellaneous supplies and apparatus; necessary repair parts for propagating equipment.
3. Employ laborers, guides, interpreters and other assistants needed in connection with field work and with the operation of propagating equipment.
4. Pay necessary traveling expenses of assistants.
5. Pay expressage, drayage, storage and other charges on Government property including freight and express outside the Continental United States.
6. Hire or purchase pack animals and their accoutrements, wagons, boats, or other means of conveyance exclusive of the purchase of passenger-carrying motor vehicles.
7. In order to facilitate your work in foreign countries, such provisions of the Travel Regulations or the Fiscal Regulations as require the taking of subvouchers or receipts are expressly waived in connection with all authorized expenses incurred abroad where the taking of such subvouchers or receipts might arouse suspicion or cause embarrassment; in all cases, however, a statement explaining why subvouchers were not obtained must accompany the account.
8. While outside of Continental United States you will be allowed \$6.00 per diem in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence; provided that you will be allowed \$2.50 per diem in lieu of actual expenses while on board vessel; statement to be submitted with expense account showing dates and hours of beginning and ending of trips aboard vessel. You and your associate will be allowed not to exceed \$5.00 per diem each in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence for travel in Continental United States.



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9. While outside of Continental United States such temporary assistants as you may employ when performing travel under this authorization will be allowed not to exceed \$6.00 per diem each, in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence, and not to exceed \$4.00 per diem each, in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence for travel in Continental United States.
10. In all cases where transportation over water routes is necessary under this authorization such transportation should be in vessels under the jurisdiction of the United States where such vessels are available.

**H. E. ALLANSON**

Acting Chief of Bureau