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Spokane, Washington.  
July, 7, 1934.

Mr. B.Y. Morrison,

In charge of Plant Exploration and Introduction,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Ben,

I am enclosing herewith a letter just received, forwarded from our apartment, and coming from Reerich. The letter was very disturbing as it was the distinct understanding that the expedition was to keep out of the Jehol provinces, as this is one of the disputed provinces outside of what was old Manchuria. I discussed it again with the State Department a short while ago when the cable came through from Tokyo. I called up Secretary Wallace this morning and he suggested that we should cable to hold the expedition to the original plan. I have received a telegram from Secretary Wallace, with which you are probably familiar, stating that he had conferred with Phillips of the State Department, and through him with Hornbeck, and that they have no more objections or fears as to traveling in the Jehol provinces, or any other part of Manchuria. A copy of the Secretary's wire is enclosed.

I evidently did not make myself clear over the phone that Reerich was not asking permission or requesting confirmation, consequently I have not cabled as the Secretary suggested, but will write him in a few days and send you a copy, as the party may be on its way. A confirming cable would hardly seem necessary.

If you receive any letters from MacMillan, kindly forward me copies air mail.

Sincerely,

Knowles A. Ryerson,

Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry.

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Knowles Ryerson,

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Spokane Washington

Have conferred with Phillips and through him with Hornbeck and find they have no more objections or fears as to travelling Ray Hole than any other part of Manchuria Stop Have inspected Erlansons Rainfall and Temperature maps and am convinced of betanical desirability of Georges suggestion Stop Therefore request you cable George Quote Suggestion your airmail concurred in Unquote Sign my name if you wish

H.A. Wallace

Copy to Morrison.



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To American Embassy, Tokyo June 1, 1934.

1. Roerich is leader, not a citizen, not previously known.

2. Consulates at Kobe, Dairen, Mukden and Harbin- Roerich not a citizen, and in view of this, diplomatic and consular offices not expected to do anything for him that would embarrass them or government. Authorizes offices to extend appropriate and practicable assistance to citizen members at their request.

3. Not de<sup>S</sup>ailed that consular and diplomatic officials request Japanese or Manchukuo Governments for armed guards outside Japanese empire (or in Manchukuo itself, or territory under sovereignty of China or Russia).

from Acting Secretary Phillips.