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Consul General,
Tokyo, Japan.

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Dear Sir:

You have doubtless heard through regular channels, that we are planning to send botanists into Japan and Manchoukuo, for the purpose of studying grasses and other plants useful for soil erosion as well as range improvement work, and also their possible value for insecticidal purposes.

Dr. H.G. MacMillan and Mr. J.L. Stephens are sailing on the S.S. President Hoover from San Francisco on May 18th, for Tokyo, and will get in touch with you on arrival. They will join there Mr. Nicholas de Roerich and Dr. George de Roerich, who have already left for Tokyo, and who are accompanying Dr. MacMillan and Mr. Stephens because of their familiarity with Mongol dialect and their experience in traveling in that part of the world. Dr. George de Roerich be studying drug plants and translating various Mongolian manuscripts to get leads on plants that might be useful to supply insecticidal material. This problem is particularly acute at this time because of the drive against lead arsenate as a spray on fruits and vegetables.

The studies will be limited to Manchoukuo, and especially the northern portion, as we are anxious to get plants from as far north as possible, especially grasses that may be useful on the high plateaus of the southwest and inter-mountain areas where it is dry and hot in summer and cold in winter.

Dr. MacMillan will be returning to Washington in the fall or winter, and plans for the remainder of the party will be determined by the results of this season's work. We shall probably send out another botanist to take the place of Dr. MacMillan.

Any courtesies you may be able to extend to our men to make their studies as effective as possible, will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely,

K.A. Ryerson
Chief of Bureau

Copies to:

Mr. Morrison

Dr. Pieters (For Mr. Stephens)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLANSON.

Dear Mr. Allanson:

If it hasn't already been started, please have the regular letter sent to the State Department asking that they notify the American Embassy in Tokyo that MacMillan and Stephens will sail on May 18th, on the S.S. President Hoover, and give the date of their arrival at Yokohama, also asking that the customary courtesies be extended to facilitate their passage through customs. Please ask that the consul at Yokohama also be notified so that he may be on the lookout for them. This should probably be cabled to insure its arrival in ample time.

Very sincerely,

E.A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.

INFORMAL

September 17, 1934.

Mr. Cabot Coville,
American Consul,
Harbin, Manchuria.

Dear Mr. Coville:

As MacMillan and Stephens will have informed you, when their part of the field work in Manchukuo is completed, we plan to have MacMillan return to this country and Stephens to remain for further field work with Rock, if he is able to carry out the plans for the trip that we hoped he could make this coming season. We have written MacMillan to be sure, before he and Stephens leave, that everything has been done, so that whatever material in the way of seeds, herbarium specimens, photographs and reports that may be sent in by the Roerich section of the expedition will get into the right channels and be forwarded through the Consul, in order that there may be no possible loss through misunderstanding or using the wrong channels. I shall appreciate it very much if you and your staff will also look after these matters after MacMillan and Stephens leave and assist in the way of packing and labeling, if desired, and also in the making out of accounts and of handling government forms, so that there will be a minimum of difficulty in their operating under government conditions and regulations.

I do not know what the final plans will be for the Roerich section of the expedition. As soon as they have been settled, I will advise you.

We greatly appreciate the assistance and cooperation you have extended our various representatives who have been working in Manchukuo. Please extend our thanks to your staff as well and, if in return we can be of any assistance to you at any time, kindly let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

K. A. Ryerson,
Chief of Bureau.

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Harbin.

Following telegram for Dr. George Roerich Harbin care Tschurin and Company
Perzgovaya Ul. quote "Macmillan Stephens arrive Yokohama June first President
Hoover Ryerson Plant Industry end quote.

Garrels,

Dear

M. Corrie has asked me to
 inform you that the travelling
 permits for your father, yourself
 and your two American ^{co-travellers.} ~~co-travellers.~~
 have been received by us. ^{from the local} ~~authorities.~~
 He would like to know whether
 you have any ~~and~~ report about

the removal of these persons.

As far as we know ~~how~~ they
have been delayed in Davis.

Please convey to your father.

~~In affectionate~~

My deep ~~affection~~ esteem

I remain

your Sonny,

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