

Dear Professor Roerich,

Supplementing my cable of this week recalling from the Expedition Dr. Macmillan and Stevens, I am writing to express to you once again my regret and indignation at the insubordination of these two members of the expedition.

I feel that their actions, serious enough under normal circumstances, have placed in jeopardy the success of the expedition as well as the safety of its members.

Please be assured that you have my complete confidence and approval in all your actions in regard to the Expedition, and once again I wish to thank you for your cooperation in accepting the leadership of this Expedition, since I regard your authority in the Central Asiatic Field as second to none.

Lest any further obscuration of the matter arise, I have written to the American Consuls in Tokyo and Harbin, as well as to Colonel Saito at Hailar, and enclose copies of my letters to them for your information.

I sincerely hope that matters with the Expedition, unfortunately hampered by the actions of the botanists, will now continue most advantageously for the complete success of its purposes. Great increased public anticipation has been aroused by the Expedition due to the poignant conditions caused by our unprecedented drought this past summer, and I feel confident that this work under your authoritative leadership will help this country to make adjustments in the agricultural life towards future prevention of such situations as this summer has brought it.

I was delighted to learn, through articles in the Japanese and other newspapers brought to my attention here, of the splendid reception which you have received in Japan and Harbin. I am not surprised since I am well aware of the high regard in which you are held there. Permit me to congratulate you for these tributes in your great personal accomplishments.

Again expressing my appreciation to you and with sincere regards to you and your son, believe me,

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American Consuls-General
in Tokyo and in Harbin.

Dear Sir,

This is to notify you that Dr. MacMillan and Mr. Stevens of this department who have been in Manchuria as botanist and assistant botanist of the Expedition for Drouth Resistant Grasses under the leadership of Professor Nicholas Roerich, have been recalled by me to America for insubordination and failure to carry out instructions on the expedition.

This Department is fortunate in having secured the cooperation as Leader of this Expedition of Professor Roerich, one of the greatest authorities on Central Asia, and deeply respected in these countries. In addition to Professor Roerich as Leader, and Dr. George Roerich, assistant to the Leader, the Expedition also comprises such native personnel, as Professor Roerich finds it necessary to add to his staff for the success of the work. Professor Roerich's actions have my entire confidence and approval.

I am transmitting this information to you for your use as well as to your knowledge if any inquiry in regard to the Expedition should reach the Consulate. I would also ask you to transmit it to any authorities who have made inquiry or who may have been confused by the actions of the botanists.

Very truly yours ,

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Commander Saito.
Hailar. Manchuria

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I trust that there has been no inconvenience occasioned you through any misinformation given you by the botanist in regard to the organization of the work of the expedition.

Thanking you for any courtesies you have extended to Professor Roerich and the work of the Expedition, believe me