

C O P Y

September 27, 1934.

Col. Saito
Commander Military Mission
Hailar, Manchuria

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that Dr. H. G. MacMillan and Mr. J. L. Stephens of this department who have been in Manchuria as botanist and assistant botanist of the expedition for drought 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 throughout the world for his cultural achievements. 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 trust there has been no inconvenience occasioned you through any misinformation given you by the botanists in regard to the organization of the work of the expedition.

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

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.