

In addition to our Memorandum of July and our letter of October 1st and with reference to certain <sup>Statements</sup> made by Mr. Macmillan in his correspondence, we have to state the following:-

Mr. M. statements of June 9th regarding press reports and interviews given out by Prof. de Roerich show an absolute lack of understanding of the whole situation. *He never ignored Mr. Dufarby and visited it several times during our stay in Tokyo.*

We do not understand Mr. Garrels strange attitude towards our letter of May 23rd. This letter contained very definite instructions and was drafted following a conversation with Mr. Grew, the U.S. Ambassador. During this interview at the Embassy we requested the Ambassador to extend his assistance to the Expedition, and showed him Mr. Wallace's letter of March 16th. The Ambassador seemed to know about the whole matter. He advised us that because of the very delicate situation with the new State in Manchuria, it was better for us to use our personal connections in negotiations with the local authorities.

We did not see the American Consul (Mr. Garrels) in Tokyo, for not being American citizens, there was no matter for us to discuss with him. In his statement about Mr. Teiji Tsubokami, Mr. M. shows again utter ignorance. Mr. Tsubokami, as Head of the Culture Work Bureau of the Foreign Office is in charge of all scientific work carried on proceeding on Japanese territory, Korea and the Kuantung Peninsula. He is not the propaganda officer for Manchukuo as stated by Mr. M.

Mr. Tsubokami's assistance was necessary to obtain the cooperation of Japanese Consular Officers along the route of the Expedition.

The result of Mr. M.'s objection to a visit to the Manchukuo Legation in Tokyo, was the unnecessary long delay experienced in Dairen.



Prof. de R. and Mr. R. received complimentary visas from the Manchukuo Legation without any trouble or delays.

Mr. M. is again entirely wrong in stating that our party visited Mukden and had negotiations with authorities there. The Memorandum to which he is referring and the Sec.'s letter of March 16th were shown by Prof.

de Roerich at the Foreign Office in Tokyo before leaving Japan, and were communicated to the Manchukuo authorities by Mr. Tsubokami.

We were never stranded in Mukden as Mr. M. asserts, and experienced no delays. Our only delay was caused by the non-arrival of Dr. M. and

his companion. His statement about our visit to the Japanese War Ministry is absolutely ridiculous and again shows an utter ignorance of local conditions. His unpermissible remarks are altogether out of

place in official correspondence. A visit to the War Ministry was necessary to obtain the cooperation of the Japanese Military authorities.

As far as we know Mr. Grew never visited India during our stay there, he knew about the Expedition while serving with the State Department

in Washington. The Ambassador was fully aware of our coming, for he had received a letter from the Roerich Museum in N.Y., which he admitted.

The Consul's assertions that of all the people in the world to travel with in this part of the world, the last ones to choose are Russians " seems more than strange, for precisely in this part of the world most

of the Rly Police, Rly guards are Russians. All expedition both Japanese and foreign use Russian guards and servants. All foreign firms employ Russians as their representative and agents. The same is true in the case of Consulates and Banks.

Soviet visas were absolutely useless in Manchukuo, and caused only unnecessary suspicions.

All statements about Japanese suspicions are entirely wrong. The entire trouble was due to Mr. M.'s own actions!



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Mr.M.'s nervousness about the unsecurity in Harbin is ridiculous.

Had he proceeded as indicated in our letter of May 23rd, he would have had no troubles with ammunition. The ammunition is now deposited with an Arms Store in Dairen in the name Of.Dr.M. and although we have requested him to deposit it in our name, he never did it, so that we are unable to get it back.

His statement of July 10th about the bad condition along the railway line between Harbin and Hailar is wrong. The line is safe and European women and children regularly use it.

Mr.M. unwarranted actions and his separate negotiations created a lot of confusion in the minds of local officials. ( see para 3 of letter of July 20th ).

Mr.M. description of his interview with Mr.Kawasaki contained in the letter of July 20th to Garrels is entirely based on misrepresentations. First of all, the Expedition secretary Mr.Kitagawa never served in Mr. Kawasaki's office. Secondly, the hand-bill referred to in the letter was handed over to Mr.Kawasaki at his own request. The statement was prepared in the U.S. and compiled from American Press Reports.

The delay experienced by the Expedition was entirely due to the unwarranted actions of Mr.M. During the long period of delays, we constantly received inquiries as to the whereabouts of the two botanists from the Japanese authorities and even from the American Consulate in Harbin ( copy enclosed ). The usual practice for a subordinate is report to his Chief on arrival. This Mr.M. failed to do, though Mr. de Roerich conveyed to him that Prof. de Roerich was expecting him.

We never concealed our address, it was communicated to Mr.M., was known



at the Hotel desk ( the hotel communicated to us Mr.M. arrival )  
and at the American Consulate.

The frequent statements made by Mr.M. about alleged suspicions  
of anything connected with the name Roerich are pure slander.  
We never visited any "White Russian summer resort " in the  
Hailar region. The information about a Cossack guard at the door  
is ridiculous. Mr.M. never came near our house in Harbin.

Dr.M. statement in his letter of Aug. 11th, para 4, is entirely  
wrong. We had to postpone our departure due to the fact that  
there were breaches on the railway line and trains ran 9 hours  
late. The Station authorities however had instructions to conceal  
the actual state of affairs along the line, and continued to  
sell tickets. Mr.M. made no attempt to meet the Expedition's  
Chief during the journey to Hailar. There was no guard stationed  
at the door of the compartment occupied by Prof. de Roerich  
and other members of the Expedition. Several other travellers  
visited the compartment during the journey.

An account of our negotiations with Col.Saito at Hailar has  
been given in our letter of October 1st. We may only add that

Mr.M. description of the whole matter is again entirely wrong

There was no question about stopping the Expedition, and Col.

Saito merely wanted to know what happened to Dr.M. and his

companion who were listed as members of Prof. Roerich's party

in the letter from the Japanese Foreign Office to the Manchukuo

authorities. There was no Cossack army or uniforms with the

Expedition! The statement that Mr. Roerich had promised that all

including the two botanists were going to the Khingan Mts is again

absolutely false. Such statement was never made. On our return to

Hailar, Mr.M. again made no attempts to visit the Chief of the



Expedition, although Mr. Sato, the Japanese botanist, visited Prof. Roerich in Hailar, and even came to the station to see us off.

All the above statement made by Mr. M. a-gf are gross misrepresentations. It seems that Mr. M. remarks were written with the object to ~~inju~~ handicap the Expedition and slander the good name of its Chief.