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Department of Agriculture.

Washington, DC.

October 22, 1934

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
c/o Tschurin and Company.
Torgovaya Pristan
Harbin, Manchukuo.

Dear Professor Roerich:

The Secretary has directed me to assist him with the Asian foreign plant introduction expeditions, and I wish to assure you that I am anxious to help in every way possible to make your expedition the real success which we feel it will be. We hope that you have been able to make some excellent collections of seeds, roots and cuttings during the past season as we are making careful plans to care for your material as soon as it comes to hand. It will help us greatly if you can inform us when the material will go forward.

The Secretary has asked me to inquire if your son, George, is fully familiar with governmental procedures. If not, I wish to be helpful, and I hope that he will write to me in regard to these matters so as to prevent inconvenience and delay. I am enclosing a memorandum for his information and will be glad to clear up any points upon which he may feel he would like additional help.

I am informed that your salary checks are being sent to you from Washington every two weeks. I hope that you are receiving these promptly.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

E.N. Bressman,

Scientific Adviser

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Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

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December 30, 1934

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
Peiping Branch,
Hongkong-Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Roerich,

In your letter of November 2 to the Secretary you state that collections of plant material and seeds will be forwarded in two weeks through the usual consular channels. As yet, no material has been received, and we are wondering if the material went forward at the time indicated. If so, will you kindly let me know the name of the consular or other agency to which the material was consigned, or any other information which would be of value to us in tracing the shipment.

If the material has not gone forwarded as yet, we would appreciate it greatly if you would be able to send material already collected, so that it could be propagated in our greenhouses during the late winter or early spring months. We feel that it is desirable that you should take receipts for any material when it is delivered to the consular people for forwarding.

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser

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Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

January 14, 1935

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
Peiping Branch,
Hongkong-Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

Enclosed please find copies of the lists of material collected by the other members of the Asiatic expedition. At the suggestion of the Secretary, I am sending these lists so that you will have some idea of the material already collected and received here.

If we can be of additional assistance, please advise.

Yours very truly

E.N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser

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U.S.Naval Communication Service.

17th Jan 1935

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Bank Peiping China

Shipment seeds and specimens presumably made by you in November
not received we would appreciate cable instructions which will
aid in tracing

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Department of Agriculture

Washington D.C.

January 19, 1935

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
Peiping Branch
Hongkong-Shanghai Bank
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

I am enclosing herewith notifications of the extensions of the appointments of both you and your son George from April 7 to June 30, 1935.

The termination date is made June 30 at this time because the fiscal year ends on June 30. Any additional extensions must be made, as I understand it, at a later date.

Yours very truly,

E.N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser

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Peiping,

January 28th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

We are in receipt of your two letters of October 22nd and of December 30th, 1934. The first letter was reforwarded here from Harbin, hence the delay in acknowledging it.

Following receipt of your radio of Jan. 17th we at once started inquiries about the first sending of material scheduled to leave Harbin about the end of November last, and have sent you the following cable:- " Have investigated November sending stop collection safe writing letter stop part herbarium sent January nineteenth stop shall cable dates further sendings. Roerich ". It appears that the first sending containing seeds and some herbarium specimens was delayed by our botanist who required this material for comparative purposes. He had sent some specimens to the Museum of the Mission de Sienshien in Tientsin for identification, and the absence of reply from the Museum caused some delay. He notified us of the delay by letter which apparently went astray as there were no postal communications between China and Manchuria at that time, and letters had to be sent through travellers. However since Jan. 10th, 1935, postal communications between China and Manchuria have been resumed, and we now received notification that the first sending instead of November was sent on Jan. 19th through the U.S. Consulate in Harbin. I am enclosing a list of forage plants' seeds, as well as a list of herbarium specimens included in the sending of Jan. 19th. The herbarium of medicinal plants specimens will be forwarded in a few days, and I shall let you know by cable the dates of future sendings.

Our letter of Dec. 24th addressed to the Secretary contained the preliminary report on our botanical fieldwork in North Manchuria.

I am very grateful for your kind offer of assistance in connection with the work of the Expedition.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

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Peiping.

February 12th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo enclosing lists of materials collected by the other members of the Asiatic Expedition.

The second sending was despatched through the Consulate on the 2nd instant, and I am enclosing the lists of material contained in the second sending (systematic herbarium and 78 packages containing medicinal plants specimens collected from medicine men in North Manchuria). Further sendings of herbarium material will follow. Our first sending of Jan. 19th contained some seed material. You will notice that only those seeds were gathered which were considered useful for introduction as fodder plants for arid steppe areas. *Agropyrum pseudo-agropyrum* yields the best hay in North Manchuria and Eastern Mongolia, and experiments with it should produce interesting results.

Please find enclosed two cheques to the names of Mr. H. L. Westover and Mr. Ch. R. Enlow which were sent here by mistake.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

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Department of Agriculture

Washington, D.C.

February 12, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
Peiping Branch
Hongkong-Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

Enclosed please find "Pre-audit Difference Statements" numbers 15827, 15828, 15829 and 15830, which refer to your and Professor Roerich's expense vouchers of October and November. The four expense vouchers totalled \$ 1,857.40, and the Comptroller General certified \$ 1347.13, leaving a difference of \$ 510.27.

These "Pre-audit Difference Statements" are similar to those forwarded to you in January for expense accounts previously submitted. As indicated at that time, you may prepare and present new vouchers covering any or all of the \$ 510.27 not certified by the Comptroller General. For example, I note on the "Pre-audit Difference Statement" covering Bureau voucher No. 15830 that there is a sub-voucher No. 7, October 28, 1934, for various items including two tents. If these tents were necessary for the success of the expedition, and / or to protect valuable Government property, and / or used by more than one individual and, therefore, not personal expense, I am of the opinion that these items may be properly resubmitted together with a statement giving the exact conditions and the reasons why the equipment was purchased. Also, I feel that any other similar items may be properly resubmitted if the items are not personal but are necessary for the proper conduct of the expedition.

In the future I suggest that articles such as tents which apparently are for the expedition be not submitted on a sub-voucher with an item such as shoes which apparently are for one individual and personal. Also, I suggest that you prepare a signed statement for each sub-voucher which may be questioned so that all facts may be at hand when a voucher is originally presented.

You will note that at the bottom of the "Pre-audit Difference Statement" there is a note as follows: (if the above items are resubmitted in a subsequent voucher, this Pre-audit Difference Statement must be attached thereto). Therefore, if any of these items are resubmitted, be sure to attach the proper "Pre-audit Difference Statement" as well as your signed statement as to the exact use and need of the items purchased.

Yours very truly, E. N. Bressman
Scientific adviser.
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Department of Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

March 5, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
Peiping Branch,
Hongkong Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28 and the enclosed list of forage plant seeds and herbarium specimens included in the shipment of January 19. As yet this shipment has not been received, but we are hoping that it will be here in the very near future. Several of the seeds appear to be of real interest and value, particularly the *Agropyrum pseudo-agropyrum*. We note that the number of different forage seeds is somewhat limited and the the herbarium is rather extensive. I am wondering if it would not be advisable in this year's collections to extend the number of forage plant seeds rather than the herbarium specimens. Both are of real interest and value, but I feel that we must be primarily interested in the seeds for propagation.

For your information and help, I have had various workers in forage crops make some suggestions as to material that would be of value. I am enclosing these suggestions in the attached memorandum, which I hope may be of some value to you. It is not intended in any way that all these materials are to be collected, but I desire to be of assistance and offer this list for whatever use you can make of it.

With kind regards and best wishes for your continued success,
I am,

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser

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Peiping,

March 13th, 1935.

Dr. E.N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

Please find enclosed our Vouchers for the period of Feb. 1-28th, 1935 with covering bills and receipts. Since sending our Vouchers covering the months of December and January, we have received additional sums from the Department (Prof. de Roerich - US\$ 1935.67; myself - US\$ 1155.86) so that the amounts kept in personal possession are US\$ 2922.47 and US\$ 2363.71 respectively.

Under separate cover I am sending the required explanations about items listed on previous Vouchers. I hope you will find them adequate.

We have completed our preparations and hope to leave in a few days for the interior. Our future address will be c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom, M.P. Mission, Kalgan, N. China. Letters sent c/o Hongkong Shanghai Bank, Peiping, will be re-forwarded. Since the Legation required an authorization from the Department to accept our collections for shipment, we were obliged to send you a cable, as per copy enclosed.

Yesterday we received your radio for which please accept our best thanks. Four packages containing pharmacological collections and covering data were handed over to the Legation authorities to-day (Copy of receipt enclosed). The four packages contain the following material:-

- 1) One case with collection of Tibetan vegetable drugs specimens and one Tibetan book .
 - 2) One case containing Tibetan vegetable drugs specimens, negatives (140) of photos taken during the trip to Barga and the Khingan region, with a set of prints for identification, negatives of a map of Inner Mongolia and one Tibetan medical text, as well as two volumes of a Chinese Pen-tsao.
 - 3) One package containing four volumes of the Vaidurya-shon-po (a famous Tibetan medical text-book). Each text has a slip attached to it describing the contents and nature of the volume, as well as giving its title and approximate date.
 - 4) One package containing the original of the map of Inner Mongolia compiled by myself from recent surveys. The scale of the map is 1/500,000, and it is the largest scale map of Inner Mongolia existing. I am taking a photostat copy of the map into the field and shall note down our route, as well as nature of the ground.
- In a few days I shall forward you a list of vegetable drugs according to the rGyud-bzi, as well as a collection of interesting tables (coloured) representing the various medicinal plants used in Tibetan Materia Medica, as well as some anatomical drawings prepared by lama-doctors.

The Chinese authorities have been so far very cooperative, and we hope for good results from the forthcoming trip into the interior. I am now working on a translation of several lists of prescriptions, which contain very interesting material. Some of the herbs used in Tibetan and Mongolian Materia medica will have to be collected in the summer, for according to my lama informants the herbs growing on the Mongolian plateau have better curative properties than those collected in China Proper. Please accept our sincere thanks for your assistance and continuous interest in the activities of this Expedition.

Yours very truly,

PS. I hope that our sendings of seeds and herbarium material of Jan. 19th and Febr. 2nd. have safely reached the Department.

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U.S. Naval Communication Service.

US Naval Radio Station
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Cabled American Legation as following quote Department of Agriculture
authorizes Roerich shipment pharmacological collection and covering
data unquote

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LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Peiping, March 14, 1935.

Received from Dr. George Roerich 4 (four) packages addressed to the "Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Attention Dr. E. N. Bressman," stated to contain seeds and botanical specimens, ^{photo negatives, Plon.} negatives of map of Inner Mongolia, Tibetan-Chinese list of Materia Medica, Tibetan medical texts, and original map of Inner Mongolia, for transmission to the addressee by pouch.

Paul W. Meyer
Paul W. Meyer,
Second Secretary of Legation.

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Peiping,

March 17th, 1935.

Dr. E.N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

Please find enclosed a List of Vegetable drugs according to the fundamental Tibetan medical text the rGyud-bzi. The items marked with red pencil are represented in the collection of Tibetan Materia Medica forwarded to the Department through the Legation. I did not attempt to identify the specimens, and have merely placed in brackets the usual identifications according to Laufer, Stuart and others. Some of the herbs listed in the List but not included in the present collection, will be secured during the fieldwork in Inner Mongolia.

Under separate cover I am sending you a list of Chinese vegetable Materia Medica covering the collection sent to the Department on Febr. 2nd. The information included in the List was collected from medicine men in North Manchuria during the summer and autumn of 1934. In general it coincides with the information given in Chinese Pen-tsao.

Yours very truly,

Washington DC

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Nicholas Roerich Peiping Branch Hongkong Shanghai Bank Peiping

On March ninth I cabled TPGordeev at Harbin quote two boxes of herbarium specimens received stop no seed stop cable information collect unquote have received no reply from Gordeev please investigate and advise by cable so that we may locate seed

EN.Bressman

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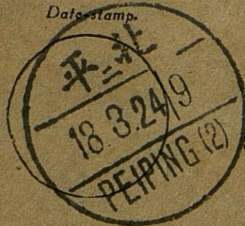
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Peiping,

March 18th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, DC. USA.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

We are in receipt of your kind letter of the 12th ultimo enclosing "Preaudit Difference Statements" Numbers 15827, 15828, 15829 and 15830. We are returning them herewith with signed explanations. You will note that the various equipment items listed in the "Preaudit Difference Statements" represent equipment essential for field work and purchased exclusively for this purpose in the service of the Department. In my Explanation to accompany "Preaudit Statement" (No. 15830) I have explained the necessity to purchase tents for field service. We are also enclosing the "Preaudit Difference Statements" Numbers 9967, 37043, 9966, 37042, 37045, 9969, 37044, 9970, received previously.

May we ask you that your salaries should be paid directly to our accounts with the Hongkong Shanghai Bank, Peiping, China. It will be impossible to cash cheques in the Gobi.

To-day we received your cable " On March 9th I cabled TP Gordeev at Harbin quote two boxes of herbarium specimens received stop no seed stop cable information collect

unquote have received no reply from Gordeev please investigate and advise by cable so that we may locate seed" E.N. Bressman. We were amazed to learn that seeds were not found in the two boxes received by you. The inventory list of the first sending, a copy of which had been forwarded to you, includes seeds, and we are making urgent inquiries by cable to investigate the matter and locate the seed collection.

As reported in my letter of the 14th instant, the pharmacological collection and covering data were handed over to the Legation authorities on the 14th inst. and a receipt obtained. They were scheduled to leave on Saturday, the 16th inst. with the Legation pouch. I am sending to-morrow through the Legation a package containing some rare drawings of Tibetan Materia Medica as per list enclosed.

We are leaving Peiping on Wednesday, the 20th instant, and shall proceed to Kalgan, and then into the Gobi.

Thanking you once more for your assistance, and with kindest regards from Prof. de Roerich and myself,

Yours very truly,

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Department of Agriculture

Washington DC.

March 19, 1935

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
Peiping Branch,
Hongkong Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

This is to acknowledge receipt today of your letter of February 18 enclosing expense vouchers for the months of December and January. Also, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your cable of March 19 stating that you are investigating the seeds sent on January 19. As stated in your cables, the herbarium specimens of your first shipment were received but no seeds have been received. I hope that you are successful in tracing this shipment and will give us complete information so that we may help in locating the seeds.

The preliminary report on results of botanical field work carried on last summer in Barga and the Khingan region was received. As indicated in previous correspondence, we hope that you are able to make numerous collections of valuable seeds.

The Bureau of Plant Industry has made the following request:

" Among the plants represented in the herbarium material of the first sending of the expedition to North Manchuria, No. 43.I, 46.I and 47.I represent *Iris ventricosa* Pallas. This is a species which is very rarely brought into cultivation and I wonder if you would be willing to write to Doctor Roerich to ask if they could collect or have collected next year a fairly large supply of seed of this plant. I am frank to say that this does not represent a species that will be of particular use from the point of soil erosion, although, like *Iris ensata* which has already been introduced into this country many, many times, it may prove useful as forming a tussocklike plant which might shelter other and more valuable plants until they are established. It would have a secondary value to us, of course, as an ornamental ".

Because of the apparent value of this species, I am wondering if you will be able to watch for it and comply with this request.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am ,

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser.

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Nicholas Roerich Hongkong Shanghai Bank Peiping

Seed received

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Department of Agriculture

Washington D.C.

March 27, 1935

Prof. Nicholas Roerich,
Peiping Branch,
Hongkong Shanghai Bank,
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

I am enclosing two memoranda for your information. These memoranda are self-explanatory, and I am sending them to you in order that you may avoid similar difficulties in connection with your expedition. I presume that you have been warned against traveling on foreign ships in contravention of the requirements of section 601 of the Merchant Marine Act of May 22, 1928. If not, these memoranda will be of value to you.

Yours very truly,

E.N. Bressman,

Scientific Adviser

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Department of Agriculture.

Washington D.C.

April 9, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
MP. Mission, Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

Receipt of your letter of March 13 enclosing vouchers for the month of February is acknowledged. Also, I note that you are sending explanations about items listed on previous vouchers, and I hope that they will be received in due course of time.

I believe that I informed you that the sendings of seeds and herbarium material of January 19 and February 2 have safely reached the Department. I note with interest the contents of the four packages which you have recently sent through the Legation at Peiping. I will notify you immediately on their receipt.

Your new address is noted, and I will notify the Secretary and others who might wish to get in contact with you. I hope that you will be able to get generous amounts of a large number of various grasses and forages this season.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser.

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Department of Agriculture

Washington D.C.

April 17, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
MP. Mission, Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich;

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 18 enclosing "Preaudit Difference Statements" and various outlines in regard to drug plant material. Also, you will be interested to know that the four packages sent through the Legation, containing maps, books, pictures and drug plants, have been received in good condition. I am planning to look over this material with the Secretary.

You have surely done some careful work in getting this material together, and I hope that you will obtain similar results in getting a large collection of seeds and roots of grasses and legumes for drought conditions on your present trip.

I note that you ask to have your salary paid directly to your accounts with the Hongkong Shanghai Bank, Peiping, China, as it is impossible for you to cash checks in the Gobi. In order to do this, it will be necessary for you to fill in and return the enclosed blank forms. Kindly execute these and return at once, so that there will be no difficulty about the matter. To date, your checks have been going to you in care of the above bank and I doubt very much whether the bank will be able to deposit these until you have the enclosed forms properly filled in and returned.

I am enclosing "Preaudit Difference Statements" covering your vouchers 20792, 20794 and 20795. These refer to your reimbursement vouchers for the months of December and January. If you have additional claims to make on these statements, kindly give the necessary explanations and return.

I thank you for your prompt attention to all of these matters, and with kind regards to Professor Roerich and you, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman,

Scientific Adviser.

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Department of Agriculture
Washington D.C.

April 29, 1935

Mr. George NoRoerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M.P. Mission, Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

I am enclosing herewith copies of two "Preaudit Difference Statements" which cover your vouchers for the month of February. If you desire to claim any of these amounts, it is necessary to produce new reimbursement vouchers, that is, fill in the regular reimbursement vouchers No. 1012 for the amounts which are claimed. These vouchers must be signed, but it is not necessary to have them sworn to. This information also applies to the several "Preaudit Difference Statements" covering the months of December and January and which I sent to you with my letter of April 17.

If any of these amounts are claimed, kindly make the explanations as full as possible. I am retaining the original "Preaudit Difference Statements" for the month of February and sending you copies, inasmuch as the original must accompany the vouchers, and I do not wish to take the chance of having them lost in the mail.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the various charts, which were received in good condition.

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser

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Department of Agriculture

Washington, D.C.

May 11, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M.P. Mission,
Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

I am transmitting herewith vouchers together with the statements covering articles suspended by the General Accounting Office for the period April 18 to November 30, 1934. Separate accounts have been made for each fiscal year involved. There are, therefore, four accounts - two for you and two for Professor Roerich.

Kindly examine these accounts very carefully and give particular attention to the statements which accompany the accounts. If these statements in any way do not cover the circumstances, will you kindly prepare them so that they give the exact circumstance. If the statements are correct, kindly sign each statement and sign each of the vouchers at the place indicated. I am informed that these vouchers need not be sworn to as they are resubmissions and, therefore, have been sworn to when first submitted.

I wish to call your attention specifically to the following items and want you to note particularly that we are requesting the list of the articles purchased by Mr. Kitagawa / May 25/; a receipt from a guard / Aug. 21/; that we are attempting to get a receipt from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company / April 22/; and that copies of telegrams are necessary / November 15-30/.

Nicholas Roerich

April 18 Revolver, ammunition, etc. \$ 29.95

On the statement of resubmission of Mr. de Roerich on this item no mention was made and as the original account specified that this was personal property this item has been conceded.

May 25 Advance to Mr. Kitagawa \$ 60.40
Space has been left for the articles purchased by Mr. Kitagawa and these will have to be listed by Mr. de Roerich

August 21 One month's salary for second gaurd. \$ 13.17
 According dur copy of Mr.de Roerich's
 account the receipt accompanied the
 original voucher although no copy of
 this receipt is filed with our records
 here. If the second guard is with
 Mr.de Roerich and he could submit ano-
 ther receipt, would suggest that this
 be done.

November 26 Per diem 3.65
 The per diem suspension will have to be
 conceded.

George Roerich

April 22 Excess baggage 59.36
 Mr.de Roerich should be advised that
 we have written the Pennsylvania
 Railroad Company for this receipt
 and hope to have it when these
 accounts are retunred for resubmis-
 sion.

October 21 Incorrect total of voucher 51
 This will have to be conceded

November 15-30 Telegrams 1.54
 Mr.de Roerich should furnish a copy
 of this telegram if this item is resub-
 mitted.

November 25-26 Excess in per diem \$3.65
 Charge will have to be conceded.

I hope that you will give these matters your prompt and careful
 attention inasmuch as some of these accounts are nearly a year
 old and should be finally disposed of.

Yours very truly,

E N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser.

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Department of Agriculture
Washington D.C.

May 22, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M.P. Mission,
Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

Receipt of your letter of April 8th is acknowledged. I am happy to know that the memorandum with regard to plants which you may find in the region in which you are now working will be useful and I am particularly pleased to know that you are making preparations to secure large quantities of seed material. I feel that you have an excellent opportunity for getting a large number of typical drought resistant plants which we may try out in the several plant nurseries which have been established in our plains region.

I have traced your salary checks for February. I am informed that the February 27th check represents your salary for the first half of February and not the second half. I am informed that the salary for the second half of February did not go out until some time in March. Undoubtedly you will receive the check for the second half later.

I am hoping that you will return the forms which I sent to you on April 17 promptly so that your checks in the future may be paid directly to your account in the Hongkong-Shanghai Bank at Peiping. Until we get these forms it is impossible for us to make the arrangements which you desire. I assure you, however, that I will give it prompt attention as soon as you get the forms to us.

Yours very truly,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser.

Barun Sunit,

May 22nd, 1935.

Dr. E.N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Introduction,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 9th ultimo forwarded here from Kalgan. We shall certainly try to obtain a large number of various grasses this season. So far the prospects are very good. The Barun Sunit region is a typical steppe and semi-desert area, and is of considerable interest. We are planning a journey to the NE towards the large Pandita Gegen Sumu Monastery where exist extensive sand-dune areas. (See 2nd sheet of map sent to the Department through the Legation at Peiping).

Please find enclosed the inventory list of the 3rd sending of herbarium material from Harbin. I hope that Prof. Gordeev has by now forwarded the remaining portion of the herbarium collected in North Manchuria and Barga.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C.

June 3, 1935

C:WLQ:FJM

The Honorable

The Secretary of Agriculture

Sir:

As requested on May 28, 1935, the appointment of Nicholas C. deRoerich as Agent, \$6000 per annum in the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, New-York City, New-York, effective July 1, 1935, for an additional period of one year, is approved under Schedule A, Subdivision I, paragraph 7, with the understanding that the appointee does not by such appointment acquire a competitive status, or become eligible for any other position or duties, and, if the position is within the scope of the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, that the salary of the position is to be (or has been) fixed according to the procedure under that act, before the appointment is made.

It is requested that the inclosed duplicate be given to the appointee to prevent misapprehensions which otherwise occur.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully

L.A.Moyer,

Chief Examiner.

In duplicate.

Barun Sunit,

June 4th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture.
Washington, DC., USA.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of March 19th, April 17th & 29th with enclosures. Please find enclosed the regular reimbursement voucher No. 1012 stating the amounts which are being resubmitted, as well as the requested explanations. It was my impression that we were authorized to acquire on behalf of the Department Tibetan and Mongolian medicinal texts containing information on the medicinal use of various herbs. The List of vegetable drugs according to the rGyud-bzi forwarded to you, was compiled according to the texts sent to the Department through the Legation in Peiping.

It will be impossible for us to fill out the two forms for the collection of cheques drawn on the Treasurer of the U.S., kindly forwarded by you in your letter of April 17th, as there is no one locally to witness our signatures. Kindly continue to forward salary cheques to our present address as before. My cheque for the first half of February has apparently gone astray, and has not been received here.

I am very sorry for the mistake in computation which occurred in Bureau Voucher No. 20792. All Preaudit Difference Statements are herewith returned.

I shall instruct our coworker in Harbin to obtain a supply of seeds of *Iris ventricosa* Pallas. The following species are found locally, as far as I can state at present: *Iris dichotoma* Pallas. *Iris ensata* Thunb. *Iris Bungei* Maxim., *Iris tenuifolia* L. The seeds from Harbin will be forwarded as previously through the U.S. Consulate, and inventory list will be sent to the Department.

With regards to the request of the Bureau of Biological Survey about musk deer from Central Asia, I must state that the deer is not found in Inner Mongolia. *Moschus sibiricus* is to be had in the Khingan Mountains, Manchuria, as well as in the Chi-li and Shan-hsi provinces of Northern China. In Kansu musk is obtained from *M. sifanensis*, and in Ssu-chuan from *M. chrysogaster*. By far the best musk is obtained from *M. moschatus* found in the Kuku-nor highlands and throughout Tibet. From recent observation it appears that this useful animal is rapidly disappearing. To obtain a live deer

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON D.C.

June 15, 1935.

Professor Nicholas C. Roerich
c/o Rev. Carl O. Soederbom
M.P. Mission
Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

I am enclosing herewith appointments for you and George effective July 1, 1935. Your status remains the same as during the past fiscal year. Also, I am enclosing letters of authority for expenses in connection with the expedition. As you know, all charges beginning July 1 must be made against these new letters.

It is desirable to close all accounts for the fiscal year 1935 as early as possible. Will you kindly attempt to make arrangements to send in all vouchers for 1935 at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) E. N. Bressman.

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON D.C.

June 20, 1935

Mr. George N. Roerich
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M. P. Misson.
Kalgan. N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich :

I am sending herewith copies of letters received
by the Secretary from the United States Civil Service Com-
mission. These are self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) E. N. Bressman.

Scientific Adviser.

Enclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON

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July 9, 1935

Professor Nicholas Roerich
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom.
M.P. Mission
Kalgan. N. China.

Dear Professor Roerich:

I have George Roerich's letter of May 32nd from Barun Sunit and note that you are planning to obtain seed from a large number of various grasses this season and that the prospects are very good. Also, we note that the vouchers for March and April were not forwarded because there was no one locally to witness your signatures. In a circumstance of this kind, we suggest that you sign the vouchers with a notation stating the circumstances and forward the voucher so that we are not too far behind in submitting them for payment.

On July 3rd the following cablegram was sent to you:

"Department asks you at the earliest possible safe moment to transfer your expedition to a safe region rich in drought resistant grasses in Suiyuan - H.A. Wallace "

Also the Secretary has asked me to inform you that plans should be made for drawing the Central Asian expedition to a close not later than January 1. So far as possible by that time, you should submit to the Department all of your expense vouchers for the year 1935, and ship your seeds and specimens.

The Department will pay Professor Roerich and George Roerich's expense to northern India, where it is requested that during the late winter and spring they gather together and ship to the Department the plant seeds specimens, drug plants, etc. which they believe might be of value to the United States. You should arrive in India not later than February 1. It is understood that George Roerich is an expert on the pharmacopeia of this area of India, and it would be desirable if he would send to the Department not only grass seeds of Northern India, but also seeds of drug plants. It might be that George Roerich could get into communication with the proper persons in India sometime during the next month or two in order to save the seeds and specimens which you and he might go over during the late winter and spring and then forward them to the United States with proper records.

If you are unable to complete your final and formal report of the Central Asian expedition previous to leaving Central Asia on January 1, you can delay such formal report until your arrival in northern India. I may say that such a formal report usually covers everything concerning plants and not matters of finance, and should include the following items:

The route covered, including maps and comments on important plant areas, lists of all plants sent to the Department, recommen-

ations as to future plant explorations in this area, and particularly a good photographic record of all things of interest.

You should plan, if possible, to bring the expedition to a final and definite close about May 1.

You and George Roerich have been appointed as a Board of Survey as per the attached appointment, B.P.I.No.746, dated July 6, 1935. Also you will find enclosed suggestions regarding the operation of Boards of Survey and the necessary forms for reporting your actions under this appointment. I am sure that this will be of assistance to you. I suggest that if you have any questions in regard to these matters, that you kindly advise me so that we can obtain for you the best possible information.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) E.N.BRESSMAN .

E.N.Bressman
Scientific Adviser.

Camp Naran-Obo.

July 11th, 1935.

Dr. E.N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your kind letters of May 11th (with enclosures) and May 22nd received here simultaneously. We shall carefully examine the enclosed re-submissions and shall forward them to you under registered cover through Peiping. We also have to thank you for your cable of June 25th, 1935 re the extension of appointments, received through the American Legation in Peiping.

Yesterday we received the following cable dated July 5th transmitted through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Shanghai:-

"Following message from Washington for you quote Department asks you at the earliest safe moment to transfer your expedition safe region rich in drought resistant grasses in Suiyuan signed H.A. WALLACE unquote Shengusda".

We are glad that we have anticipated the Department's wishes and have transferred the Expedition to Sui-yuan on June 26th, where we are now working amidst ideal surroundings with good prospects for the future. In reply to the above cable from the Department we are sending to-day through Peiping the following cable:-

"Expedition transferred as per Department's cable July fifth. Roerich".

On its way to Sui-yuan, the Expedition spent several fruitful days around Shara-muren (see my map of Inner Mongolia forwarded to the Department from Peiping) and the steppe region of Durbit. Shara-muren was found to be especially rich in Ephedra. The Durbit steppes abound in Agropyrum and Stipa. According to local Mongols the best hay here in Suiyuan and around Shara-muren is yielded by Agropyrum steppes which growth both on the steppe and on mountain slopes. Its Mongol name is khyagh.

I thank you for tracing my salary check for February. So far I have received two checks in March, two in April and two in May. I am sorry it will be impossible for us to fill out the required forms to enable the Department to forward the salary amounts direct to our account with the Hongkong Shanghai Bank in Peiping, as there is no possibility to witness our signatures locally.

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Bressman

Department of Agriculture

Washington

Expedition transferred as per Departments cable July fifth

Roerich

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Naran-Obo, Sui-yuan.

July 19th, 1935. (118)

Dr. E.N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

Please find enclosed the vouchers together with statements for the period April 18th to November 30th, 1934. It will impossible for us to give a detailed list of articles purchased by Mr. Kitagawa who is at present in Japan. I recollect that he purchased a suit-case and some wearing apparel which, he stated, were indispensable. The original of the receipt for one month's salary signed by the second guard was attached to the original vouchers. It will be impossible to secure another signed receipt, for according to information received prior to our departure from Manchuria, the man was killed in action near the Mulin coal mines, where he was serving as guard (The Mulin coal mines are situated on the eastern branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway). With regards to the Rly Receipt from the Pennsylvania Railroad Co, I have to state that the only receipt in my possession had to be handed over to claim the property on arrival to Seattle. I hope that a copy can be secured from the Company. It will be impossible to furnish copies of telegrams sent between Nov. 15th-30th for all copies are at present in Peiping where they were left for safety sake.

We have to thank for your letter of June 15th enclosing the two appointments effective July 1st, 1935. It is impossible locally to witness our signatures. Please advise whether a signature witnessed by an official of the local Mongol Autonomous Government will be acceptable. If so, we shall be glad to forward all vouchers for 1935 without delay.

Our scientific work is progressing nicely. The last few days were quite rainy, which is rather unusual for the region. So far we have gathered representative herbariums of the Kalgan area, Chakhar, Barun Sunit, Durbit and are now collecting in western Sui-yuan. Samples of soils were taken in every place visited by the Expedition. During the seeding season we shall do our utmost to secure seeds of plants included in the Expedition's herbarium.

Please convey our cordial greetings to the Secretary, and with kindest regards to yourself, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Department of Agriculture
Washington

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July 20, 1935

Mr. George Roerich
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M.P. Mission, Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

With your letter of June 4th you enclosed a Reimbursement Voucher No. 1012 covering Preaudit Difference Statements No. 22469, 20794, and 20795. This voucher is being put forward today with the request that the sum, \$ 77.10, be credited to the advance of funds.

The Preaudit Difference Statement No. 22470 for \$ 17.56 and for which you enclosed a receipt signed by Mr. N. Grammatchikoff requires a Reimbursement Voucher, Form 1012. I request, therefore, that you have Professor Roerich sign a Reimbursement Voucher No. 1012 for the amount of \$ 17.56 and forward it to me. I will then attach the Preaudit Difference Statement and the receipt signed by Mr. Grammatchikoff. In the case of reimbursement such as this it is not necessary that his signature be witnessed.

I wish to acknowledge also the receipt of the following cable " Expedition transferred as per Department's cable July 5th". This was received on July 17th.

I note that in your letter of June 4th you stated that your work is progressing nicely. I hope that you are able to collect a large number of different seeds of valuable drought resistant plants.

Very truly yours,

E. N. Bressman

Scientific Adviser.

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Department of Agriculture
Washington

July 24th, 1935

Mr. George Roerich,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soederbom,
M.P. Mission
Kalgan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

Enclosed you will find the two copies of Budget and Finance Circular No. 13, both for you and Professor Roerich. We have been requested to forward these to each employee who has received per diem so that income taxes might be submitted properly.

In your letter of June 4th you state that your check for the first half of February has apparently gone astray. I have had an investigation made of this matter and I am informed as follows:

" Our records indicate that check in payment of salary for the first half of February for Mr. George N. de Roerich was issued on February 27, 1935, check No. 908,137. This check was presumably mailed on the date of issuance to Mr. de Roerich, c/o Peiping Branch, Hongkong-Shanghai Bank, Peiping, China, where all salary checks for him and for Mr. Nicholas C. de Roerich are mailed.

" We have been informally advised by the Treasury Department that this check appears on their statement of paid checks for the month of May. We understand this to mean that the check was received by Mr. de Roerich, cashed by him and returned to the Treasury in Washington during the month of May ".

Will you kindly look further into this matter for apparently the situation is different from the last information which you had. If the above are not the facts kindly notify me immediately and we will make a formal request on the Treasury Department to investigate the matter thoroughly.

Very truly yours,

E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser.

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Camp Temur-Khada.

July 27th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 20th ultimo with enclosures. Kindly transmit the enclosed letter to the Secretary.

Everything is well with the Expedition, and I hope you are receiving my letters.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Bressman

Department of Agriculture.

Washington.

Yours July ninth received shall act accordingly

Roerich.

Received instructions future exploration stop
please engage experienced botanical collector
from local university and-see also reengage
former medical plant collector gather repre-
sentative collection seeds specimens grasses
and medicinal plants ~~step~~ work begin at once.

Camp Temur-Khada.

August 10th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Foreign Plant Exploration,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 9th ultimo and note the future programme of our exploration on behalf of the Department. To-day we sent you through Peiping the following cable:

" Yours ninth July received shall act accordingly
Roerich ".

From our previous letters and cables you know already that the Expedition was transferred to Suiyuan on June 26th. Notwithstanding insinulative and adverse newspaper reports in America, the work of the Expedition proceeds unhampered, receiving wholehearted assistance from the local Mongol and Chinese authorities. I am extremely satisfied with the work of Dr. Keng, of the Academia Sinica, Nanking, and of Mr. Yang, of the Biological Institute in Nanking. We are doing our utmost to secure a sufficient collection of seeds from a large number of forage grasses as well as of other useful plants which constitute the habitat of useful forage and drought-resisting grasses and that might be useful for sand-binding purposes. Due to rather hot and dry weather, I believe, the seeding season will be over by the middle of September, and we shall then begin the shipment of seed material and herbarium collections to the Department. We have sent the necessary instructions to India as per your letter of the 9th ult., and the seed collection will begin there at once in order to use the autumn months for collecting seeds and accompanying specimens. I believe we shall be able to transfer our exploration to northern India even before the dates indicated in your letter.

Since, I believe, there are no American boats sailing for Bombay, I am afraid we shall have to use a foreign boat on our journey to India. The Dollar Line boats require a change in Manila and stop in Colombo only. The cost of the railway journey from Colombo to northern India is prohibitive. With the fall of the Italian lira I think we can obtain a ticket for Bombay at a rather advantageous rate. We are making inquiries, and in case we find a direct US boat sailing to Bombay we shall of course use it. Please send us a short cable stating your advice.

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COPY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1935.

Mr. George de Roerich
c/o Rev. Gunzell
Pui-ling miao
Sui-yuan, N. China.

Dear Mr. Roerich:

I have your letter of July 11th and note with interest that you are proceeding satisfactorily in the work of the expedition. In making collections of grass seeds I believe that it would be of real value to get collections of seed from various altitudes. It is well known that grasses vary greatly when grown at different altitudes and that you will more than likely be able to get different strains of the same species if the collections are made at various altitudes. Of course, we do not want to have you go to too great lengths in doing this, but believe that it should be done if possible. It might be desirable to give the altitude at which certain collections were made if the altitude is unusual.

It is extremely desirable that we bring the expense of the expedition up-to-date and I suggest that you make out and forward expense vouchers for each month as soon as the month is ended wherever this is practicable. Right now we are several months behind and, as I formerly indicated, it is not necessary to have your signature witnessed if you will state the conditions under which the voucher is made and make an exact statement that no witnesses are available. Kindly give these fiscal matters your attention.

With kind regards and best wishes for success during this collecting season, I am

Yours very truly

(sgd) E. N. Bressman

E. N. Bressman
Scientific Adviser.

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Department Agriculture

WASHINGTON

Please cable whether received our radiograms nineteenth
twenty fourth sent through Legation stop referring recommenda-
tion transfer Sining impossible due late season and local condi-
tions stop seed collecting successful stop plan proceed October
according yours July ninth Reerich

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Camp Temur-Khada

August 31st, 1935

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

Please find enclosed a Reimbursement Voucher No. IOI2 for the amount of \$ 17.56 signed by Professor de Roerich, as per your letter of the 20th ultimo.

We are sending you to-day through Peiping the following cable:- " Please cable whether received our radiograms nineteenth twenty fourth sent through Legation stop referring recommendation transfer Sining impossible due late season and local conditions stop seed collecting successful stop planning proceed October according yours July ninth".

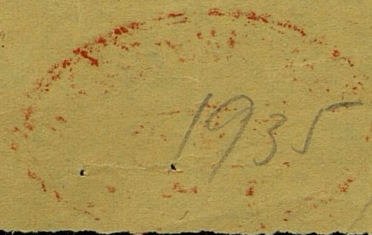
Thus far we have not received any reply to our radiograms of the nineteenth and the twenty fourth instant. As stated in the above cable both radiograms have been sent from the local Mongol Wireless Station and addressed to the Legation in Peiping. We are told that the local station has difficulties in communicating with Peiping, and are therefore sending the present cable by registered letter post to Peiping from where it will be sent DLT to Washington.

Please ^{ns}transmit the enclosed clipping to the Secretary. Due to military activities along the route to Sining (Kuku-nor) it is impossible to proceed with field work in that region.

V.O. 11. Receipt

To Sir from total 28 Wds

Total \$5.60



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Local Post Office



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Fu-yin-tang Ya-men-kee Suiyuan.

Please cable Bressman Department Agriculture Washington
following quote please cable whether received our radiograms
nineteenth twenty fourth sent through Legation unquote Roerich

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Camp Temur Khada,

September 1st, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

We have sent you to-day the following cable through Sui-yuan ting or Kuei-hua:-

" Please cable whether received our radiograms nineteenth twenty fourth sent through Legation ". Thus far we have received no intimation from the Legation that our radiograms had been received by them and forwarded to the Department. The local Mongol Wireless Station informs us that both the radiograms have been transmitted to Peiping.

Please find enclosed two clippings from the Peiping Chronicle which confirm our local information re the political situation in the Kuku-nor province and adjacent regions and the bad condition of routes due to floods.

Everything is well with the Expedition.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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His Excellency Minister Johnson

American Legation

WEIPING

Yours second instant received to-day stop please transmit
following Secretary of Agriculture quote Yours first instant
received hastening to act accordingly unquote Roerich



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Secretary of Agriculture

WASHINGTON

Expedition returned Peiping stop sending monthly vouchers
immediately stop preparing shipment collections seed herba-
rium Roerich

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Department Agriculture

Washington

Please obtain Department authorization use pouch for
shipment collections stop if pouch impossible please
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Peiping.

September 10th, 1935

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

Please find enclosed our monthly Vouchers for the period of March- June, 1935. The Vouchers for July and August will be sent in a day or two.

The Expedition returned to Peiping on the 7th instant. This being Saturday we were unable to send you a radio, which was sent yesterday through the Legation. We are sorting and packing the collections, and I believe that they will be ready for shipment in a few days. The Legation has sent you a radiogram stating the approximate number of cases included in the shipment. We are planning to sail from Shanghai on the 24th Sept. and have secured a cabin on the "President Munroe" of the American Line.

With reference to the vouchers, I hope that you will find them alright. It was essential to acquire a car for the use of the Expedition, and we were rather fortunate to find one second-hand at Mr. Larsen's place. It was almost impossible to find cars for hire locally. On our journey from Pailing miao to Kuei-hua, the Mongol authorities very kindly supplied two trucks. In several cases we found it impossible to obtain receipts for sheep and argal bought by the Expedition.

The Expedition's fire-arms (six army rifles and four pistols) will be handed over to the U.S. Army Authorities in China, and a receipt obtained.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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from Boerich

Following For Secretary of Agriculture, Please telegraph instructions
as to manner in which seed specimens should be shipped to
the United States.

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Bressman

Department of Agriculture

Washington

Sending herbarium specimens ocean freight as directed stop
cable whether seeds should be sent same manner or parcel
post stop monthly expenses accounts forwarded stop leaving
Peiping twenty first instant Roerich

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Department of Agriculture

Washington

Please cable whether seeds should be sent ocean freight

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Bureau of Plant Industry

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Please instructions as to the manner
of disposal of Expedition's fire-arms

Roerich.

15th Infantry requires War Dept authorization
accept fire-arms.

Peiping,

September 14th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman:

I am forwarding you to-day our monthly Vouchers for July and August in two envelopes.

Since our return to Peiping, we have been extremely busy sorting and packing collections. The first lot was ready for shipment to-day, but the Legation officials have stated that they require an authorization from the Department of State. They have shown me a radiogram from the Department of State which stated that the collections could not be sent by pouch. We therefore sent the following radiogram to the Secretary of Agriculture:

" Please telegraph instructions as to manner in which seed specimens should be shipped to the United States ".

We have also sent you the following cable:-

" Please obtain Department authorization use pouch for shipment collections stop if pouch impossible please cable manner shipment ".

The Army Authorities in Tientsin require an authorization from the Department to take over the Expedition's fire-arms (six Springfield rifles and four Colt Automatic pistols) and ammunition. The fire-arms and ammunition are the property of the Department of Agriculture and authority to hand them over to the 15th Infantry in Tientsin is requested. The fire-arms will not be needed in India. Following the Military Attache's suggestions we sent you the following radiogram:

" Please radio instructions as to the manner of disposal of Expedition's fire-arms stop 15th Infantry requires War Department authorization accept fire-arms ".

We are waiting your communication to ship collections.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1935

Professor Nicholas Roerich
Naggar , Kulu, Punjab
British India

Dear Professor Roerich

It is the Department's wish that all of the activities of your expedition be administered in the Bureau of Plant Industry, through Mr. F.D.Richey, Chief of the Bureau. In the future will you kindly address all correspondence directly to Mr.Richey and not to either the Secretary or me. I hope that you have been able to collect the seeds of a large number of valuable plants in Mongolia and that the remainder of your expedition will be of interest.

Yours very truly

(sgd) E.N.Bressman

E.N.BRESEMAN.
Scientific Adviser.

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Peiping,

September 20th, 1935.

Dr. E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

As per instructions received from the Department we have sent by ocean freight our collections of seeds and herbarium addressed care of J.S. Roberts, U.S. Despatch Agent, Room 5, Ferry Post Office, San Francisco. The shipment consists of four large cases (two cases with seeds, and two with herbarium specimens and soil samples). I am enclosing a list of seed material collected in Inner Mongolia. NNo. 123, 124, 125 marked *Oryzopsis* in the list was found to be *Timouria Sapozhnikovi*, discovered in 1915 in the Tien Shan. The grass has not been previously known to exist in Inner Mongolia. The field labels covering the systematic herbarium have been sent to your name by registered parcel post. Each specimen has a tag with number corresponding to the numbers on the labels. Under separate cover I am forwarding a list of plants collected by Dr. Kozlov, of the Tientsin Museum, in Chakhar. I have received information from Harbin that our collector in North Manchuria has secured a considerable supply of *Agropyron pseudo-agropyron* seeds which will be sent direct from Harbin. On reaching India I shall proceed with the preparation of the detailed scientific report on our exploration in Eastern and Inner Mongolia, and have already began work on a map showing the different vegetation areas in Inner Mongolia. This map will be based on entirely new material collected during the present Expedition. A complete photographic record will be send with the Report.

The Expedition's fire-arms consisting of six Springfield rifles and four Automatic pistols have been handed over to the Legation authorities as per your cable instructions. The two field-glasses and canteens have been sent to the Department by parcel post. Tents will be sold, as desired.

We are leaving Peiping to-day for Shanghai.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Naggar,

Nov. 11th, 1935.

Dear Dr. Bressman,

I write in my private capacity on behalf of Professor de Roerich and myself to express to you our sincere thanks for your kind assistance during the period of our fieldwork in China and Mongolia. I hope that my letters of Sept. 10th, 14th, 20th and 25th, as well as our monthly vouchers for the period of March-Aug. 1935, and lists of seeds, specimens, field-labels, and a package containing two field-glasses, canteens, etc, all addressed to your name have safely reached their destination.

We are compiling our final report which will surely interest you, and on completion shall forward it to Mr. F.D. Richey, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, as now desired.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,