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DOFFAER BOUND

MADE IN U.S.A.

Camp Temur-Khada,

September 4th, 1935.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

To-day we are sending on truck No.4 belonging to the Mongol Council the following things belonging to the Expedition:-

One Mongol yurt, complete with felts, wooden frame, two doors, and carpet.

Two tents (two bales, one bag with tent-poles, and two small bags with tent-pegs).

six trunks and suit-cases (NNo. 19,16,15,18,26,39).

12 cases.

two bags with saddles.

one bag with saddle

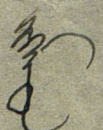
one bale No.55

six wooden tent-pegs.

Kindly take delivery of the above things from the driver Jigmed (truck No.4 (I243) and store them until our arrival to Kuei-hua. We hope to leave to-morrow, the fifth. I trust, Mr. Oberg will be kind enough to attend to the matter in case of your absence.

With all best wishes, and thanking you in advance,

Very sincerely,



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Naggar, Kulu.

Punjab.

October 31st, 1935.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

We have arrived at our base in India,
and I hope to soon hear from you about the sale of our
equipment left in your charge.

I shall be also interested to hear about
the general situation and the possibilities of fieldwork
for the future.

Under separate cover I am sending you two
copies of my article on Dr. Sven Hedin for your father and
yourself. Please remember me to Mr. & Mrs Oberg.

With all best wishes to your family and
yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

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RPtenRupees

Soderbom

Methodist Mission

Kalgan

Reply paid ten
Rupees
Route IRC-Madras.

Please cable results sale entrusted expedition equipment

Roerich

English

Naggar, Jan 6, 1936. P4w x1/o/6 Rs:14/7/-
RP 10/-
Rs:24/7/-



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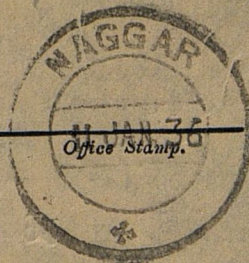
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Charges to pay.

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Remitting 365 Letter follows Dodge insured

DODGE



L C Roerich Naggar India

Remitting 365 letter following Dodge unsold

The Mannlicher Rifle is my personal property and should not be included in your itemized statement. We appreciate your efforts in the matter, and hope that you will understand our insistence for it is impossible for us to send in our final report without completing the sales and receiving your signed itemized statement with covering data.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with all best wishes,

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16th January 1936.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

We have received the following telegram from you dated Kalgan, the 11th instant:-

" Remitting 365 Letter follows Dodge unsold".

We shall be interested to hear your suggestions and shall await your letter. As regards the Dodge car, please sell it at the best reasonable price. If this is much below a thousand, please wire us first. Please let us know about the disposal of the field equipment, the seven horses left at Pai-ling miao, and ~~other~~ things left with Major Constant.

We hope that everything is well with you and your family. Please convey our hearty greetings to Rev. & Mrs Soderbom. Did Serat come back from his trip? Is Rev. Gunzell still in Pai-ling miao ?

With best wishes from Professor de Roerich and myself,

Yours sincerely,

Tools and car equipment as per list handed over
to Mrs Oberg.

Please dispose of this property as best as you can,
for we are anxious to complete the sales by the end
of September, 1936.

The Mannlicher and the small revolver are our personal
property and so should not be included in the bills
covering the sales of the above listed equipment.

You write nothing about Serat, but I hope he got back
alright and has received his saddle left at Pailing
Miao with Rev. Gunzel. Is Rev. Gunzel still continuing
his good work in Pailing Miao and what are your local
news. All is well with us.

With best greetings from Prof. de Roerich and myself,

Yours very sincerely,

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Methodist Mission

KALGAN

Please sell Dodge and equipment at best offer

Roerich

English

Naggar, Feb.13,1936

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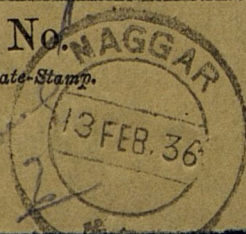
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The charges entered upon this form have been duly paid in respect of the telegram indicated by number.

The sum stated includes extra charges, if any, paid for Reply, Delivery, etc. Should any reference become necessary, the production of this receipt will enable the telegram to be traced by the office of origin within seven days of the date of its despatch—thereafter *Complaints* respecting this telegram and applications for *Refund* involving complaints against the Service should be made to the Postmaster-General, Bengal and Assam Circle, Calcutta, within six months. Applications for refund *which do not involve complaints against the Service* should be made to the Officer-in-charge, Telegraph Check Office,

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13th February, 1936.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

Many thanks for your letter of Dec. 9th 1936 (!)
and for your father's letter of January 11th. We certainly
appreciate your efforts to sell the car and the field
equipment left at Kuei-hua. We had no account with the
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, and hope that
your draft did not go astray. Please redirect the draft of
M\$ 365.00 to the above indicated address.

To-day we have sent you the following cable:-
" Please sell Dodge and equipment at best offer ".
I hope you will succeed in disposing of the car for some-
thing like M\$ 500 - 600 or round it. I also hope that the
sale of the double-fly tent to the missionary lady did
take place. Please transfer the sum secured for the tent
to me at my Indian address. Did you succeed in selling
the various spare parts left with the car at Kuei-hua?

On completion of the sale of the car and field equip-
ment, please send me a type-written and signed statement,
showing the prices secured for each item. As you know I need

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(N/62)
April 20th, 1936

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

I hope you have received our letters of Feb. 13th, 27th and March 5th. We are very anxious to dispose of the equipment left in your charge, and shall be grateful if you would kindly expediate the matter and send us a signed statement showing prices secured for each item of equipment. We left a saddle, complete with bridle and saddle bags, with Rev. Gunzel at Batu Khalkha, as a present for Serat. I hope he got it. Please do not include the Mannlicher in the list of sold equipment, as it is my personal property, whereas the tents, motor car, and other equipment, are the property of the Department of Agriculture.

I hope everything is well with you and your family. Shall be glad to hear from you about present possibilities of scientific work in your area. We have safely concluded our botanical work on behalf of the Department of Agriculture in India, and I have resumed my research work at the Himalayan Research Institute. With all best wishes from Professor de Roerich and myself,

Yours very sincerely,

(148) 11

July 19th, 1936

Mr. George Soderbom,
c/o Rev. Carl G. Soderbom,
Methodist Protestant Mission,
Kalgan, North China.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

After receiving your cable of May 10th, 1936, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture made several inquiries as to the completion of the sale of the expedition equipment left in your charge in Kuei-hua. I understand the Department is anxious to accomplish a final settlement of the expedition's accounts, and for this purpose they require an itemized statement on all sales. We have received through Rev. Carl G. Soderbom your last money transfer value Mex. \$ 680.00, but in the absence of your statement, we are unable to specify the items to which this amount refers. I am enclosing a list of equipment left at your headquarters at Kuei-hua, a copy of which was given to you in Peiping on Sept. 13th, 1935. I am also sending a copy of receipt signed by Mr. Torngny Oberg for two saddles complete with bridles, stirrups, saddle bags, etc left on consignment with him.

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August 8th, 1936.

George Soderbom, Esq.
Soderbom Brothers,
Kweihwa, Suiyuan.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

Many thanks for your letter of June 15th with the enclosed bills covering the sales of some of the expedition equipment left with you in Kuei-hua. I am very glad to receive the letter, as this will enable me to report the sales to the Department of Agriculture. It was very kind of you to take all this trouble and I hope you will understand my insistence to have the sales completed in view of the continuous requests from the Department. I note from your letter that there still the following equipment left unsold:

One waterproof tent.

Six wooden tent pegs.

One kerosine stove.

One portable bath-tub.

One portable toilet.

Three camp chairs.

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Naggar, Kulu. (185)

Sept. 12th, 1936.

George Soderbom, Esq.
c/o Soderbom Brothers,
Kuei-hua ting, Sui-yuan,
North China.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your transfer of
Mex. \$ 150.00 received through the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corpo-
ration.

We hope to soon hear from you regarding the remaining
tent, the tent-pegs and the automobile equipment, a list of which was
left by us with Mrs Oberg, to be handed to you on your arrival to Kuei-
hua.

Did Serat get his saddle which we had left at Pai-ling
miao ? I shall be very glad to hear your news, and whether your regions
are open for scientific exploration.

Please convey our best wishes to your Father. With kind
regards and thanking you once more for your assistance,

Yours very sincerely,

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7th November, 1936

George Soderbom Esq.
Soderbom Brothers,
Kuei-hua, Sui-yuan.
North China.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

I am anxious to hear from you regarding the sale of the remaining items of our expedition equipment. As stated in my letter of August 8th, you can dispose of the equipment as best as you can, as we are anxious to complete the sale. The Mannlicher when sold, should be mentioned on a separate invoice, and not together with the rest of the equipment, as it is private property.

Please let me know whether Serat has received his saddle left for him at Pai-ling miao.

With best wishes and hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours very sincerely,

Kalgan Dec 9th 1935

Dear Prof. Röhrich,

We got your wire - or rather my father got it & passed it on to me in Peking - I am very sorry about the sale of equipment in Suifu that I have not been able to dispose of more than what I have sold.

I sold the ponies - and one Mauser Pistol - one Mongolian Tent & a corseak saddle.

I tried for a time to sell your ponies in Mongolia but was unsuccessful and so was finally forced to bring them down to Kweichow - at Kweichow & Kalgan the prices on ponies has been very low. Larson offered his geldings to us at price of 25:00 a piece we were fortunate to be able to sell all the ponies for 240:00 but according to Chinese Custom one doesn't receive the full price unless one collects the money on a settling day. Then all four in a year - and so we haven't as yet received the money. The only sale I made for cash was the Mauser Pistol your price was 125 - and as I wasn't keen on keeping it any length of time I sold it for

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that price not long ago, so as to get rid of it. — the only sale of equipment was to a man by name of Rosholt — he offered \$40.00 — for a ^{manure}stent & a saddle — as I was afraid I shouldn't be able to sell it to any one else I let him have it. —

Re. the pony sale. you will see that the ponies didn't fetch the price you authorized me to sell at — on the other hand if I didn't sell. They would eat each other up on hay & straw — ^{& grass} Thus 240.00 by the way — is the price we sold them for — we fed them in Suiyuan for about a week. This bill I haven't received yet so it will have to come later.

The old Dodge. I have tried every one in Suiyuan; the highest bid I had so far is Larson. & he offered \$400 — for it. — after you car came to Kowuluwa we gave it a thorough cleaning up giving it a very thin coat of new colour; — shiny & nice as it looked. I couldn't get any one to bid on it — at two Conferences in Baileynias I have tried when all Prince were assembled. but with no luck at all. — That meant that I've had to take it at my expense twice to Baileynias — now I have it in storage — I don't dare to take the pass too many times as the car is an old one

175.00
157.50

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And I am afraid of a break down; please
write & let me know about the Dodge; as
I don't mind storing a thing for you but
a car in storage won't go up in price
as people are now a days wanting new
model cars. I should advise I sell at
any price; tires will deteriorate by
storage; I have the battery in my bedroom
always.

Re: Tent - Miss Bengtson of
Hattin sumu asked me about a tent.
but she didn't want to pay 175.00 for
the double flap. - so I offered it at 150.00.
I figured that after taking off my 10%
the tent would be worth to you 157.50 &
as I wouldn't like to make money on a
missionary of that mission I figured 150.00
I said in speaking the tent and passed
it as worth it. - & so I figure that
the tent is sold; but I have to deliver it
to her - I have not up to now found
a suitable way of sending her the tent.
but hoped that business men would take
me there myself; but so that deal has to
wait. The other tent I may sell to Ekblad
although he expects to get everything for
nothing or next to nothing, as soon as I
can convince him that he will have
to buy a tent of his own for his summer

vacation & that he won't be ask to borrow size
from me he may buy the tent

So I have telegraphed you
through my father something like the following
Sales 365 remitting. better following ^{see confirmation}

I have been during the last period
a great deal in Peking & other places; I
received a week ago at Moukwa a
collection of drought resisting plants
from Etkin gol. - mostly in seed, my
Mongol has been away but is now of
Suiyuan, as soon as I can make out
my report on the collection I shall send
it to the Dpt of Agriculture; there are
several useful plants in the collection.
the Ephedra plant and another plant
of the pea family which is excellent for
making fertilizer. - I am paying the camel
men \$5.00 for the trouble they went into
I hope these plants will be of interest
they were rather badly handled, & some
were badly chosen but what can you
expect of a camel driver; according to
your instructions. I'll send this collection to
the Embassy in Peking.

Your rifle is now in the hands of
a very good friend of mine in Peking
Capt. Baker of the Naval attaché's Dept.
he has promised to try to help in selling it

I am writing on the train so I hope you will excuse my scrawl. I am enroute Suiyuan. I don't want my father to get the letter at Kalgan & I am asking Merin to remit the \$365 for me. If you will let me know about the Dodge what I shall try to sell it at.

There is a very nice Buick in Suiyuan. Convertible Sedan with glass windows & very nice looking - also run less than 20,000 miles which has been for sale for the last month or two for \$1000⁰⁰ the highest bidder for this car was a Mongol & he offered \$800 - now this car is not to be compared with the Dodge as it is in perfect running order - so figure for yourself.

Political Conditions - Mongolia to the West is at present peaceful - Eastern part is not so good - Hopei & Chahar have become an autonomous state - The Manchurians & Mongols have been trying hard to penetrate Western Suiyuan. Kansu, Chinghai & Tsaidam seem to be peaceful at present. The Communist trouble seems to have quieted down considerably.

it is very hard to decide or predict
the future. I don't think it is very
good. - Teh Wang is pressed hard by
the Japanese to declare his independence
there are Japanese in nearly every city now.
Peking is still under Hankin, but it
may fall any time.

Should you plan on any expeditions
be sure I'll be glad to help every way
I can - and if you have plans that
is definite plans let me know. I'll
then keep you more advised. I am
sure though that the American Embassy
is going to be pretty hard to get to do much
nowadays.

In your personal interest. Prof
Dr. Rock has been in Peking, I nursed
him by a couple of days, some body
said he was out on account of the
Dept of Agriculture also.

As soon as I can deliver the
sent to Miss Beckett. I'll ask her to
write direct to their bank to send you
the money independent of my self.
Sincerely

Wm. George Oduber

By the way my brother Gus was released &
came back to civilization a couple of months
ago. - greetings to every one.

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Most probably I'll sell well
over the good / Comack saddle at
30:00. And the tiny revolver at \$15-
when I return I shall ask him to
decide definitely.

Am telegraphing you different
from what I wrote as I believe there
to be 13 words. on reply.

Re: rich Haggan India.
Re: writing Mex. 1365 sales, miscellaneous
letters following Dodge not sold.

My camel man had also to pay
out something for cloth for packing
- The plants in that will be very little.

Sir Eric Teichman's journey was a
success. Today's telegram he arrived
at Gulgit - planes were sent to meet
him. Any thing is still impossible
for ordinary travellers.

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N 97
Naggar, Kulu.

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Punjab.

18th February, 1939

Mr. George Soderbom,
c/o Methodist Protestant Mission,
Kalgan, North China.

Dear Mr. Soderbom,

Almost three years have passed since receiving your last letter. I am writing to remind you of the matter and to request to send me immediately a complete statement on the disposal of the remaining items of our expedition equipment left in your charge. I hear from Peking that the Mannlicher belonging to me had been sold by you for Mex.\$ 150.00, and I expect to receive soon a draft covering this sale, less your commission.

Sincerely yours,

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Naggar, Kulu.

Punjab,

18th February, 1939

The Secretary,
Methodist Protestant Mission,
Kalgan, North China.

Dear Sir:

I shall be thankful if you would kindly transmit the enclosed letter to Mr. George Soderbom. I have been trying to communicate with him direct, but all my letters so far remained unanswered.

Yours truly,

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1 - Pc. 32x6 Tire T.T.	\$238:00		
	less 65%.		83 30.
1 - " 32x6 Tube	\$25:00.		
	less 65%.		8 75.
1 - B.B. 1015 C. wheel + Rim assembly	31:20.		
1 B.B. 1099 C. " Rim & Flange:	4:80.		
	<u>36:00.</u>		
	less 5%.		34 20.
Freight Charges. Peiping to Kwantung			4 75
Misc. Charges Kwantung deliveries			50.
Handling charges 10%.			+3 15
TOTAL:-		\$	144:65

Less:- ————— 13:15

\$ 131.50

Kweihwaung

90 m. Oberg.

Payment Preferably crossed check. on Deutsch-Asiatische Bank
Peking.

to:- K. GEORG SODERBOM

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Received from the Roerich Expedition the following equipment to be sold on commission basis:-

One Dodge car. *U\$1000/- (minimum)*.

Tools and car equipment as per list handed over to Mrs Oberg *U\$150.*

Two water-proof canvas tents, complete with iron pegs & poles. *\$175*
\$100

six wooden tent-pegs. *U\$3*

one kerosine stove. *U\$20.*

one portable bath-tub. *U\$20.*

one portable toilet. *U\$15.*

three camp chairs. *U\$3.*

one Chinese tent, complete with poles and pegs. *U\$30 or 25.*

Also seven riding ponies at Pai-ling miao, belonging to the Expedition, and now left in charge of a Mongol recommended by Rev. Gunzel.

K. G. G. G. G.

Peiping,
Sept. 13th, 1935.

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Mr. George Lodartoni
Fu Ying Tang
Kwchwa

Telegraph address

Soderbon. care. Fu-Yin Tang-
 Ya-men-kes- Seeipuan.

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