The Japanese Legation

presents its compliments to

Dr. Nicholas Roerich and encloses herewith a letter,

which the Legation has received

from the Gaimusho for transmission to Dr. Roerich.

Peping, March 8th, 1935.

Minami's note indicates that he has instructed the Manchoukuo news agency in Hsinking to carry the article explaining the true nature of your meritable work for the advancement of world culture and civilization and your kind cooperation with Japan in the field of culture. This article was printed in almost all newspapers in Manchoukuo including the Harbin papers.

Having all this information in hand, I am happy to be able to assure you that the incident of this sort will not happen again, and I sincerely hope that you may no more be annoyed by such matters.

Hoping your future trip will be a pleasant and beneficial one,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dr. Nicholas Roerich, c/o Japanese Legation, Peiping, China. February 14, 1935.

Dear Dr. Roerich:

After a delay which was unavoidably caused chiefly by making enquiries, I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 14 last, concerning the unpleasant news appeared in some newspapers published in Harbin.

When I was trying to take up the matter with appropriate authorities in Manchoukuo, we received the reports about it from Mr. Morishima, our Consul General at Harbin, and General Minami, our Ambassador at Hsinking, who had evidently made inquiries upon receipt of your letters.

They inform us that the incidents occurred because of the sheer ignorance and misunderstanding on the part of those people you mentioned in the letter and of the conflicting groups of the white Russians in Harbin, of your noble mission and work.

Mr. Morishima further informs that he has taken adequate measures to eradicate the ignorance and misunderstanding of those ill-informed people, while Ambassador