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The Honorable Henry A. Wallace,
Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr/ Secretary.

I lost no time in referring to my Government the matter concerning Professor Roerich, about which you spoke to me on the second of February, and, in reply, have just received the following information:

Articles unfavorable to Professor Roerich appeared in the Harbin Nichi Nichi and in certain Russian Language newspapers of Harbin last November. Inasmuch as it was ascertained that these articles were based on misunderstandings concerning Professor Roerich's activities or were incidental results of personal feuds among White Russians, our Consul General at Harbin at that time took measures to remove such misunderstandings by explaining to the press and other persons concerned the real intention of the Professor. At the same time our Embassy at Ksingkian arranged that newspapers in Manchoukuo would publish articles about Professor Roerich in order to disseminate his friendliness toward Japan, his efforts to introduce Japanese art to the United States and elsewhere and the fact that the Emperor of Manchoukuo had received him in audience. Such articles appeared in newspapers all over Manchoukuo.

The Japanese authorities concerned have thus been taking the necessary steps to counteract the unfortunate reports about Professor Roerich, but in view of Mr. Wallace's representations they are renewing their efforts in the matter.

With high esteem and best regards,

Very sincerely yours,
(signed) Hiroshi Saito