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October 20, 1929.

Miss Frances Grant,

Roerich Museum, N.Y.

Dear Miss Grant,

You may be interested in knowing that in Prague I met a Princess Yashvield and her daughter, wealthy people under the old regime in Russia but now poverty stricken and living in a basement apartment in Prague. They paint for a living and do quite creditable work which they sell very cheaply. They knew of Nicholas Roerich and admired his work. The most interesting thing to me was that the Princess felt that all of her hardship had been worth while in helping her to appreciate human values. Hard up as she is she finds it possible to share her slender resources with other Russian refugees.

I have found it very interesting to read the book, Agni Yogi. It is decidedly disconnected but perhaps that is one of its charms. At Roerich's suggestion I have taken Valerian for the past two months and after reading the book am tempted to try senna, mint, musk, etc. Of course my scientific inclinations are to try these various drug plants out on the lower animals. However, the object of using these plants is such as to make experimenting with lower animals useless. But there should be some method of experimenting, some criterion aside from the purely subjective. One thing which attracts me to Roerich's work is that he realizes the possibilities of bringing these subjective realities into outward manifestation. I am hoping to experiment with

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growing some of these drug plants and will appreciate any suggestions as to a profitable plan of attack on the problem.

I trust that the opening of your fine new building was as pleasurable as you anticipated. While you have been opening your building we also have been moving into a new building.

When Roerth publishes any more books of the nature of Agni Yogi please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Wallace



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October 12, 1931

Miss Frances R. Grant
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Madam:

I am expecting to be in New York City on November 2 and hope to have the opportunity of calling at the museum and talking either with you or with someone else who is familiar with the development of the biochemical activities at Urusvati.

Sincerely yours,

HAW/MAH

H. A. Wallace



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Dear Miss Grant,

Re - Hides, I understand
that no contracts for storing have
yet been made. The Surplus
Relief Corporation is now trying
to decide what kind of storage,
whether cold, or in brine, the govern-
ment should undertake. When that
is decided, bids will be entertained.
I would suggest that your friend
write to the Surplus Relief Corporation,
attention, Commander Clark, Procurement
Director, ^{Washington}, inquiring what the Government
intends to do with the hides, what
kind of storage they have in mind,

when they intend to send out
requests for bids, etc. perhaps
also indicating what facilities
he has available and where. -

Sorry we shall not be
seeing you this next week as we
had hoped.

Sincerely,
James Bean.



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Feb. 22, 1932

Miss Frances Grant
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New York City, New York

Dear Miss Grant:

You will remember that in a former letter to you, I did not show any great appreciation of Nicholas Roerich's book, "The Realm of Light". In view of that fact, it may interest you to know that I am greatly impressed and delighted with the statement by Nicholas Roerich on page 3 of the February 1932 issue of the Roerich Museum Bulletin entitled, "Souls of the Peoples". This statement seems to me to be the essence of the book, "The Realm of Light".

I am afraid the thing I did not altogether like about "The Realm of Light" was the effort, which at the time I first read the book seemed to me just the least bit strained, to find something nice about every race of people. Of course, we want that and I see now that the shortcoming was quite obviously in me and not in the book. At any rate, the book prepared me to appreciate the article, "Souls of the Peoples".

The great suffering now-a-days is undoubtedly harrowing the ground for the planting of seed. But it does not yet fully appear as to just what kind of seeds will be planted. When they are planted, the tender plants may grow a little slowly at first but the soil is so rich and so well prepared and so abundantly watered by the tears of suffering that I would expect a very abundant growth unless the weeds choke out the young plants during the next ten or fifteen years.

Difficulties are very great in this part of the country because of the fact that things which farmers sell only bring two-thirds as much as they did before the war whereas the things which farmers purchase cost 25 per cent more than they did before the war. Their debts and taxes are three or four times as great as



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May 16, 1932

Miss Frances Grant
Roerich Museum
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New York City, New York

Dear Miss Grant:

I am writing a belated letter as an expression of sympathy for the financial troubles of the corporation which has in charge the building in which the Roerich Museum is housed. It happens that in early April our own particular organization fell into exactly the same kind of trouble. It seems that I am to continue to have a free hand as editor as long as I desire to remain connected with the publication. In like manner, I understand that the Roerich Museum is to have the privilege of continuing much as it has in the past.

Enclosed I am sending you a short article from our issue of May 14 which may possibly interest you.

Hoping that the troubles of the Roerich organization are not so severe as to be unduly destructive, I am

Sincerely yours

HAW/MAH

H. A. Wallace

Feb. 28, 1933.

Dear Miss Grant,

A brief note before I am whirled away in the maelstrom. The Dorje! Splendid. I will have it on my desk as a constant reminder of your message which is such a lovely phrasing of the thought of the Master "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The day the Dorje arrived a Priest gave me a beautiful Crucifix and with it his blessing. And Charles Roos of Taylors Falls had already given me the old Sioux Medicine bag. And I set the three up side by side and thought of the common life running through them like the central staff running through the Dorje.

The new life is being poured into the old bottles and the cracking is alarming all the peoples. But the life must be made manifest. real

Some day when I am not rushed I hope to write a ~~new~~ letter. In the meantime I accept the Dorje as long as I am in the Government service.

It was a great pleasure to meet Mr. Maurice Lichtmann. I am not a musician but I can recognize in him a sensitive soul.

Yours in the common cause,

HAW

On my return spent three hours with R going over correspondence which I had never seen and most of which he had never seen because he had been out of town.

The serious trouble found its origin when the bot was persuaded by the OH man in the land of the rulers not to carry out orders in the letter of May 23 and call on the two men designated. The OH man is bitterly prejudiced against En according to remarks transmitted. Apparently bot has been in subsequent communication with the OH man, relaying to him observations. To some extent he has been acting as a spy on En in a very infantile sort of way and has been trying to build up a record. His misunderstandings and misinterpretations under other circumstances would be amusing. He seems to be ^o thoroughly frightened.

R sent letter in early August indicating interest of W and G in En.

Bot has general reputation of being extraordinarily tight lipped. Nevertheless his OH connection gives cause for pause. Wise action from here does not yet appear. The R letter of early August will help superficially but the fundamental breach is too wide to be healed. Of course the G letter of early August will also help. Am inclined to favor return of Bot.

Necessary for En and Bot to maintain outward forms when together but ~~undoubtedly~~ it is unwise for them to be together except for official purposes. Probably Ge could work with Bot on minutiae of reporting better than En. This reporting should be mastered by Ge before Bot leaves which will probably be in October.



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October 6, 1933

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Frances:

Enclosed please find check for \$100.

We received an official letter this morning that the
Secretary of the Yugoslavian Legation will attend the Convention.

Sina told me today that your friend will see the *Chief*
on Monday. This was indeed good to hear.

I am also enclosing copy of a letter that I have
received.

Wishing you all possible success, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Louis

July 2, 1933.

Dear Madam and Professor R.,

In this time of great testing comes F.R.G. with the message that F.D.R. is to be given his opportunity even as Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were given theirs. Furthermore the word is that F.D.R. is better prepared to receive the message than were some of the men of the past who had opportunities of this sort. I shall do what is possible without violating any sense of proportion or due balance.

The Banner of Peace

The Messenger

(bearing advises from the Great Ones)

I am requesting advice from Them as to how to proceed most judiciously, rapidly and effectively in ~~creating~~ the strengthening ^{the} implicit desire in the heart of F.D.R.

I shall speak of the trade possibilities with Central Asia. (Perhaps you can tell me what goods the U.S. would receive from Central Asia so I can visualize this thing in a practical way.)

I shall speak of the need for the Banner of Peace to strengthen the heart of the world at the moment the Economic conference has proved so disappointing.

I shall speak of the qualifications of the Messenger who comes from a distant land as is usually the case. And I shall speak of the signs of the times and of the need of the great Banner being recognized by the best in the different nations.

We are hoping to see you in America this coming winter and I trust that it may be possible at that time to talk over some of these great visions a little more definitely.

Respectfully yours,

W



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

East Hampton, L. I.,
August 4, 1933.

Miss Frances Grant,
310 Riverside Drive,
Roerich Museum,
New York City.

My dear Miss Grant:

I have a letter today from Hon. H. A. Wallace
in which he mentions your visit with him in Washington a few days
ago.

I am down here at East Hampton recuperating
from my recent illness, but if you will send the material you
have to me here so that I can read it over, I will be glad to do
this and then will get in touch with you when I come to New York.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. Woodin

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1933

Dear Miss Grant:

I called Mr. Jesse Jones' office of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation this morning at the direction of Secretary Wallace to make an appointment for you and Mr. Horsch. I found that Mr. Jones is in Chicago and will not return until Friday or Saturday. As soon as he returns, I will call for an appointment for you and will write you immediately as to the time.

Sincerely yours

Mary Huss
Personal Secretary to
Secretary Wallace

Miss Frances Grant
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New York City, New York



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 8, 1934

Miss Frances Grant
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Grant:

Enclosed I am sending you a letter I have just
written the Counselor at Paris. You will doubtless wish
to take care of this matter now.

Sincerely yours

H. Wallace
Secretary

Tokyo, Japan (June 9-)

(I had expected to find Roeder here
that was the plan as outlined

- ① Copy of Cable (May 28)
- ② Copy (June 5 letter to Ryer.)

Enclosing 2 copies Japan Advertiser -
well worth reading + no comment
could add to them -
Take pains to see they are preserved
for future reference.

- ③ June 9. (Mr Nakai)
met by Benninghoff - Consul managed
customs easy. Equipment put
under bond without delay. Inspection
in charge of Yokohama Express -
personal baggage, (only argument,
excess sleepers) - B. handed
him letter from of Roeder which
I did not have time to read care-
fully at that time. We left Yokohama
shortly in the Hotel bus + came
up to Tokyo arriving middle
of morning. In P.M. went to
Consulate where met Garret,
Consul-General + Mr Sturgeon,
the Consul. Most of my business

dealings have been with Mr. Garrels & he has carried on most of the details of the subsequent series of events. I explained to them at once the entire purpose of our mission, the places we hoped to visit & the several items of business which it was desired to conclude in Tokyo. Immediately the matter of the Roerich's came up, in which he was very much interested.

I had expected, of course, to find the Roerichs here. That was the plan as outlined before we left Washington or at least that was my understanding of it. They had expected us on the previous boat. I do not know exactly when they had arrived in Tokyo but their stay here was a brilliant progression from triumph to triumph & they left on May 24. In the note to me they said they were going to Hedin & for me to write them immediately the

late I would arrive there, that they could arrange hotel accommodations.

Mr. Garret had never seen them nor had they ever called at the Amer. Consulate. They had made such a name for themselves, however, that he remembered them from reports in the press. That they were now employed by our govt. was unknown to him or to anyone in the Embassy or Consulate. I took opportunity to look up the press reports, confining myself to the Japanese Advertiser the morning English newspaper. There were 3 general items, one some remarks made at a rotary meeting, another a special interview

Oct. 10.

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Dear Mother of the Druids,

It is the birthday of the En. and this morning early an hour before I arose I thought of him and G and tried to visualize them in their far off setting.

Your letter profoundly moved my spirit. Sources of difficulty are now clear which before were only darkly perceived.

Your letter is as an electric shock, stimulating my resolution to act with precision and speed.

The Command is "Honour and Vindicate the Name."

I have read and re-read your letter many times. At first it stunned me with the sense of responsibility for terrible disaster but gradually I began to perceive the necessity of assembling the maximum of effective force for the future.

I now wish to tell you concerning steps which have been taken toward vindicating the Name:-

Ry returned from his long trip on Sept. 10 and on that day I read for the first time terrible letters from the evil subordinate. Both ^{men} have been recalled and regrets for the insubordination have been expressed by cable. Also letters have been sent to the proper people to endeavor to repair the affront to the Highest. In all of this F has been of inestimable value because of longer experience, a more direct knowledge of objectives and a more vigorous executive spirit.

The two evil ones are now on the sea.

The indication to demote and transfer is being carried out. Control is now completely out of his hands. But doubtless there will be further trouble, much of it perhaps from U.H. sources which doubtless lead this man astray and inspired the evil one.

Gave W a book with the BP symbol on it and spoke of its source as I had several times before. He first facetiously said he was glad the three spheres were close together, that it then did not then look so much like the three ball symbol of the pawn shop-a comment which he had also made before. I then spoke of a book called Gabriel over the White House said to have been written by Lloyd George's Secretary. He said he had not read the book but had seen the play which had been filmed by Hearst money. I said there were two men in the World who had impressed me as having Gabriel over them and that one of them was ***** I asked if he would like a statement from him. He said Yes, that he would like very much to sit down and visit with him for an evening in a quiet way. He had expressed this desire at least once before. Unfortunately with respect to rulers and tigers he is badly mixed up as are nearly all the people. He is like a joyous boy.

A year ago like a child I was learning to walk and talk. Not till the arrival of En did I understand certain things and not until

your letter did other certainties appear. A month ago a few days after the terrible letters had provoked profound melancholy, I went to sleep and woke up with the intense desire to read Foundations of B. The passage beginning with page 131 especially impressed me. A few days later this intuition was confirmed by a letter from you.

Looking back I find that my faith has been greater than it should be and my action less. My whole instinctive approach has been different to many problems. But slowly, humbly, resolutely I am learning to talk the language.

May the Glory of that Name shine forth which first appeared 60 years ago. May the L. be so exalted that there may be purchased for humanity abiding love of Beauty and may that irritation disappear which flows from that inequity which Amosk so vigorously denounced.

I was overjoyed with the picture by G.F. Watts which has been a favorite of mine for nearly 30 years because an Aunt of mine who reminds me greatly of you gave a reproduction to me with the verse "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure. Truly this Aunt and her daughter who is now dead must have been close to you at some time.

May I appreciate your life-giving courage in the
midst of the Siege Perilous

G.

Oct 13 - 34

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As you requested I am trying to set down here a statement covering my attitude on the Roerich expedition. I try to make it brief and coherent, - mentally I am mum.

The expedition goes back in its plans several years. We have long hoped to carry out studies in Asia for years and ways almost useful for food and erosion control purposes. Each year for several years we have asked for funds. It has been discussed with Ray Chapman Andrews, Rock, Loudenmull, (who conducted 5 expeditions in China on erosion work) and others. Correspondence was carried on with Larsen of Mongolia and other contacts we have had for a long time in the Orient. This last fall we again asked for funds and Director Douglas eliminated it from his budget.

A short time before I became Chief of the Bureau you asked me to accompany you to Birmingham and on the train you asked about the status of the item on the budget. I reported that it had been thrown out by the Budget Director. You made a note of it saying you would see the President as well as Douglas, that it was an important project. You secured the President's support and a supplemental item was sent in, on Jan 24. A special hearing was held at the Bureau of the Budget. It was included in the regular Bureau budget and as such passed Congress. A special hearing was held by the House Committee.

Not only was much time taken in January, my first month as Bureau Chief, but also in February and March. You asked that I handle the details myself and to discuss them with us. In February a cable was sent to Dawson, B.O.C. attaché at Shanghai asking him to contact Farrer at Kalgan and see if he were available in case his services might be needed - His reply was favorable.

On March 3 I suggested tentative personnel for the expedition, the Roerich had never been mentioned up to this time, I did not know the name. You asked that I continue to make no commitments. Later in the month I met Prof. Roerich with you at the Mayflower Hotel. It was the first and only time I have ever seen or talked with him. The next day you loaned me a book by his son. I had seen reviews of it but had not read it.

By this time I was under active criticism in the Bureau, in the Department, by your staff, by Richey and by my wife in speaking so much time in plans for an expedition, the details of which were not known, and about which I talked only with you. You had asked me

to discuss it with us as except in general terms when I had to get data. I kept my orders. I was accused of "missing a job badly" to his neglect of my duty to the Bureau as a whole, that exploration was above all the one line of work I knew most about and could delegate to others, it belonged in F.P.D., that there were many other Divisions of the Bureau with pressing problems that needed active attention. ~~It~~ I was bluntly intimated I should be Chief of the whole Bureau and not of my job work. I was finally called on the carpet, and rightly so, by Appleby for taking so much of your time. I told him I was following your instructions only, that I could not turn the matter in hand over to any one else until you said so. Frankly I had hoped it could have been handled by Henrich long before because I did want to get acquainted with the Bureau, Congressional hearings were on and many new problems were turning up daily, but your wishes were orders, naturally. I could not answer his criticisms, I said they hurt.

Mac came on early in February returning to Los Angeles March 15. I couldn't tell him for certain whether he would go or who else might go. He could make no personal plans or arrangements. He returned again on April 5 after decisions had been made as to the personnel, including the Roerichs. Their appointment was approved April 7. Rock was in town at the time. I asked him if he had ever met the Roerichs in his travels as they were in the same general territory. He said "no," but that a British officer had told him what they considered what the Roerichs objectives were. In repeating this to you, you asked that I not discuss the Roerichs with Rock further or with others at the time, and to make no formal announcement about them.

I had hoped from this point on to turn the expedition over to F.P.D. to handle, in fact in writing to Geo. Roerich on Mar. 31. I told him the appointments were going through and that I was taking the matters up with Henrich and Chaloney of F.P.D. as that unit would handle the routine matters of the expedition from then on.

We had hoped and planned that Geo. Roerich would spend several days in Washington getting acquainted with the men, and with govt. methods and regulations, he came down one day, and returned the next. I sent MacMillan and Chaloney to N.Y. to look over equipment and other matters. Mac didn't meet Prof. Roerich. Chaloney made a special

trips to N. Y. again to explain expense accounts, leave a sample in
 ready order as a guide, - such as given all persons going abroad. He also
 left blanks for six months accounts.

~~One of the disturbing~~

Toward the end of April two disturbing matters occurred which
 contributed to the difficulty in getting the expedition equipped and away -
 the wife of Selov, (one of the Tukulan party) died suddenly, leaving him with
 3 small children to arrange for before he left, - and (2nd) Heshmer's
 wife was at death's door for several days following a severe mastoid
 operation. While secondary matters as far as the Bureau officially was concerned
 they vitally affected the men and accordingly the expedition.

In connection with territory to be visited I discussed with you the
 desirability of remaining in what had been Manchurian waters, and
 as long as we were to work with the Japanese, to keep out of the disputed
 provinces including Jehol. You agreed and I talked with the State
 Dept. officials and they also at that time strongly urged that we
 follow that policy. I then went to N. Y. on April 21 to see Gen. Roebuck
 to discuss it with him further. He wrote you on that date telling of
 my visit and said he agreed fully in the keeping out of this disputed
 territory.

While Manchukuo territory was promising, I had and have
 now questions as to how we can explain to our Chinese contacts why
 we suddenly went up into that territory with the Japanese, when for
 several years we have been in contact with the Chinese situation
 and made tentative claims to work with them. We could justify it
 now on the basis of needing to get as far north as possible, but if we
 went south into the disputed provinces - it would not be so easy,
 but the decision having been made, that was settled.

As to instructions - no full written instructions are given on
 expeditions except as to fiscal and related matters. Each expedition is
 different, none can be run from Washington, the leader must decide on the
 problems in the field as they arise. There was no single leader on these
 expeditions, we went going out with divided authority. You held the
 would be responsible for the technical scientific work and Prof. Roebuck for
 the protection of the party and negotiations involving that important

fact. In my discussions with Mac, at which Reiley was present several times, and Morrison also in some, it was stressed that it would be difficult, because of his country, the volatile situation, and because the members didn't know each other, and that trying situations arose in all expeditions, when good humor and tolerance were required. That ~~was~~ no expedition I had been concerned with had had the personal interest and support of the Secretary, that from every angle close cooperation was needed to protect the government, the Dept, and the Secretary. His last words were that he would "cooperate if he had to become a Buddhist priest." He didn't want to go to China, he wanted to return to S. America on potato work. He went because he was sent, because he had had exploring experience, and because he was a mature man, and not a youngster. We are short on mature experienced explorers. As to Mac's instructions, the written information is on record except the one letter copy of which is missing, but which he will return. As to any verbal instructions, Mac will soon be back he can answer, he wouldn't lie or cover up, he would have no occasion to except to protect himself, ~~if~~ he doesn't relay that kind of a game - I think it only fair to wait. After all it is vital to us that all facts be on hand.

The Roerichs left before all equipment was ready, ~~then~~ as Mac and Stephens had to remain until it was in hand. This was unfortunate for they should have all gone together. The Roerichs were to wait in Tokyo until Mac and Stephens arrived, then they failed to do, also they failed to call at the American Embassy or consulate and report the presence and business, even though they wished or needed us aid of any kind. The ordinary required as well as courteous practice. From this point on the story is one of conflicting points of view and personalities. I left Washington the last week in June before letters from either group had had time to come back. Copies were sent me in the field, most of which followed me around and back to Washington. On my return I learned the full import of what had been happening. After discussion with you I wrote

More about the necessity of closest cooperation and of your urgency in the matter. The succeeding events are of recent occurrence.

The first and only letter I have received from Geo. Roebuck caught up with me at Spokane, it had been forwarded from my apartment here. It was here we I ~~was~~ called upon about after consultation with Dr. Tugwell. I was very concerned about it for he stated he was planning to go to Idaho, and this in spite of ~~written~~ instructions ~~given~~ given in person and acknowledged to you in writing April 21. Also in June before I went west you and I discussed the matter of territory again after which I talked with Mr. Hamilton of the State Dept. and I again emphasized in a letter to you this time - that the work should remain in what was old Manchurian proper and keep out of the disputed provinces. I felt very strongly that Roebuck was ~~not~~ not playing fair with you or with me and was going ahead with what he wanted to do in spite of written acquiescence to the contrary.

This now or less chronological account is too long, I'll cut it down in final draft for it hard to think clearly, I'm a bit weary.

Up to now I have never had a complete picture of this whole matter, from the start. I have never known the entire back ground, while I had believed it wise to handle the expedition as planned before the Roebucks entered, - your decision settled that and it was just. The entire matter should have been handled by Hensson and his organization without care on your part or mine. We never turned it over to them, it is an offshoot organization. It has been embarrassing to them and to Richey as it is, and has let me in for misunderstanding and criticism which has been hard to take. ~~I believe we could have avoided it.~~ The putting of this expedition under one head with complete authority, unquestioned, ~~and~~ and of handling by the regular organization could have avoided much. In the absence of this I have done my best while acting largely in the dark.

As to the ultimate success of his expedition, - that was our job from the most selfish point of view on up. It was our job duty to you, the government as a whole, and to ourselves. It was a project I had long advocated, I made a special plea before a congressional committee it was my own field, and its biggest opportunity. It was a special interest of yours - personal as well as professional. It involved an area in which international matters were delicate. Our ability as explorers was at stake, - we had to succeed.

From the time of his appointment of the Roewichs - the barrage set in; from within as well as without the Department. Evenson friends of mine openly questioned my sanity. Others said I was directly jeopardizing you as well as the President. The Roewichs were accused as swindlers, mountebanks, and impostors or half-brained visionaries. When accounts came out in Times and other papers I was laughed at and the expedition ragged. Well Beech only gave any encouragement and even he questioned the organization back of the Roewichs - said they were being played for suckers by wealthy Jews.

I was worried more than I ever admitted by those accounts in the Joyance + Blanchman papers and in Moes letters which were here when I came back. The aroused doubt in my own mind as to the sincerity of the Roewichs. No statements or hand bill attributed to them ~~indeed~~ and the press accounts indicated a lack of understanding of their jobs ~~at~~ as of their responsibility to you or the Department of Agriculture.

I have had only Moes letters, none from them to you or from you to them. Morrison and I have had one letter each from Geo. Roewich, neither has had a letter from Prof. Roewich, ~~as leader~~. Now was little that could be done at this distance, when you decided to recall Moes and Stephen it seemed only fair to recall both parties if the matter was to be straightened out in the best manner all round.

At the time the expedition was planned I didn't really know you. I was dealing with a new boss and handling a situation concerning which was largely a personal one with him, the back ground of which I still do not know. Had I known then, the best way to have handled the situation may have been to have not sent Mac and I optimum, but to have had the Roerichs depend entirely upon local contacts in Japan and Manchoukuo. I knew nothing of the Roerichs at the time took them at face value, and stood up to a barrage of criticism such as I have never experienced in my life, - and I had to keep my mouth shut - except as the ragging has gotten when they laid within Sept. groups now and then and his blarney as Dr. Ingwell and others can testify when I received the letter at Spokane and expressed myself properly as to their going ahead contrary to your wishes and mine, and nothing ~~and~~ possible regrettable international incidents. My feelings were strong, my language nothing to be proud of but it was "in the family".

I have had to pass off plenty of fun at my expense, part of it not so funny - but that's what my job is. No one has ever questioned my going down the line to make the expedition succeed. My judgement has been questioned in buying to.

I was raised in S. California where there are over 400 cults of various kinds usually tied up to some kind of deal or other means of extracting money, art and science are frequently tied in. They are travesties on religion and its deep and fundamental concepts. They seek to get people of sincerity back of them. I had important official contacts with some, and also personal knowledge of others. This religion is spread by blatant publicity. The question has frankly come up in my mind ~~time~~ as to whether or not the Roerichs themselves, then possibly their organization were reaching out to take advantage of your sincerity and confidence. It has caused me more worry than

I'll say, - I've never thought anything like it.

You have made a stand for spiritual values in our national life not equalled by the President himself, it has been one of the most refreshing and clamping drafts in the recently murky atmosphere in which we live. It is the work of not the only hopeful contribution of the whole new deal, we must have it, if hope is to remain. It is important not only to appreciate it and reach the whole nation. There is ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} prejudice so arrogant or subtle as religious prejudice, we hatred so heartless. There are those who would gladly destroy your national influence by using back alley insinuations as to your religious life and beliefs. They are looking for an opportunity now as your influence spreads and your sincerity is appreciated - they are skilful in the attack. You have far more to give this country than a balanced agriculture, and a prosperous international trade - we need the life of the ideal more than ever before, without it, prosperity will be our downfall. I have been haunted by the idea that some one might attempt to twist your interests in any spiritual enterprise as a sham or insincere gesture. There has been that danger in this expedition. I have tried to ignore it or disbelieve it - I can't. I have been on the rack. You are still the only one I know who believes in the Rockies 100%. I have stood against friends, associates and outsiders when my lips were sealed, and in the months since, for you as my chief, and I've wanted to believe as you believed and this matter and I've been torn asunder. The expedition must succeed, more than ever. I believe both groups in spite of what they have said if our country will bring back enough plants material to refute any criticism from that world of ours. No differences should remain family matters,

This has rambled on, and is but a reflection of a tired and puzzled mind. Now is time to cut it down now and type it for you before you leave for the week end. It has been written and re-written in my mind many times and each time becomes more jumpy.

~~I'm not trying to depend myself as a Bureau Chief. I'm not only one ordinary cheap cunning thousands in your official journal who has tried to do a difficult job for his boss when he knew little about much of it, and when he couldn't seek advice a~~

It's easier to go on now - and it is now so I'll take this down as is, don't judge me too harshly by this account - it comes at the end of the most bewildering and heart wrecking experience I ever hope to meet -

Sincerely,
Frank Kyrle



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 14, 1934

Miss Frances Grant
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Grant:

Enclosed I am sending you a statement with regard to the funds which have been advanced Professor N. C. de Roerich and Dr. George N. de Roerich. It is evident from this statement that they are out of funds at the present time and steps have been taken to send them more money.

Sincerely yours

H. A. Waller

Secretary

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY:

Pursuant to our conversation, I am submitting herewith two statements covering, respectively, the accounts of Mr. N. C. de Roerich and Mr. George N. de Roerich, as of this date, November 14. These indicate separately for each the status of obligations, under the Letters of Authorization, and the status, in the light of accounts submitted by them, of the cash advance of \$2,500 to each.

In view of your desire that additional funds be advanced, since, as the accounts show, their original advances must now be entirely exhausted, we are endeavoring to put through a rush additional advance of \$2,500 each. There are some complications involved in this however because of certain technical questions that have been raised recently by the Treasury Department in relation to the exact form of bond which is being used for advances of funds in certain cases. These questions do not involve especially the de Roerich bonds but all in this category. We are trying to work these questions out with the Treasury today insofar as the de Roerich bonds are concerned and if they are settled satisfactorily, as I hope will be the case, so that the Treasury will make the additional advance of \$2,500 each, we will forward the funds promptly.

It is particularly necessary that these additional advances be made if there is any way under the sun to make them because the expense accounts which have been received will all have to be submitted to the Comptroller General of the United States for determination before the Treasury will pay them because the supporting vouchers and other documents are, quite naturally, submitted in terms of foreign currency. The vouchers are being analyzed and put in shape for such submission but because of the complications involved in them it may be some time before they are settled and in the meantime the additional advances of funds seem essential.

WAF

N. C. de Roerich

11-14-34

	Funds under Letter of Authorization		Advance of Funds	
	\$	Balance	\$	Balance
4-11-34. Original letter of authorization, F.Y. 1934.....	\$	2,500.00	\$	
Advance of funds under above letter..				2,500.00
Letter reduced, funds not being needed during the fiscal year.....	1,500.00	1,000.00		
Vouchers received, F.Y. 1934:				
April 18 - May 31..\$363.36				
June.....504.83.....	868.19	131.81*	868.19	1,631.81**
*Balance on L.A. not available after June 30, 1934.				
**Balance of cash advanced in F.Y.1934 is available, for use under L.A. for F.Y.1935.				
7-1-34. Letter of authorization, F.Y. 1935, No. 3-P.....		4,100.00		
Vouchers received, 11-13-34, fiscal year, 1935:				
July.....\$404.03				
August..... 665.23				
September..... 338.66	1,407.92	2,692.08	1,407.92	223.89

Present Bond, \$5,000.00. Maximum advance of funds allowable, by waiver of Secretary, \$5,000.00. Present advance, \$2,500. An additional \$2,500 can therefore be made available, with the Secretary's approval. This is on the assumption that the present Bond is satisfactory.

George N. de Roerich - November 14, 1934.

	Funds under Letter of Authorization		Advance of Funds	
	Deductions	Balance	Deductions	Balance
4-11-34 Original letter of author- ization, 918-P, F.Y. 1934.....	\$	\$2,500.00	\$	\$
Advance of funds under above letter..				2,500.00
Letter reduced, funds not being needed during the fiscal year.....	1,500.00	1,000.00		
11-5-34. Vouchers received, cover- ing fiscal year 1934:				
April 18 - May 31.....		\$342.86		
June.....	706.21	363.35	706.21	1,793.79**
Balance on letter of authorization not available after June 30, 1934.		293.79		
**Balance of cash advanced in their hands and available for fiscal year 1935.				
7-1-34 Letter of authorization, Fiscal Year 1935, No. 5-P.....	\$	\$4,100.00	\$	\$
11-13-34 Vouchers received, fiscal year 1935:				
July.....		\$320.50		
August.....		533.69		
September.....	1,076.08	221.89	1,076.08	<u>717.71</u>
		3,023.92		



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March 15, 1934.

My dear Chief,

Welcome back to the
Roerich Museum and to New York!

I saw your arrival noted, and your
photograph shown, in the paper.

Your coming is to us all a great heartener.

Faithfully yours
Ralph V. D. Magoffin

Dear Guru,

The words reverberate in my mind --"Space shall be cemented". The rosy Himalaya painting brought delight to my wife. And for a brief moment this morning as the early morning sun's rays came in through the window on it I thought I preferred it to the other. But you are right--they complement each other. The deep brooding of the one is something very close and personal to me --brooding in the predestined spot --so it is in the dream of my heart. Brooding at the close of Kali Yuga on the portents of the days to come. And the rosy glow of the other is suggestive of the glory of the days to come.

I think of the way you have used St. Sergius to hold the Russian spirit to the inner essence of the Message of the Master in a way appropriate to their traditions. And I wonder as to the American equivalent to St. Sergius. You are working for certain wonderful purposes in the land of Belovodya which are very dear to my heart but the people with whom I must work in this country should be shown their equivalent at the appropriate time by the appropriate people. Or must we try to find this in the saints of many peoples?

I have as you know an enormous respect for F whose whole being has been centered to serve the Masters. That also is the center of my being by I am not perhaps as forth right a person on certain occasions. To the best of my knowledge F. has proved to be right and has had a tonic,clarifying effect even when the greatest pain has been caused to my somewhat easy going spirit.

In humility and daring, with insight and continual striving may I join in the service to Shambhalla.

HAW

Recd April 16 1934

1934-1935

ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1935

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2-12906

General object (title of appropriation), dates of acts, references to Statutes at Large, or to Revised Statutes, and estimated amount required for each detailed object.

Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.

Amount appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 193

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Salaries and Expenses--

Foreign plant introduction: For an additional amount

for investigations in foreign seed and plant introduction, including the same objects specified under this heading in the Agricultural Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1934, \$60,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until June 30, 1935 (U.S.C., title 5, secs. 511, 512; title 7, secs. 111-114; U.S.C., Supp. VI, title 7, secs. 387-388a; title 16, sec. 581b; title 20, secs. 191-194; act Mar. 3, 1933, 47 Stat., p. 1444).

\$60,000.00

Blind margin.



*copied & included
in letter to Geo
Jan 10*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 5, 1935.

Miss Frances Grant
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Grant:

I am transmitting herewith Preaudit Difference Statements for expense vouchers signed by Professor Nicholas Roerich and George Roerich. These Preaudit Difference Statements are for Bureau Vouchers No. 37042, 37043, 37044, 37045, 9966, 9967, 9969 and 9970 and total \$966.87. Vouchers No. 9968 and 9971 for the month of September 1934 were allowed in full.

These ten vouchers are for expenses incurred from April 18th to September 30th 1934 and total \$4,058.40. The net amount certified by the Comptroller General is \$3,091.53 and the ten vouchers are being paid for this amount.

Please forward these statements to George Roerich and ask him to furnish the receipts and explanations which are requested by the Comptroller General on the Preaudit Difference Statements. New vouchers, with the requested receipts and explanations, covering any or all of the \$966.87 may be prepared and presented.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. N. Bressman".

E. N. Bressman
Scientific Adviser

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 10, 1935.

Miss Frances Grant,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Grant:

If by next Tuesday the shipment of specimens and seeds which was presumably made from Harbin about the middle of November does not arrive, I am proposing to send the following cable to Professor Roerich:

"Shipment plants and seeds presumably made by you middle of November not yet received here stop Would appreciate cable instructions from you that will aid in tracing."

Your advice would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,


E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 16, 1935.

Miss Frances Grant,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Grant:

I have today sent Professor Nicholas Roerich the following cablegram:

"Shipment seeds and specimens presumably made
by you in November not yet received here Stop Would
appreciate cable instructions which will aid in tracing."

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. N. Bressman".

E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser.

*read at the
meeting of Jan 20*



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 22, 1935.

Miss Frances Grant,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Grant:

I have received the following memorandum from our Bureau of Plant Industry:

"Mr. George N. de Roerich executed bond of indemnity on April 10, 1934, with the New Amsterdam Casualty Company of Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$5,000. On April 19, 1934, Mr. Nicholas C. de Roerich executed bond of indemnity with the New Amsterdam Casualty Company, Washington, D. C., in the amount of \$5,000.

"As the appointments of these gentlemen have been extended to June 30, 1935, necessary steps should be taken to have the premium paid on these bonds for another year in order that they may retain the advance of funds obtained under these bonds. The yearly premium on each bond is \$5.00."

It has occurred to me that possibly you could take care of this matter. If so, will you kindly let me know when it has been taken care of, so that we may have the information for our files.

Yours very truly,


E. N. Bressman,
Scientific Adviser.

April 19, 1935.

Dear Madam R,

I have accepted with great joy the three lovely spirits whom you have sent to me. On April 15 with great throbbing of the heart they watched the official symbol of the unfurling of the Banner of Peace.

O and L with helpful letters are now setting out across the sea to accomplish the next task.

I have received via M a number of different seeds from Svetik. Some of these will be started to growing this spring.

And now I shall seek the will of the Lord through the Fiery Witness, the True Daughter and the Knight of Spirit and yourself.

In humble service to the command,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 15, 1935

Svetislav Roerich

Dear Svetik:

Miss Grant has transmitted to me some roots of a plant which you call "kut". If the roots of this plant were to be used in the United States, how would you suggest using them? Should a fluid extract be made from the roots? If so, what use should be made of the fluid extract? What is the proper dosage? If a tea should be made from the roots, how should it be used?

Do you know of any particular value which these roots would have under American conditions?

If some chemists are available to do experimental work, can you give me a lead as to the direction in which they should experiment? In other words, what is the practical step to take with these roots?

I appreciate receiving the seeds of the different flowers, herbs and medicinal species.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Hawthorne
Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 15, 1935

Miss Frances Grant
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Grant:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I have
just dictated to Svetik. Perhaps you will be kind
enough to forward it.

Sincerely yours

H. A. Wallace

Secretary

Enclosure

before the war. This means that farmers have less than one-half their pre-war purchasing power and that, therefore, thousands of them are about to lose their farms either through foreclosures or tax sales. Under the conditions, the spirit of the farm people is marvelous. In fact, my criticism would be that perhaps they are just a little too apathetic. Some suffer as men but others seem to be suffering as cattle which are being treated cruelly. Before it is all done, it will be the farm women who are deserving of the most sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

HAW/MAH

H A Wallace

Your article seems to me impossible, to a considerable extent untrue and in any event futile.

Your allegiance to the highest seems unquestioned but that does not mean I trust your judgment. I do not.

I am taking action tomorrow which you will not like but which I believe to be in the service of the triple shield and above all the Lord.

You will receive notification of this action tomorrow.

Please do not come south. I will not have time to see you.

It is therefore my conviction that in your note on this occasion you should express your appreciation of everything which tends ~~to~~ to accentuate the cultural units of the world.

And above all it seems to me with the world as sick spiritually as it now is that you should indicate that America is now ready to adopt this great humanitarian measure in the cause

~~This would provide an occasion
to call on other nations to adopt~~

It would be a most powerful
expression of the idealism of
America and an answer to those
critics of our country who insist that
we think only of material gain, if
you ^{would} call on other nations also
to recognize this symbol of those
finer things concerning which the
better people of all the nations

Can agree however much they may
quarrel about tariffs and exchanges.

We need a symbol of representing
the unity of the believers in the
^{light}
~~good~~ life to hold us together
in this higher realm while we
work out as best we may the
difficulties of ~~earthly~~ earthly concerns,
~~and~~

While we work out as best
we may the difficulties of economics
we need ^{this} ~~a~~ symbol representing
~~the~~ the Banner of Peace
the Unity of the Believers in the
Light to hold us together in
the faith of the ultimate
triumph of ~~unity~~ in the spiritual
forces.