

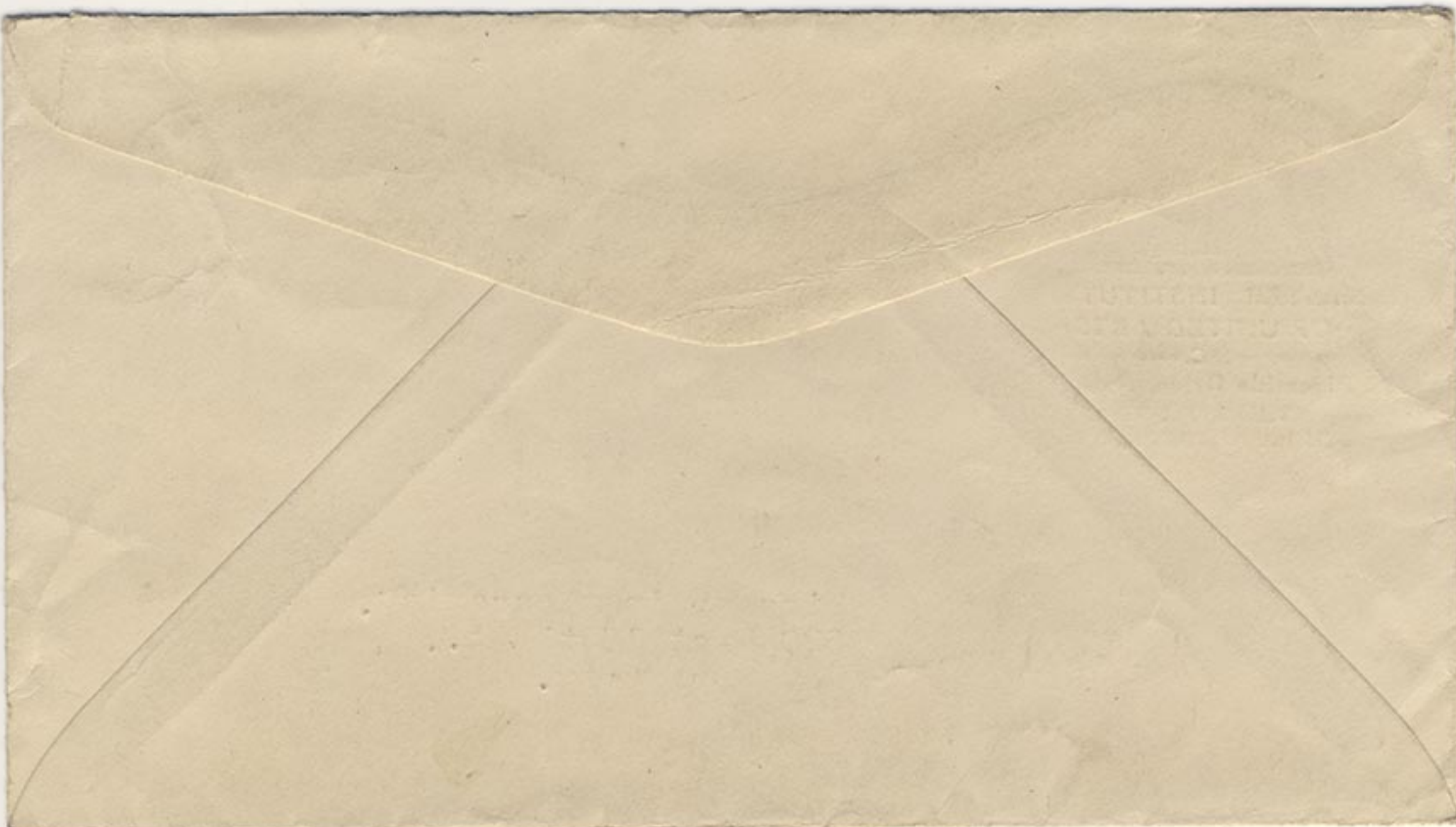
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EXCERPT from:-

MINUTES of the 240th Meeting of the Trustees of Roerich Museum, held on Dec. 17th 1933 in New-York City.
Present: Louis L. Horch, Chairman, Nettie S. Horch, Sina Lichtmann
Frances R. Grant, M.M. Lichtmann.

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para 7. Re pa 8 (of the Banner of Peace Committee Meeting at Urusvati Headquarters, India, of Nov. 17th) - Mr. Horch thanks deeply Prof. de Roerich for his expression of the work done by the Chairman and the Organizing Committee and he assures Prof. de Roerich that it was Prof. de Roerich's great guidance, his constant brilliant advices and suggestions, which were so generously given by him, that inspired everyone connected with the Convention to do his utmost. Mr. Horch further assures Prof. de Roerich that no step shall be left unturned here to bring about the actual adoption of the Banner by Nations. Mr. Horch is cognizant of the great responsibility which lies before the Permanent Committee but feels that under the wing of Prof. de Roerich's blessed guidance the desired aims will be achieved.

para 8. The Trustees wish to express their deep appreciation of Prof. de Roerich's approval of the work done for the Convention and pledge all their labors under his guidance to fulfill the great ideal of the adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace by all countries.

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E X C E R P T S

28) From Mr. L.H's letter, February 14, 1930. "My Own Dearest Beloved Mother, - It is the greatest happiness for me that P. (Nettie) is now with you...Dearest Mother, how I bless you for writing these divine letters to us...To you, Dear Mother, we owe everything. You and Prof. Roerich have opened the Gates to us - you have shown us the higher path and have brought us to the Great Teacher. To thank you in mere words is impossible. Be assured, Dear Mother, that I will do my utmost to carry out Your Commands. Everyone of your advices and Suggestions came true. I will do everything in my power to bring greater unity into the circle. - Please point out to P. (Nettie) how you would like me to develop. - Professor Roerich has worked terribly hard and has accomplished wonders. I do wish he should not tire himself. Dear George has become an idol - he has appointments from morning until night. Dear Svetig is doing interesting research work and working hard on the coming auction. Oh how much I miss Dear O. (Esther)

Dearest Mother, P. (Nettie) will tell you all details - again my deepest thanks for all that you are constantly doing for us. Your beloved son - L. (Louis).

We all pray that your health will show improvement.

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For Mrs S.G.LICHTMANN

Enclosed 3 letters

The Horner Report

Summarised index for same

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From: -

Minutes of the 327th Meeting of the Trustees of Roerich Museum, held on February 20th, 1935.

Present Louis L. Horch, Chairman, Mrs. Nettie S. Horch, Mrs. Sina G. Lichtmann, Miss Frances R. Grant, Mr. M.M. Lichtmann

para 11: Mr. Horch was called upon for a conference to Deb's representatives at New-York. He mentioned the matter is now in the hands of the representative at Washington.

Mr. S. told him the same thing as stated in the letter received by the friend as read by Miss Grant - in which was mentioned the work of the Compatriots. Mr. S. added some Americans had also something to do with the slander. He stated it was some scientific men who visited that country for a short while. Mr. S. also said that the people of Deb Country would not have given such a wonderful reception to N.K. nor an audience with the Emp. of N. if the Deb. people had not the highest respect for N.K.

(Mr. S. - is Sawada.)

From: -

Minutes of the 328th Meeting of the Trustees of Roerich Museum, held on February 24th, 1935.

Present Louis L. Horch, Chairman, Mrs. Nettie S. Horch, Mrs. Sina G. Lichtmann, Miss Frances R. Grant, Maurice M. Lichtmann

para 1: The Vacation of the Receivership and the Return of the Building under the Direction of the Trustees.
February 24, 12:01 A.M.

Mr. Horch announced that on February 23rd at 4.45 P.M. the Roerich Museum Building, which had been operated under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York since April 5th 1932 with Mr. Louis L. Horch and Mr. Philip J. Dunn as Receivers, was conveyed to the Master Institute of United Arts, Inc. The receivership was vacated at 12:01 A.M. February 24, 1935 and the Building again placed under the direction of the Trustees who have directed the Building previously. In the opinion of all the attorneys, it was one of the most complicated closings of title they have ever witnessed. Over fifty legal documents had to be prepared and the attorneys worked incessantly for one week on this case.

- 1) My connection, in the capacity as President-Founder, with the Master Institute of United Arts has never been discontinued. This is evident first of all from the fact that all Annual Reports of Master Institute, whenever I was reachable, were always sent to me for my approval. These Annual reports were also submitted to Albany and it was clearly stated in them up to the last report of July 1935, that I am President-Founder.
- 2) The Master School of United Arts was inaugurated on Nov. 17, 1921 and was later renamed into Master Institute of United Arts, retaining the same programme, the same motto and the same officers (with only some additional officers added later).
- 3) In February 1935 for technical reasons, the Master Institute of United Arts took over the Building. But since that time up to Aug. 29, 1935 incl. all Minutes were sent to us at Naggar in the same way and manner as they had always been sent before.
- 4) The Letter of C. Kramer to Mr. Horch of Sept. 18th can be considered only as an advice or suggestion, the more so as the recently received letter from the Commissioner of Taxes to Miss F. R. Grant clearly states that tax exemption does not depend on the various changes which Mr. Kramer has been suggesting. A copy of Mr. C. Kramer's letter of Sept. 18, 1935 is herewith attached.
- 5) Thus neither in the cultural aims of the Master Institute, nor in the governing Board and personnel did any change take place. If any changes were to take place, then of course all Trustees would have been consulted and such a decision would have been generally known. I, as President-Founder, know nothing of such alleged changes and was never consulted and have expressed no opinion, nor approval of such changes.
- 6) Of course all official reports are in Albany; they were always approved by the General Meetings of all Trustees and they prove my uninterrupted official status in the Master Institute.
- 7) Copies of all these official reports must be on file in the Master Institute.

Naggar, Dec. 12, 1935

Nicholas de Roerich.

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MEMORANDUM # 8

On December 17th, 1935 I received from Mr. L.L.Horch a registered letter containing in an opened envelope tax demands as per copies attached hereto. Since Mr. L.Horch in his accompanying note enumerates the contents and text of this opened letter, it is clear that he has himself opened the letter and taken full cognizance of their contents. Thus he has proved once again that he was attending to all my financial and tax matters.

It is of interest to note that by his last letters, dated Sept. 27, 1935, he officially severed all connections with us. Therefore it is incomprehensible, if not even illegal, that after his official notification severing all connections, Mr. Horch yet continues to open my mail and to take cognizance of its contents, instead of forwarding it unopened. This proves that similar actions may have occurred also at other times, the more so as I have very strangely received no letters from the New York address already for a long time.

In view of this strange occurrence we are the more surprised how a lien on my property in the U.S. could have been placed before notifying me of it, unless someone appeared as my representative on that date.

It is further interesting to note that in his accompanying letter, written on the Roerich Museum letter paper, Mr. L.L.Horch states on Nov. 26, 1935: "I have cabled you the contents of this communication", whereas his cable about this matter was dated New York Nov. 28th, 1935 and on that same date, according to the date on his cable, he notified me that a lien has already been placed on all my property in America. While the two cables were sent on the same day, Nov. 28th, the first cable being LC arrived on Nov. 29th at 9 a.m., whereas the second being DLT was only received here on Dec. 1st, at 9 a.m. The fact that both cables were sent on the same date is important.

In this memorandum I do not repeat the facts which were already previously cabled and embodied in previous memoranda and letters, namely that first of all the very nature of the demand is incomprehensible.

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Nicholas de Roerich

Dec. 19th, 1935.

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(From the Newspaper "The Manchuria Daily News",
- #7186, Dairen, Saturday, February 1, 1936.)

"NICHOLAS ROERICH DROPPED FROM U.S.GOV'T. PAYROLL -
Special to M.D.N. Washington January 30.

Because of his alleged implication in Chinese and Manchukuoan politics, Mr. Nicholas Roerich, a New York artist, was dropped from the payroll of the U.S.Department of Agriculture, and the hunting expedition, which he recently led into Asia, has been disbanded.

A protest against the political activities of Mr. Roerich, received from officials in the area in which the expedition was working, was responsible for the action."

March 17, 1936

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Miss F.R.G. in her last letter mentioned that a friend has heard from Levy that NK and GN sent nothing from their salaries during 1934 - 5 to India. Again the statements of Mr. Levy do not coincide with reality.

From the \$9647 altogether received by N.K., \$6023 were transferred by him to India. For December 1935, and January 1936 \$1000 are temporarily withheld by the Dept., and \$900 have not yet been reimbursed on outlays.

GN transferred to India \$2893, has to receive for Dec.'35 and Jan. '36 \$764 and has outlaid and not so far reimbursed \$600.

Besides one must take into consideration that NK and GN had to take upon themselves considerable expenses for preliminary work in connection with the cooperative, which were a complete loss on account of the subsequent change of policy of other participants in the U.S., the more so because of the sudden demand of refund of \$4,500 given towards the cooperative, by W.

As regards sums transferred to India, one must not forget that besides living expenses, from the same sum was added to the cost of upkeep and rent of the European Center and towards upkeep of the Urusvati Institute. Thus one can again see in the statement of Levy a premeditated intention to distort harmfully the truth. It would be regrettable if any of our friends remain under the false impression and would believe that at present there are any sums left at disposal here. Levy has thus repeated again the slanderous accusations of "extravagancy", which is entirely opposite to NK's nature.

TAX ON DIVIDENDS

U.S. TREASURY TO COLLECT FROM COMPANIES ?

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt's new taxes on dividends distributed to foreign shareholders may have to be collected for the Treasury by the American companies, concerned, according to the reported intention of the Ways and Means Committee.

Reorganization of the defunct agricultural adjustment administration and the establishment of five regions for the administration of the Government's new soil conservation programme were two fundamentals of an announcement made by the Secretary for agricultural. Details are expected in a few days. Mr. Wallace mentioned two difficulties attached to the new programme. Firstly, the fact that though planting has already commenced in the south, the Government must endeavour to make the scheme applicable this season; secondly, the extent to which the new policy will affect production of major crops.—*Reuter*.