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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Svetislav Roerich

Dear Svetik:

I have been informed of your willingness to send over to me some drug plants for growing under our conditions. At the present time I am not sure that I have a place which is altogether suitable.

I am enclosing herewith the average rainfall and mean temperature Fahrenheit month by month for Concord, New Hampshire in extreme northeastern United States, Santa Fe, New Mexico in southwestern United States, St. Paul, Minnesota in the northern part of central United States, and Mount Weather, Virginia, which is about 60 miles from Washington and about 1700 feet above sea level whereas Washington is practically at sea level. Mount Weather temperature, therefore, averages above 9° below Washington. Klamath Falls, Oregon is in northwestern United States at an altitude of 4000 feet.

Most of the medicinal plants of the United States seem to come from around Ashville, North Carolina, where the altitude is 2250 feet. In this mountainous area of western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia, the temperatures both winter and summer seem to be very similar to your own temperatures. The annual rainfall is a little over 40 inches and the January mean temperature is around 37°, while the summer temperature is around 75°.

On the chart which is enclosed the blue and red lines indicate the degree to which the temperatures month by month in southwestern Virginia and eastern Tennessee approximate your situation. If low winter temperatures and low altitudes do no harm, there are many places in the middlewest which would be suitable.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H. A. Waller*

Secretary.

Enclosure



P.S.

I would appreciate your opinion as to the importance of altitude, and of the necessity of having a mean January temperature above 15° Fahrenheit.





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

Dear Miss Grant:

Enclosed I am sending you some climatological  
material which may perhaps be of some interest to Svetik.

I would also appreciate it if you would express  
my very great appreciation for the holiday greeting card  
from Madame and Professor Roerich.

Sincerely yours

*Hawalloa*

Secretary

Enclosure



Dear Svetik,

I am much interested in trying the plant out on a small scale, planting it in the green house this winter and then putting the plants out in the open next summer. After a few years of observation we can tell the best place for commercial production.

Perhaps you can answer a few questions which would guide me as to the best environment. In the places where it grows best what is the average rainfall month by month throughout the year? Second, what is the average mean temperature month by month throughout the year? Third, does it prefer full sunlight? Fourth, does it prefer a deep, rich soil or a sandy soil or a clay soil or a timber soil? Will it grow well on soil and under climatic conditions where Indian corn grows well? Does it prefer dry soil, moist soil or ordinary well drained garden soil? What is the lowest altitude at which you might expect it to grow successfully? What is the furthest north latitude at which you would expect it to grow successfully? Of course increase in latitude compensates to some extent for decrease in altitude but in the case of some plants this compensation does not work.

What part of the plant is used and what is the method of preparation? Would the controlled movement of hot air or warm air in artificial drying help?

Experimenting with plants has always fascinated me and I shall be happy to do some preliminary work and we can ~~then~~ then decide as to what further course of action seems wise.

For the glory of your name I trust that we can make a success of this such as you would desire?



Dear Svetik,

Please tell me at your early convenience whether or not you use a lath shade such as is used for young evergreen trees or for ginseng when hinseng is grown commercially in this country. Do you grow in full exposure to the sun or do you grow under trees or do you grow in the shade of a <sup>e</sup>grat hill? If you grow on a slope, which slope do you prefer? The slope which gets the eastern sun but not the western? The slope which gets the southern sun but not the northern? Will the plant grow fairly well when out in the open sun?

Do you have much snow cover in the winter? What is the coldest weather without snow cover which it will stand so far as you know?

I have made arrangements to have the plant grown in several different localities and will keep a special account of any expense incurred. When and if there is income above the expense, I will divide with you equally.

I am pressing on many matters which I believe to be of importance to the L. The spirit of joyous tension is more and more in the air. Please convey to your mother my high esteem. Her spirit has permeated space.

It will be a great joy sometime to meet with you when there has been earned a certain amount of rest from action. in the world of ceaseless daily affairs.

My heart's warmth to you and yours.

Sincerely,

G



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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 <sup>men</sup> 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 ~~one~~ 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.

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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 ~~fe~~ were two men in the World who had impressed me as having Gabriel over them and that one of them was \*\*\*\*\* I sked 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.

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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 Amos so vigorously denounced.

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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.

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

G



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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