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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Mysore State. S. India.
28th. October. 1964.

Our dearest Raya,

Thank you so much for your 2. wires which made us both very happy. For the 90th. Birth Anniversary, of Prof. Roerich, and for the 60th Birthday of my husband both wires came in good time. The 90th. Birthday of Prof. Roerich has been observed very well here in India, all over India, and my husband's broadcast is still being heard all over India on all the various Radio Stations and has been very much appreciated indeed. Still all the Newspapers are writing on Prof. Roerich, and when we get all of them we shall send you the copies. I sent Madame Zelinsky a copy of the Press notice, as they are able to read English, it was about the USSR naming two Glaciers in the Khirgiz Alatau in the Basin of the Alamedin River in honour of both Prof. Nicholas Roerich, and Svetoslav Roerich. Please ask Andrei to get this Monograph Volume 96. 1964, from Leningrad and send it to us. We have been sent a part of it, exactly the data, but we would like to have all and so please have the Monograph sent to us. Mr. Belicov also knows about it, but Moscow being near Leningrad, Mme. Zelinsky can get it from Leningrad for us, and send it to us please. My husband has been awarded 2. high AWARDS BY THE MYSORE GOVERNMENT ON THE 16th. of October, at Dussera time in Mysore. One AWARD IS CALLED "THE SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD" WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HIM AS A SPECIAL HONOUR FOR SERVICE IN THE FIELDS OF ART & CULTURE, AND THE OTHER IS AS "AN ARTIST OF WORLD REPUTE". Everyone in India and also abroad are very happy with all this news, and everyone has sent us such wonderful wires and letters. I enclose for your information some of the very IMPORTANT WIRES WHICH WERE SENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 90TH: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROF. ROERICH, OUR MINISTER OF EDUCATION & CULTURE SENT HIS MESSAGE DIRECT TO THE MINISTER OF CULTURE USSR, AND YOU MUST SEE IF THESE FINE MESSAGES ALSO FROM THE VICE*PRESIDENT OF INDIA HAVE BEEN READ AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION IN MOSCOW? Many many messages were sent from India, and I only send you copies of those I have been sent as copies, so I am sending you one, so that you may know. Please ask the Director of the TRETIAKOV GALLERY TO THANK ANYONE WHO SENT A WIRE DIRECT TO HIM FOR THE 90TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY, our President of the National Academy of Arts, the Lalit Kala Akademy also sent a wire direct, everyone must be thanked, as in the case of Dr. George Roerich the Institute of Oriental Studies did not do so, our late Prime Minister did not get any letter of thanks, nor the President of India, nor any of the important people who sent wonderful messages on that occasion. Please see now that the Director and if possible the Minister of Culture also thanks our Minister of Culture and Education Mr. M. C. Chagla for his message sent by wire. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN this letter reaches you, with the enclosed messages. With love, every

(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

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17th. March. 1965.

My dearest Raya,

Thank you for your letter which we just received upon our return from Delhi, we were in Delhi for some meetings, and stayed there for quite sometime. I am not able to write much now, but this is just to let you know that we all are quite well, but very very busy, as now after having returned after such a long time, there is so much work at home, also my husband has to finish many of his paintings, before we again go to Kulu. It is important we stay in Kulu longer this time, as there is much work for the Roerich Memorial Museum there. The place now has been cleared, and we must get the plans done well, it will be really a big work to get things all the way to Naggar.

Here, it is very beautiful now, all the flowers are out, and all the Orchids which we got from Kalimpong are in bloom, they have a very wonderful scent, and my husband loves to have them in his Studio. Many people from the USSR, come all the time to see the paintings and to pay their respects to my husband, it is so nice to have them, to talk to them, and many of them now work here in India. But also there are many new Delegations coming all the time, and this is very interesting, as we hear so much about Russia, and all of them are so very happy to come to our home here. We received the Poster of Prof. Roerich's Exhibition which you sent to us, one we shall have in Naggar, so many people go to see his paintings in the Memorial Gallery there, and they always write such wonderful things in the book for visitors which is kept there, all types of people go to see these paintings which look so beautiful there, not only from all over India, but from different parts of the world, so when there is time, I will select the most interesting things, and print them in a book. There are so many interesting things to tell you, but now I will not write much, but will post this letter so that it catches the Post. We have written you many letters which do not seem to have reached you which is so strange, as all our friends in the USSR, receive all our letters and answer them, you should enquire from your Post Office about your mail. I have asked Mrs. Fosdick to send you the book on Prof. Roerich as she has many copies, and will be glad to do so, there is also much news of the work in the USA, the Roerich Museum is doing wonderful work there, and so many Russians go to see the paintings of Prof. Roerich and my husband's, lately a fine article appeared in the USA in Russian writer on the Art of my husband. Let me know if this reaches you, and also if my letter of last week reaches you.

With much love to you,

Yours affectionately,

Devika Rani

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RAYA.

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I wrote to Mrs. Fosdick to send to you 12.
books of the one which I sent to you, C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
she wrote that she has just now sent 6. Infantry Road,
books to you, and if you let her know when Cantonment,
they arrive, she will Bangalore.-1.,
send you more, as she Mysore State. S. India.
has many, she needs 26th. March. 1965.
them to send all over 6
the dearest Raya,

This is just to let you know that we were very ve
happy to receive your letter of the 14th. March, which
reached us a few days ago. My husband is now very busy
so he will not be able to write just now, I will ask him
to write even a few lines with this letter. We are so happy that the exhi-
bition is such a great success, ofcourse it would be, as great Art is a
thing which will always draw to its self that which is really its due from
all people. I wish dear Raya to ask you some questions, and write them
below, please answer them as this is necessary for us to know.

- 1.- Did the Minister of Culture, or the Ministry of Culture of the USSR,
send an Invitation to the Indian Ambassador for the Inauguration of
Prof. Roerich's Exhibition?
2. Have the people who sent MESSAGES ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXHIBITION
been thanked for their messages? Please find out.
3. Messages from the Vice- President of India,
From the Minister of Culture to the Minister of Culture USSR,
and other Ministers, Institutions, including the National
Academy President, and the Secretary of the National Academy
which is the Academy of Art in Delhi, and other messages from
Academies, and people prominent such as writers etc, sent their
messages, and as far as I know, they have none of them been
thanked. Please let me know definitely.
4. If you recall, at the time of Dr. George Roerich's 60th. birth anniver-
sary, the President of India, the Prime Minister and other Ministers
sent such wonderful messages from India, none of them received any
thanks, which was confirmed when their Secretaries were asked, and I
also asked them personally. I even wrote to the Oriental Institute,
that letters of thanks should please be sent to these high dignatories
of State, but when even months later I asked them, no letter of thanks
were received. Pandit Nehru's Message to Dr. George was such a very
remarkable message, and few people have received from him such a fine
tribute, he never got a letter of thanks even for it.
5. I feel that such letters should be sent at least to our Vice-President,
the Ministers, and to the Academy Presidents, it would be nice, as they
were happy to send messages for this occasion. Ofcourse every one should
receive a letter of thanks, as it will make them happy.

We are very busy now with all our work, my husband has so many paintings
to finish before we go North again, we have to go to Kulu sometime at the
end of April, is ia snowing now, and that is not good for the Apricots,
and other fruit trees. But let us see how they are when we go there. It
is sad that old Moru Ram just passed away, we had this news lately, and
ofcourse ordered that all Puja etc should be done in the best way. So now
perhaps his son will come to our house, he is a very good boy. We are well,
but somehow time just flies, and there is so much to do. It is very nice
in Bangalore now, all the Spring flowers are out and look so lovely. Take
all care of your self, it is strange that we did not get some of your lett-
ers, and it seems that you did not get also our letters. We send you our
best thoughts, and greetings, as always, yours affectionately,

Devika Ram (Roerich)

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
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1st. April. 1965.

My dearest Raya,

Yesterday we received from you the 2. "Magazines, " Pioneer " and " Culture & Life," which made us very happy. Friends sent us before also these same Magazines, but it is nice to have more copies so that we can give them to friends.

We had a very nice day yesterday, and the day before, friends came, and we had wonderful flowers here, and all village people came and made Puja, all little children had sweets, and it was very very nice.

My husband is very busy now finishing his work, as we have to go up north, and now all the trees here also the plantation has to be seen to, manuring, pruning, and so on it is such a work for the people, but we see to all this and it is good while we are here. Many young Artists also come to my husband for his advice on their work, one of them now is doing good work, and has improved very much. We have so much to do that the time just flies, but it is good to have work to do, and work which is interesting. When you have time, please let me know how this type of Air letter reaches you, it is very convenient and for all other countries I send such air letters, do they come in good condition? In the USA, and France, and also other countries, everyone writes by Aerogramme, I wonder how it reaches in the USSR, so please let me know. .

We met Rahul in Delhi, he used to be a student of Dr. George Roerich, and he said that when he was in Moscow he visited the Apartment of Dr. Roerich, and that he also met you and your friends, he told us about the apartment, and gave us your news. He was happy to have seen you again. He also said that he had brought some Indian students with him, he does a lot of work in Delhi, and is doing good work.

This letter is just to tell you that we received your sending of these 2. Magazines, and tell you that both of us are well. The first rains have started here, so it is much cooler, in Kulu ofcourse, the climate will be very nice. When we actually leave for Kulu, we shall write and let you know. Take all care of yourself.

With much love to you,
Yours affectionately,

Devika Rani
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