

In great haste

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6th. December. 1964.

My dear Mr. Bock,

We have just come back from the North, and I hasten to tell you that we have received the 2. translations, and also your 2. letters, one of the 13th and the other of the 14th. November. Also the booklet on the Exhibition of Prof. Roerich. We have received many Press cuttings from friends of the 90th. birth anniversary both from Lemigrad, and Moscow, and also some pleaces like Lithuanian S. S. R., many on the paintings of N. K. and the Exhibition, we also have news yesterday that over 89 thousand people visited the Exhibition which is official, in Moscow. At the Oriental Institute, also they had a fine meeting, and sent us photographs of it, in Leningrad there was also a very fine Exhibition of all the writings of Prof. Roerich, and we have also received copies Photostat, of the Geographical society about the Glaciers named after both my husband's Father, and my husband. We have been send the original booklet, but we expect the actual Monograph Volume 96. 1964. Very fine writeups have been published. To your questions. NEEEM TREE IN LATIN IS - AZADIRACHTA INDICA., JACK FRUIT IS:- ARTOCARPUS INTERGRA, Rose apple we shall find later, ~~ARTOCAR~~ The Jack fruit, ie: Artocarpus Intergra, is a wonderful fruit, very tasty and very huge, and we as children used to enjoy it with milk, it is cooked with milk, or eaten raw, the seeds are like butter, when roasted, very nice, but on rare occasions, as it is heavy. The poor find it very fine, I mean the people on the land. NOW, ABOUT THE TRANSLATION, MY HUSBAND IS ATTENDING TO IT, AND HE WILL SEND IT TO YOU WITH THE CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS, SO WHEN THIS IS SENT PLEASE HAVE SOME COPIES TYPED, AND SEND US ABOUT THREE, IF THIS IS POSSIBLE? The poem you have quoted is wonderful, it is so good of you to have written me such interesting things about your life, this letter of yours of the 13th. I will read more carefully, and will answer it when time permits, as then I will be able to answer and ask some questions. This is just to let you know that we have received everything, and that it has made us happy to know all your news. I feel that you will receive the Magazine of India from the Embassy, write to the FIRST SECRETARY, EMBASSY OF INDIA, ULITSA OBUHA, MOSCOW, I forget if it is MOSCOW. 6., or not, YES, IT IS, just do that and see, it may not be out as yet. I do not know his name, but just address it to "THE FIRST SECRETARY". Here we have lots of work, I am busy with some of the writings on my husband's Art, and hope to have the book out early next year, reproductions are very difficult, here, but let us see. Delhi was very wonderful the climate was wonderful, cold, and bright sunshine. Soon I will write again, the stamps fixed are of ST THOMAS the 1st Apostel who came here to preach, and give them to your children, they are in honour of the Pope's visit, he was greeted by millions here in Bombay, it was a rare visit! All people greeted him! I will stop now, let me know if my last letter in which I enclosed some 1st day covers for the children reached you? With our best best wishes for the season, and warm greetings and regards,

Yours sincerely,
Bevika Rani Roerich

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7th. December. 1964.

My dear Mr. Bock,

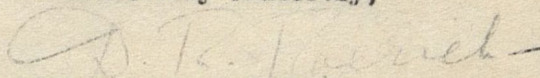
I am glad to enclose the copy of your translation of the Radio talk of my husband, which I am sending by Registered Air Mail, today, and as soon you receive it, please let me know, as I would not like it to get lost.

As you will see, my husband has made some corrections, and when you retype it, please send to us at least 3. to 4. copies, so that we may have some with us, and send a few out to the USA, etc. Please help me in this matter as now, I do not have the girl who is a Russian, and who used to do our typing in Russian. I hope this will not be inconvenient for you.

I wish this to catch the mail, so will not write more,

With our best wishes to you and your family,

Yours very sincerely,


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20th. January. 1965.

My dear Mr. Bock,

From both of us I wish to thank you most sincerely for sending to us the 3. copies of the translation of the Radio Talk of my husband on his Father, thank you so much for taking all the trouble to type this for me, and for sending also 3. copies of the article of Prof. Roerich "REALISM", which also will be most useful. It is extremely kind of you to have done this, and we both thank you for your very kind gesture. We have just returned from Hyderabad, it is an old city which is so very interesting, as it has so much of the old Architecture of the old days, and even some of the people have still the same way of life, it is a Muslim majority, and it is their culture which still remains there- quite like an old fairy tale, and yet since freedom alongside this, so many many fine things have taken place, and so much cultural work is also being done there. My husband had to attend to the National Academy meetings, all artists from all over India came, and the discussions on problems of art were most interesting. Now in just a few days, we go to Delhi, as my husband has to judge with a few others the paintings of all Artists from India who will send their work for the National Exhibition of Art. So just now, we shall not be able to really write much, but I had to tell you that the copies reached us, and made us very happy. We also were most interested to know that the talk on my husband's art was heard by you, is this not wonderful? I have written to one of the best writers now in the USA, to tell him that maybe, it was his write-up that was read, as just recently he had written a fine article on the art of my husband, this will be very interesting for him. You see, when one is close one is able just to tune in, distance is of no importance is it? I do not at all know if they will have the Birthday of Shri Krishnamurti in the paper India, that is a paper which will not have such things, on the other hand, it may. I do not know the address either, as he travels, and generally stays in Bombay, but I will ask a friend, and will send it to you if I get it. Mrs. SINA FOSDICK'S ADDRESS IS HERE. Mrs. Sina Fosdick, Vice-President, the Roerich Museum, 319 West 107th. Street, NEW YORK NEW YORK 10025, U. S. A. She is a dear friend, and she is a wonderful person, she will send to you some of the AGNI YOGA PUBLICATIONS, if she can, and some postcards of the paintings of Prof. Roerich, which they had printed recently in Switzerland.

Write to me when you are more settled, I also will I hope be happier when I am able to stay at home and not really have to be on the move all the time, when I can write to you fully and give you our news.

With our best wishes to you both, and again many thanks for all the copies which you took so much trouble to send to me,

Yours very sincerely,

Devika Rani Roerich

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23rd. February. 1965.

My dear Mr. Bock,

In continuation of my last letter in which I thanked you for the cutting and wonderful poem of the little child, my husband asks me to tell you that he was most impressed with the Poem, and that it is wonderful that these works of Prof. Roerich so impressed the child. It is true that from the copies of the opinions from the book of opinions in Moscow there are very fine and indeed rare tributes from the young generation, even small children, and they are very beautiful. We need badly a lady who can type in both Russian and English, we had a very old one, but she was not really good, and she had to leave due to her personal reasons. But when we go to Delhi, we shall see if this can be at all possible. Under the system, they do not take jobs. In other Embassies, a great deal is done by Indians, and only the heads are of the country in question. So many things to talk about but little time to do so. We are now going on the 26th. and hope to come home on the 8th. but this depends on so many factors there in Delhi. It is very interesting also now, as there are so many things happening, the language question that English should be also the associate language till we are in a position to have Hindi as the official language of India, is the problem now. In the south, and in Bengal, we do not really know Hindi, and Hindi also is in a pretty raw state, as all the technical things have no words yet in Hindi, so a student would find it very difficult to learn such things as Medicine, etc. which is so easy in English. We are new with our freedom, so such things will have to be somehow worked out. But English being a language which is universally spoken also in foreign countries, and there is a feeling that it should continue. Let us see what happens, it is quite a serious problem, and not quite so easy to solve! I am enclosing for you a leaf of the PEPAL TREE, this is a sacred tree, the Peppal tree is a wonderful tree, and is used for shelter and shade all over India, and kept carefully, it will bring luck. I think it is nice, and it will give you some pleasure I am sure if you have it. Keep it in a safe place, where there is no one to touch it, thus you will be nearer here, and will feel India. What books have you got of Kryzhanovskaya? Is she not wonderful? My husband translates so well in most languages, and when he read to me her books, I was absolutely fascinated, just as if he was reading straight from an English book. We read also in the evenings together, this is our time together, and this time is precious, more every day for me, as I learn so much. I wish your idea could be possible that a book be written on the Roerich's, they are really each one of them most remarkable and each one of them can give so much to others. I am really always thrilled with all my husband tells me, in his wonderful simple way. We have been married now for 20 years, and not one day has passed without things of vital interest, it is the best thing that has happened to me to be able to be of some help to this man, to do small things for him, he is a man real and true, and a son of God. He is so simple, this is just his charm, and yet his knowledge is so vast! At home he just leaves everything to me, and generally as well. His Art is the art of the future, OF THIS I AM CERTAIN!

Let me know when all I have sent you reaches you, as I would not like them to get lost. *Aurevoir* for the moment, with our regards and greetings,

Devi Prati Roerich