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O/o The Indian Bank Ltd :,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
20th. March. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

This is just to send to you some very interesting
tributes to Prof Roerich, which you may show to Mr. Sen,
also you may refer to them in an article you wish to write.

I have just had the time to send these to you,
and cannot write any more,

With our very best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,

Devika Rani Roerich
(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
23rd. July. 1964.

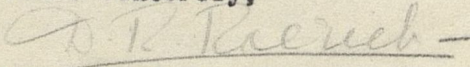
My dear Vivek,

I am sending to you three copies of the article you have written, corrected and retyped by us, my secretary has these typed for you, and Dr. Roerich has made the necessary corrections as you will see. I am writing about the article "SAINT PAINTER NICHOLAS ROERICH" by you, also, I am sending you, "A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF NICHOLAS ROERICH'S CREATIVE LIFE" BY SVETOSLAV ROERICH, ALSO Mr. Nehru's tribute to Nicholas Roerich, which you may also show to Mr. A. K. Sen, as he wishes to read something about my husband's Father. Dr. Roerich says you may add some things if you wish, to the article "SAINT PAINTER NICHOLAS ROERICH", but he thinks this as it is now, will be quite nice. You may publish it also in Hindi, and also as it is in English, and translate it for Bengali papers. Let me know.

I am also sending you a most important and Historic photograph of Mr. Nehru with Prof. Roerich when he stayed at their house in Neggar, in 1942, part of this house is now a Gallery where the wonderful paintings of Prof. Roerich hang, and where visitors not only from the Punjab, but also from abroad, and the whole of India come, they write such wonderful tributes to these works of Prof. Roerich, and when I have time, I will have them published. So let it be published in a really first class paper during the 90th. Anniversary of Prof. Roerich's birth, which is on the 9th. of October. Do not waste this photograph, nor your article on just any paper, at any time, use it for only the occasion of the 90th. Anniversary. Please let me know about this matter, and also acknowledge all the sendings in this envelope.

With our affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,


(MME: DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

R.P.-54

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Mme. Devika Rani Roerich,
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office of posting

C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
BANGALORE 1.

7th August 1964.

My Dear Vivek,

Enclosed are three copies of
your article on my husband "THE REALM OF
SVETOSLAV ROERICH". I feel the additions
are good and the article now reads well.

Please phone us up at Hotel
Imperial either on the 15th or 16th
morning, you can then tell me if you need
any photographs. You should really
publish this article in English also.
Dr. Roerich will not celebrate his 60th
birthday, but you may have this published
on October the 23rd.

With affectionate greetings to you
both,

Yours Sincerely,

DRK
(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

Shri Vivek Bhattacharya,
303-E Government Quarters,
Koral Bagh

P E R S O N A L .

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
26th. August. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

Shri Chandar Dhar Sharma, M.A.: J. D., Technical Information officer, Central Potato Research Institute Simla.-1 Punjab, wrote to us when we were in Kulu for some data on Prof. Roerich, and also some photographs as he will publish it in an official Magazine of the Punjab Government, I think he said that it was a Tourist Magazine which they bring out officially. I have sent to him your nice Article on Prof. Roerich and told him to contact you, and get your permission for publishing it- and only after contacting you and getting your permission and hearing from you he may publish it. So you may get a letter from him. If he does not wish to have it published, I have asked him to return it to me. About my giving you a letter to Shri Durga Das, cannot you just tell him that I have asked you to see him, as you have written this article on Prof. Roerich which is nice, and along with the photograph of Panditji and Prof Roerich it would be very nice to have it published on the occasion of the 90th. Anniversary of Prof. Roerich's Birth? I have sent to you some photographs of Prof. Roerich, let me know which you have? I am now sending you one of Mr. Nehru with Prof. Nicholas Roerich when Mr. Nehru stayed with Prof. Roerich at Naggar and the family in 1942- May or June, this will be very nice for reproduction with your article. Let me know when it reaches you. And let me know if really you shall need a letter of introduction to Shri Durga Das, in which case, send me his correct and full name, and his full and correct address- also his phone, office and residence, as I will keep both his official and residence address with me- do not forget to do this.

With our very best wishes and our greetings to you,

Yours sincerely,

D. R. Roerich

(Mme. D. R. Roerich.)

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
11th. September. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

We are very very sorry to know of the illness of your dear wife, please let us know what the matter with her is, and how she is now. Your letter of September 4th. I was unable to answer, and it is sad as I wished to do so at once, but we have been moving to a new office, and that has upset the usual routine of our life. Soon we shall be at No: 9. Edward Road, Bangalore.- 1., which is not far from here, and that will be the future place where we shall now work when we come to town- this is the house of my Mother, and as she passed away and did not have it on a long lease we have to change the place. BUT OUR MAIL SHOULD ALWAYS GO TO THE ABOVE, ie:-C/o the Indian Bank, as that is our permanent address. We live far out of town, that is why we have to have a place in town where we can meet our friends, and also do our work. We used to come here to Mother's house, and it is from this place that I always write, and have written so far- but now it will soon be from the new place, which is quite a nice place near here. NOW LISTEN VIVEK.

- 1.- I SHALL ONLY BE ABLE TO SEND TO YOU THE REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHS ON MONDAY THE 14th. AS WE HAVE TO GET PRINTS, AND THAT IS VERY NEEDED AS THEY MUST BE HARD PRINTS. SO YOU WILL GET THEN NEXT WEEK, THEYSHOULD TAKE ONLY ABOUT 3 OR 4 days at most to reach you.
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2. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR MY RECORD THAT I HAVE CUTTINGS OF THESE AS THEN I WILL BE ABLE TO SEND THIS NEWS TO NEW YORK, AND THE USSR. TO FRANCE, AND ALSO TO OTHER COUNTRIES, SO THERE IS NO TIME.
3. Will Durga Das send to us copies of the articles which come out in his press? I will pay for them, and he should kindly send them by W. P. P. OK.? PLEASE ARRANGE THIS FOR ME PLEASE. THE PRESS SHOULD COME OUT WITH ALL THIS ON PROF: ROERICH, & MY HUSBAND IF POSSIBLE ON THE 9TH: OF OCTOBER WHICH IS THE 90th. ANNIVERSARY OF PROF. ROERICH. My husband will broadcast on that day on his Father, so you must listen in on that day. I do not know the time, but you can find out, and let your friends also listen in on that day to Dr. Roerich they will greatly like this talk. Tell Mr. Sen also not to forget it and give him the date please, kindly give them our best wishes and greetings, also to Durga Das, and Inderjeet, he is a charming person. Tell Inderjeet to write to me and give me his address, this will be good, as even if you have to go to Calcutta, I shall send him any photographs etc. which he may need.

In haste, and with our best wishes for the health of your wife, and our affectionate regards to you both and our love,

Yours sincerely,

D. R. Roerich

(D. R. Roerich.)

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This thrilling news ' TWO RUSSIAN GLACIERS NAMED AFTER ROERICH'S'.
Should be in the PRESS., Please collect it for us and send us the
cuttings, I shall send to you the money for the papers, and the
postage, ask MR. BOWRY PLEASE TO SEND ME THESE CUTTINGS AS A FRIEND
WILL GIVE IT TO P. T. I., today.

PERSONAL

C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
BANGALORE 1.

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14th September 1964.

My Dear Vivek,

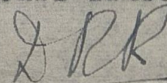
We are very happy to know that your article will be taken by Mr. Durga Das' Syndicate. I am herewith sending you by Registered Air Mail direct to your office the following photographs of Dr. Roerich's paintings. Prof. Roerich's painting will follow shortly because we are getting the prints made:

1. A portrait of Nicholas Roerich
by
Svetoslav Roerich.
2. Portrait of Prof. Nicholas Roerich
by
Svetoslav Roerich.
3. "WHITE CITADEL"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich.
4. "GODS ARE COMING"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich.
5. "MAN BEHOLD"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich 1961-62.
6. "SPRING"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich - 1961.
7. "MESSAGE"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich.
8. "THE CALL"
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich.
9. Portrait of Mrs. Asghari Qadir
by
Svetoslav Roerich.
10. "FRUIT OF THE EARTH" - 1953
Painting by Svetoslav Roerich.
11. Portrait of Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich
by
Svetoslav Roerich.

Please let us know what publication these photographs appear and please send me a copy of each publication which the paper should send to me as a complimentary copy, if not, he should send it by V.P.P.

With our most affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,



(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

P.S. Prints are very difficult and expensive to get, so please do not just give them away as at the moment we need all the photographs necessary for the publication on the 9th of October.

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VIVEK BHATTACHARYA
WILLINGDON NURSING HOME
ROOM NO 26
NEW DELHI.

16th September 1964.

VIVEK BHATTACHARYA
WILLINGDON NURSING
HOME
ROOM NO 26
NEW DELHI

SENT INDERJEET PHOTOGRAPHS STOP GET WELL
SOON

LOVING GREETINGS

DEVIKA RANI AND SVETOSLAV ROERICH

Mme. D.R. Roerich,
C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road, Cantonment, BANGALORE 1.

C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
BANGALORE 1. 10

16th September 1964.

*Sent to
Inclerjet.
See Vivek's letter*
My Dear Vivek,

Herewith 10 very precious photographs of Prof. Roerich's paintings which must be used very judiciously and not just given away to any paper.

The names of the photographs are as follows:

1. "CONJURATIONS"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
2. "COMMANDS OF RIGDE-JAPO"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
3. "SACRED CAVES"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
4. "TIBETAN STRONGHOLDS"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
5. "KANCHENJUNGA"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
6. "FROM BEYOND"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
7. "LEI" -
"SHEPHERD GOD" from Russian popular Epos
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
8. "SANTARA"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
9. "FIERY THOUGHTS"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.
10. "SNOW MAIDEN"
Painting by Prof. Nicholas Roerich.

If you do not need any of the above, please send them back to me because they are in great demand. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the photographs.

In haste.

With our regards,

Yours sincerely,

(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

Shri Vivek Bhattacharya, A.R.O.,
Research & Reference Division,
Akashvani Bhavan,
Parliament Street,
NEW DELHI.

C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
S. India.
17th. September. 1964.

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Our dear Vivek,

We are so sorry to know that you had such trouble with Gastric Ulcer which must have been really there for now many years, and you have suffered many times with this trouble is it not? It will be alright soon, and you will be again your cheerful self again, but you must take every care, and do as the Doctor says. On hearing from you, I at once sent to Inderjeet the photographs of the Paintings of Prof. Roerich which he will get in a few days time. Actually these were being posted, and it was so lucky that I stopped the girl as she was closing the envelope, and sent my letter to you with a small note on it for Inderjeet. I will also send to him some more data, and will do so in a day or so. For the 9th. of October, I will send to papers a short note on Prof. Roerich, written by my husband, a copy of which I has sent to you, and also the Broadcast talk of my husband which should be published on the 10th. of October as the broadcast will be on the 9th. With photographs of Prof. Roerich. In Russia, they are having many items for this day, as yet we do not know what India will do, but Dr, Keskar wishes to make a folder with the reproductions of Prof. Roerich's paintings, by the National Book Trust of India. But I have not had any confirmation from him as yet- let us see. The list of photographs sent to Inderjeet is as follows:- 1. Conjurations, 2.- Commands of Rigden- Japo, 3.- Sacred Caves.- 4.- Tibetan Strongholds.- 5.- Kanchenjunga.- 6.- From Beyond., 7.- Lel, Shepherd God, 8.- Santana. 9. Fiery Thoughts, - 10.- Snow Maiden.

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All the above, have been sent to Inderjeet, and he will I hope do the needful with your article. There are not many negatives of the paintings of Prof Roerich that is why we shall have to use them very carefully.

Since you may not be inclined to read much till you feel better, I shall not worry you any more with such things as the above, and will only ask you to rest now, and do not worry about anything. Let me know if you need anything, and write to me as soon as you feel better. Since Mr. Sen is there, I am sure he will take care of you. You are a Government servant, so they will not charge you, but I hope the Doctor will give you everything best for your treatment.

With our best thoughts and best wishes to you for a speedy recovery, take good care, and in no way strain yourself, I sent you a wire which I hope reached you at the Nursing Home?

With our affectionate greetings,
Yours sincerely,

D. R. Roerich
(D. R. Roerich.)

STRICTLY PERSONAL.

C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
17th. September. 1964.

My dear Inderjeet,

I am sorry that I could not write to you yesterday, and just you the letter which I wrote to Vivek Bhattacharya, it was getting late for the post, and as Vivek seemed to feel in his last letter to me that it was very urgent to send these photographs of Prof. Roerich's paintings I had them posted to you, as poor Vivek asked me to from the Nursing Home. Please let me know when these 10. photographs reach you, have you got any photographs of Prof. Roerich which would be nice to have for the Press? I sent some to Vivek, but am not sure how many of his photographs. The ones sent yesterday are as follows:-

- 1.- "CONJURATIONS"
- 2.- " COMMANDS OF RIGDEN-JAPO",
- 3.- " SACRED CAVES",
- 4.- " TIBETAN STRONGHOLDS",
- 5.- " KANCHENJUNGA",
- 6.- " FROM BEYOND",
- 7.- " LEL. "SHEPHARD GOD",
- 8.- " SANTANA",
- 9.- "FIERY THOUGHTS",
- 10.- "SNOW MAIDEN"

All the above are now sent, and please see the names, as in her letter to Vivek, my secretary made a few mistakes, so kindly have them typed with the the correct names- my husband has written the names also at the back of each.

In a few days I will send to you a news item which you may find interesting, and later a copy of my husband's broadcast on his Father which will be on the AIR, on the 9th. of October. You may use them both for your papers, but one is to be used first, and the other may only be used after the 9th. of October, after the actual broadcast, which is at 9.-15. PM. on that day. I would very much like to have copies of all that appears in the Press at least 3.- copies of each paper, is it possible to ask the papers to send them to me by V.P.P.? In the USA AND THE USSR, and OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES, they all wish to have press cuttings of this important event, if you know of any Press agent who does this, please ask them to do so, and write to me. Excuse my bad typing, I have learnt only from a book, and need lots of practice, but one is able to finish things, and it is useful to know.

With our warm regards to your Father, and to you both,

Yours sincerely,

Shri Inderjeet,
I.N.P.A.,
(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

Jeevandeep Building,
Parliament Street,
NEW DELHI .- 1.

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd :,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
21st. September. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th. September, which I am answering at once, as you are unwell, and I will perhaps cheer you up with a little news. I am very sorry for you as now you say that you have to take long leave from work.

Mr. Sen will come to see you, and while you are on leave, you will be able to do some writing, and about your other question we shall see. How is your wife? I told you that she must not have any more children for some years, she is very delicate, and it is not good, for her at all. As it is, she has too much on her hands with the looking after of the children, and they need all her attention, so she must go home with the children, and rest there after she comes out of the Hospital. What do the Doctors say about your ulcers? Why do you need so much rest? If you can, do let me know.

I am sending to some papers the write-up of Dr. Roerich on his Father, which I hope will come out, it gives an idea of this great Master and his work, though it is not possible to cover all he has done.

I wrote to you yesterday, and hope that you will get this letter in time. Let us know the total of the Nursing Home bill, it has to be official, so send us the exact thing please. Get well soon, and when you go home, your cook must see that no fat is used at all. JUST BOILED FOOD. BOILED EGGS, and Quaker Oats, and such things which do not upset your tummy.

The Glaciers have been named in honour of both Prof. Roerich, and my husband, it is also the 90th. Anniversary so it has come in time! Yes, Inderjeet should be able to do the needful, and I hope he does, he has so far not answered my letter to him, but he will.

Take good care of yourself, with our affectionate greetings to you both,

Yours sincerely,

D. R. Roerich
(D. R. Roerich.)

Listen in to Bangalore.- on the 9th. at 9.-15., PM, they are also on the 9th. of October having it on the 12th. but I do not know the time, so you will have to find our wave length for here on the 9th. of October, and hear it from here. Also please find out when it is on the AIR, Delhi. It is being sent to all the stations of AIR, and will be heard at different times.

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
21st. September. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

How nice to receive your letter of September 17th. but we are sorry to know that there is no improvement in your health. Let us know how you are when this reaches you please, and exactly what the Doctor says. I think you have food cooked in Mustard Oil which is not at all pure these days, that your tummy gets irritated- you should not eat anything that upsets your digestion- mostly boiled food. Let me know what the Doctor says.

As it was a rush, I sent my letter to you with the 10./ photographs to Inderjeet, and added a few lines to say that you had asked me to send them to him direct- it has all the names of the photographs ie: the names of the paintings of Prof. Roerich, as they were written on the back of each in pencil. I wrote again to him, and asked him to send me six, or at least 4. copies of anything that was reproduced by V.P.P., as we must have a record of all things sent. I will send him also the short life-sketch of Prof. Roerich which he can use, the one written by Dr. Roerich, and also the Radio Broadcast, for information, as it has facts which are interesting. I will also send you a copy of it as soon as I get it. It is very good, and if they publish it, it will be good, I mean if a writeup is made of the whole thing, but they can only do this after the Broadcast which is on the 9th. of ~~SEPTEMBER~~ at 9:15. PM. from Bangalore.- and on the 12th. from the All India Radio Delhi, I presume at the same time? Can you find out and let me know? I have written to Mr. Bowry and asked him to get if possible cuttings for me, and hope he will do so. If you can find out what time this talk will be on the 12th. from Delhi it will be nice, as the Station Director has asked, but so far he has not been able to find out. Also if I can have Akashvani of October Indian and Foreign? ALL THE BROADCASTS WILL BE IN OCTOBER? FROM HERE ON THE 9th. AT 9:-15. PM. AND FROM DELHI I DO NOT KNOW THE TIME? BUT IT WILL BE ON THE 12TH. SO TRY TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PLEASE. I HAVE WRITTEN TO MR. IQBQL SINGH ALSO TO ASK ABOUT THE FOREIGN TIMINGS AS I WILL LET FRIENDS KNOW IN ENGLAND AND SO ON. I requested him to also see you if it is possible, so let me know if he does come, he is a very good and old friend of ours.

In haste and with our very best wishes to you both, how is your wife?

Yours sincerely,

(MME: D. R. ROERICH.)

VIVEK GHATTACHARAYA?
WILLINGDON NURSING HOME,
ROOM NO: 26.,
NEW DELHI.-1.

NEW DELHI

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25th September 1964.

VIVEK BHATTACHARYA
ROOM NO. 26
WILLINGDON NURSING HOME
NEW DELHI

SENT EXPRESS DELIVERY TEN PHOTOGRAPHS
DESIRED TO INDERJIT STOP

REGARDS

DEVIKA RANI ROERICH

Mme. D.R. Roerich,
C/O. The Indian Bank Ltd., Infantry
Road, Cantonment, BANGALORE 1.

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bengalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
25th. September. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

Your letters of the 22nd. 23rd. and 24th, of September 1964, and for the Bills of the Willingdon Nursing Home for your treatment, we send you Dr. Roerich's Cheque, for the sum of Rs. 79/ no NP, which will cover the expenses, the bill NUMBERS ARE 5495/ dated 24.9. 1964, / 5486. dated 21st. 9. 1964. / and 5905/ dated 22.9.1964. and they must send us a STAMPED RECEIPT. You may also write to my husband thanking him, as he is worried about your health.

It is good that they find nothing wrong or just the ulcer, and that it is not bad, but you must be very careful indeed, promise me that you will be careful, and not eat in all sorts of places.

ABOUT THE PRESS:-

- 1.- I sent you today C/o The Willingdon Nursing Home the Press Note, and a copy of the Radio Broadcast, Inderjit also, so tell him he may not publish it before the 10th. after Dr. Roerich's broadcast. The news item he may publish about the 90th. Birth Anniversary of Prof. Roerich so that it is in time, but not the Broadcast.
- 2.- Wherever the Broadcast has been sent it is only after the 10th. the Station Director will give the news from here to P.I.B. so there is no likelihood that it will be out before the date as from here, it is on the 9th. of October.
- 3.- Remind me about the Photographs for Akashvani later, of Dr. Roerich I think the Station Director has already sent them photographs as he asked us for so many of them, which we give to him.
- 4.- 10/ Photographs have been sent to Inderjit, today, by Express, and a wire to him, and to you, but yours was C/o the Nursing Home.
5. Dr. Roerich is being honoured by the Mysore Government at Dussera, they are giving him a special plaque, for his distinguished work, in the field of Art- and as a great Artist., on the 16th. October.

All this is in haste, and we hope all will be well with you, may God bless you both, and your children,

Yours sincerely,

(D. R. Roerich.)

ENCLOSED ONE CHEQUE:-

Cheque No 77135/ dated 25.9.1964. on the First National City Bank, Bombay Branch, for the sum of Rs. 79/ only. You can cash this at the Delhi branch which is I think at Parliament Street.

28th. September. 1964.

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My dear Vivek,

This is in haste to answer your letter of the 24th. which came yesterday. We are very happy that you are better, but you must follow all the Doctors say, and be very very careful about your food- only boiled. You can cash the Cheque at the Delhi branch, it is in Parliament Street. NOW IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KNOW WHAT PHOTOGRAPHS ARE WITH EACH ARTICLE:-

- 1.- YOU HAVE TWO ARTICLES, 1.- of Prof. Nicholas Roerich, and 1.- of Dr. Roerich, and for each you have been sent more than 32.- photographs.
- 2.- The 1st lot on the 14th. were 11- black & white reproductions of Dr. Roerich's paintings, AND ON THE 16th. 10- photographs of Prof. Roerich's paintings, then you only wished me to send Inderjit 10. of Panditji & Prof. Roerich, and I sent them.
- 3.- Before that I sent you 1.- of Prof. Roerich, and 1.- of Prof. Roerich, and Panditji. SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW THEY ARE BEING USED AND WHEN THE ISSUE OF THESE ARTICLES IS OVER, SEND BACK TO ME WHAT IS NOT PUBLISHED.

IMPORTANT:

MY HUSBAND'S ARTICLE WHICH YOU HAVE WRITTEN SHOULD HAVE THE REPRODUCTIONS OF HIS OWN PAINTINGS WHICH CAN INCLUDE HIS PORTRAIT OF HIS FATHER:

- 2.- THE ARTICLE YOU HAVE WRITTEN ON PROF. ROERICH CAN HAVE THE REPRODUCTIONS OF HIS OWN PAINTINGS AND WITH THE LATE P.M. AND HIMSELF.

So let me know that these two are not mixed up, and Inderjit says that he will send to Editors both Prof. Roerich & Panditji, and the reproductions of Prof. Roerich's paintings and they may choose.

BUT WITH THE ARTICLE ON DR. ROERICH PROF. ROERICH'S REPRODUCTIONS SHOULD NOT GET MIXED UP. LET ME KNOW ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT MATTER, make it clear to Inderjit also.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT THIS MATTER AS THEY SHOULD BE QUITE SEPARATE, and I have sent you all you have asked for. But your own article will be spilt if the photographs get mixed up.

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Other matters I will write later, this is just a rushed letter to put things right, so your articles do not get mixed up. If it is Prof. Roerich's article first, and later the one you wrote on Dr. Roerich with the photographs that go with each article, then it is OK, but be careful that there is no mixup.

With our affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,

D. R. Roerich
(MME. D. R. ROERICH.)

भारतीय डाक-तार विभाग

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To
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PERSONAL.

C/o The Indian Bank Ltd;
Infantry Rd.,
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1st. October. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

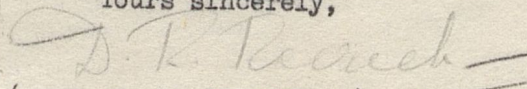
Thank you for your letter of the 26th. September which arrived a few days ago. We have just moved into a new place for our office work, from my Mother's old house which used to be the place from which I always wrote to you when I was in town all these years, but now we have a more central place, and I hope that we shall be able to do things which we wished to do all these years in this new place. I am so happy to know that Mr. Iqbal Singh has been so kind to you, it is very nice indeed of him to see you and to have brought the journal to you. YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE ISSUE OF ASASHVANI OF THE 4TH. OCTOBER? THE ARTICLE IS GOOD AND THEY HAVE GIVEN IT GOOD SPACE, BUT THEY HAVE PUT "NICHOLAS ROERICH UNDER DR. ROERICH'S PHOTOGRAPH?! Is this not sad? They wished to such a good thing, and it has been spoilt because of this silly mistake, but I wrote today a nice letter to Mr. Sharma, and told him about it, and asked him to tell his assistants to please not make this mistake. I wrote also to Mr. Iqbal Singh of this, and asked him to please also tell the Editor of INDIA CALLING, to be careful, if you happen to know the Editor when you are able to see him, please tell him, or his assistant about this- be diplomatic.

You must have received the money for your Nursing Home expenses as the AK. DUE. came back, this I hope will cover these immediate expenses. Let me know. They should send the stamped RECEIPT, as we have to give the accountants every one of them- is it not strange that with one's own money one has to pay accountants to make accounts of all one spends? Such is the world these days!

Let me have your news, get well soon, is it true that Inderjits' firm asks Rs. 40/ for each article? It was offered here so I heard to the Deccan Herald, and that is what a journalist told a friend.

I do not know for certain, but slowly in a nice way find out. Not now, but later, when you get well. Keep this to yourself now, find out later.

With our affectionate greetings,
Yours sincerely,


(MME. D. R. ROERICH.)

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5th. October. 1964.

My Dear Vivek,

Thank you so much for your letter containing the Receipt of the Willingdon Nursing Home for the sum of Rs 78/25np. it is quite alright about the Stamp on it, if they being a Govt. hospital do not give stamp receipts. I will send you some extra for the deducted Rs.2/ which the Bank collected. Strange people, but it is done, and I surprised they took so much!

I need at least 4. copies of the article containing news about Prof. Nicholas Roerich. Inderjit said he would send me at least 3, but now that he is away, please see this is done. ALSO FROM BENGAL, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, I must have copies.

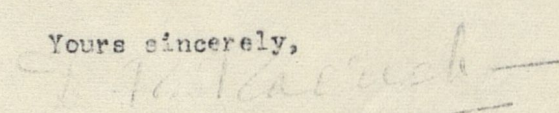
When you also see about this event in any other paper, please buy a copy and send it to me. The Hindi and other languages papers- do not forget.

I am answering your two letters, of the 29th. and of October 1st.

Good Luck Vivek, let me know about the medicines, and what they cost, the Injections I mean which you said you have to have.

With our affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,


(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

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5th. October. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

This is in haste to thank you for your letters to both of us of the 29th. September, which we are happy to receive. We both are very happy that you feel better, and that you have paid the Willingdon Nursing Home, this is very good, and you will not have any worry about this matter. Yes, you are right, the Receipt must come, as these days one has always to produce such things unfortunately.

I have sent to Basumati the photographs yesterday, though they must have two more, as my people say that they had sent them two with the copy of the Broadcast of Dr. as they did to some well-known papers, and the short life-sketch of Prof. Nicholas Roerich, so you should not let them just not use those photographs, you can write and they can also publish them once again in a later issue. SENT TO THEM YESTERDAY: 1. Photograph of Nicholas Roerich, with the late P.M., and 2.- One very fine photograph of my husband. So these will be used with your article, and later the others sent must be used, they should return one, that is the least, after use. MAKE THEM DO SO.

Yes, I have received a copy of "AKASHVANI", October issue, the writeup is good, but it is a pity that they have put Nicholas instead of my husband's name, as it is a photograph of him, that is my husband and not of Prof. Roerich. I have written to the Editor about this matter. Also I hope, that "INDIA CALLING", will have the full text of the Broadcast, as so many people from all over the world are asking me for the text, which is not possible to send to so many, as one has to have a huge staff of typists, and our two secretaries cannot do all this in such a short time.

Yes, I think your list of the photographs is correct, keep a strict watch on them, and see that Inderjit sends them back to me if they are not used, as here, we shall be having a function for this occasion, and we shall use them well.

My letters to you dear Vivek are personal, and so you should not show them to others except to your family, is it not so? Do not mix up the articles, see to this. The one on my husband is nice, and should be used during October, as it is his 60th. Birthday. So you can use it for the 23rd. October, which is his day.

Get well soon, let me know about Medicines, etc., and do not worry

With our affectionate greetings to you both, both of you
get well soon.

Yours sincerely, *crick*

(MME. D. R. Roerich.)

12th. October. 1964.

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My dear Vivek,

Your letter of the 7th. reached us on the day and time that our friend Bowry was with us, and I read your letter out to him, and to my husband. We all feel sorry that your article has had rather rough weather, but it seems that papers pay Inderjit, so much a month to give, they the news, and not for an article alone. I am not sure of the arrangements, but Mr. Bowry told me quite clearly that you must see him, and tell him to which papers your articles have been sent, and in anycase not to take any payment from Inderjit before you see him. Mr. Bowry promised to see Inderjit, and have a talk with him, and see that he pays you not for each article, but for your article for his firm, for which they give a lumpsum. So I feel that somehow you should see Mr. Bowry, as he too will be going away at the end of this month to Paris, for 3. or 4. weeks. So is it possible for you to go or even to phone him? Write to him, and ask for an appointment to see him, as they will be very busy, and we must contact him as soon as you can, do this as soon as it is possible please. He says that P.I.B. released the note of Dr. Roerich, and that is why it appeared in some papers. I have asked him to please give me as many as he is able to. After this experience, you must consult Mr. Bowry when you wish to send things to all newspapers, or you should send them yourself. Do not ask Inderjit about any payments, Mr. Bowry will give you the advice, ask him, and then act upon his advice please about this. So do not be depressed, I think it will work out well. But if the journalist friend said that they charge Rs.40/ for an article, it is too much, and no paper would like to pay this, I do not know the rates, but I do not think they would like to pay such a sum. You can find out from others, and much later ask Inderjit, not now, get paid first.

WHY SHOULD TAKE A DOCTORATE? YOU WILL NOT HAVE TIME? NOR INDEED THE STRENGTH AND YOU SHOULD DO YOUR OWN WORK AND EARN? THINK OF ALL THIS CAREFULLY AND THEN TELL US. You have a family, and must look after them, so how will you be able to do a job, and at the same time do this work. YOUR FIRST DUTY IS TO GET STRONG AND WELL YOU MUST FIRST DO THIS, and then join your work, or how will you manage? I have asked Inderjit to get copies of all the papers which have published the article you have written, and he has promised to do so. WE MUST GET ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS BACK THEY HAVE BEEN SENT MANY MANY AND IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN USED? THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED. In anycase, they will not need them, so we must really try to get them back. But later, get paid first.

In haste, and with our very best POOHA greetings to you,
Yours affectionately,

D. K. Macleod

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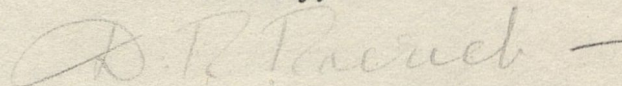
My dear Vivek,

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th. October, and for the two copies of the Sunday Hindustan Standard, containing the article "THE REALM OF SVETOSLAV ROERICH", also for 2. Copies of "BASUMATI", which also came now. It is indeed a wonderful thing that your article came out now, especially because of the Honour given to Dr. Roerich which is on the 16th. by the Government of Mysore, and then his 60th. Birth anniversary comes on the 23rd. of this month. I congratulate you on this nice article, and will also as you wish, write to the Editor of the Magazine section. Mr. Mulgaonkar has sent to me with his compliments copies of the HINDUSTAN TIMES in which a good article has come about Prof. Nicholas Roerich I hope you have seen it?

Get well soon, this is the best gift you can give to us, and you must get really well. Let me know how you are. Mr. Bowry has gone back to Delhi, and you should see him, and ask him to please fix up your payment from Inderjit. Do not ask Inderjit anything till much later about what they charge for an article sent by them from newspapers. Take now the payment first.

Thanking you again for all the nice messages, with our Pooja greetings to you, and your dear wife and children,

Yours sincerely,


(MME DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
21st. October. 1964.

My dear Vivek,

This is to let you know that Mr. Bowry has left for Paris with the Minister Mr. Chagla, and will be there with the delegation for 3.- to 4., weeks. I do not know if you met him and talked to him about your article given to Inderjit? Anyway, when you are able to contact Inderjit, and ask him for your dues. But you must be nice, and do not ask him just now about what the papers are asked to publish an article, it is best to find out from the papers or from some friends. Mr. Bowry said that all papers with whom they deal give them a sum monthly, and they then hand out the news. Perhaps the language papers took your write-up from them? Let me know all about it. Many many papers sent me a copy of the news on the 90th. Anniversary, also many sent messages on this occasion. I will now write to the friend who published your article, and ask him for copies.

PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS LETTERS TO 9. EDWARD ROAD, it is not our permanent address, and only the INDIAN BANK IS THE BEST ADDRESS, after 5. PM. nobody is there, and the servant is very silly, he may not keep any mail well. Some letters already have been lost addressed to 9. Edward Road. The postman is also very careful of letters C/o The Indian Bank, everyone is used to the mail going there, so please address all mail to us C/o the above address. DO NOT FORGET THIS PLEASE.

With our best wishes to you both and the children,

D. R. Roerich
Yours sincerely,

(Mne. D. R. Roerich.)