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Mysore State. S. India.  
23rd. June. 1964.

My very dear friend,

On our return, we received your nice long letter and also the translation of an extract from J. RIMANTAS'S BOOK in English, we had also seen the article of Dr. Ter-Avanesyan, who had sent us his book, in that book is the reference to his visit to Kulu, it is very short, as he spent only a little time with us, but it is very nice.

We were not able to write to you, as my Mother passed away on the 31st. March, this year, and this has greatly upset us, she was such a wonderful person, and she was our best friend, she was quite well, and she was very happy when she left for her vacation. She just passed away in her sleep, and we were away when she passed, but at once we returned, and had to do all the ceremonies for her. We took her ashes to be immersed in the waters of our great river in Kulu, as she loved the Himalayas, and now she is at peace- but for us it is very sad, and we miss her very very much. This year has not been good, our Prime Minister, and so many friends have passed away, we shall not be ever to get such a wonderful man as Mr. Nehru again- he was so well when we met him just before we left for Kulu in April, we had seen him then at his house, where we had breakfast with him. It is very very sad to think he is no more- millions of us here, and in this world, feel that he is a personal friend. He was our friend, he had known us for many many years, and always it was such a great joy to meet him. Now the Light has gone, and we all pray that there will be peace here, and in the world- we need peace to prosper.

It is very sad to come here without Mother, and we feel very bad that she is no longer with us- she loved my husband and he was to her more than a son. He did everything he could for her, as he also loved her very much.

The translation is very interesting, if you can at a later date, please send to us this publication in Russian. It is a nice book, and we would like to have a copy in our Library. But do not hurry, as we shall be now very busy shifting from here, we have to find a house now, in town, and this is very sad, as we have to leave my Mother's house, but the above address is correct, so write always to the above address. We live far out in the country, so that is why we need a place in town to do our work here, and to see our friends. Our home out in the country is very wonderful, and full of most lovely birds, and all beautiful trees. It is quite like a jungle, and very beautiful. I shall write to you later, this is just to let you know that we have returned, and that we have received your dear letters and also the translation of the article.

With our best wishes to you, and our wishes,  
Yours affectionately,

*I can not write  
much, as I am in a  
hurry, keep these notes  
safe.*

*Devi Rani*  
( DEVIKA RANI ROERICH. )



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26th. October. 1964.

My very dear friend,

Thank you so much for your very warm kind greetings on the occasion of the Exhibition of Prof. Nicholas Roerich, in the USSR., we are very happy to know that the Exhibition is wonderful, and that you have seen it. I hope you will send to us some Press cuttings of this occasion, it will be interesting also if they published any of the messages sent by our Minister of Education and Culture, and so many high ranking people including the Vice-President of India, and so many Ministers, and Men of Letters, including the President of the Academy of Arts Delhi, I will print also sometime later all such things which we have from India, and will send you a copy. The Newspapers sent on this 90th. anniversary wonderful articles all over India, and we all are happy that this great Master received so many tributes from people in our country, the land he loved so much. Your fine greetings I will have translated, and will have them in the booklet which I will print later- we are so happy to have such thoughts from you on these very happy and significant days, the 9th. October, and the 23rd. of October. I am so happy that it all came just in time, your letter, and that we could have such messages from beautiful Russia.

I am very busy now, so will not write much, but send to you my loving thanks, and also our best greetings, please give your dear Mother our affectionate greetings,

Ever yours affectionately,

*Devi Rani Roerich*

( DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

*Трошечку, трошечку благодарю  
за добрые слова! Буду рада  
русским. Счастливого пути  
Мамочке - очень люблю и желаю  
вам счастья. Буду рада всем  
и желаю всем.*



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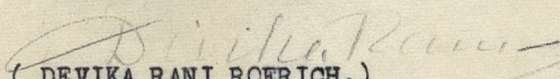
Our very dear friend,

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter with all the news about the Exhibition of our beloved Father Prof. Nicholas Roerich in Moscow, and also for the News Paper cuttings which are so interesting especially about the Cosmonaughts' statement! It was interesting to know from you that the opening of the Exhibition was so nice, and we could not help smiling when you say that Miss Raya Bogdanove also said some words at the Inauguration, she is such a shy person, but it is nice that she was asked, as I understand that she took much trouble to help with the Exhibition. It is such a pity that my husband could not be there at this time, as he is the only one of his great family now alive, but we had a fine time here and this occasion was observed with much love by all, the Press was very good indeed, also many people sent messages, such as the NICE-PRESIDENT of India, the Minister of Education & Culture, and other Ministers, and so many friends. We are very grateful to you for sending us such a nice lot of cuttings, 1-LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. 10th. OCT. 1964.-2.KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA, also, and my husband has already translated some of it to me, this paper is of the 13th. Oct. 1964. Yes, later you will be able to receive more newspapers, so please send us some as and when they come.?

Please let us know how your dear Mother is, it is bad at her age to have such a fall, and let us hope that now it is much cooler, she will recover soon- please give her our very very best wishes and tell her that we shall send her all the best thoughts for a speedy recovery, she has had a good and fine life, and she must not have such dreadful things happen now to her, may God Bless her is my wish.

Your dear messages to my husband gave us both much joy, and I do hope that my letter in which he thanks you, will reach you safely, please let me know when it does. Later I will send to you also some things connected with the 90th. birth anniversary of Prof. Roerich in India, now I am collecting the data, and may also print some booklet of all the messages etc., which will be very nice. Ofcourse, I shall not be able to print all the things, but the most important, and those of some friends. There is so much to tell you dear friend, but time is short, and that is why I just wanted to thank you for all you have sent and which we received today.

With our love to you and your Mother,  
Ever yours affectionately,

  
( DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)



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13th. November. 1964.

Our very dear friend,

I was so happy to receive your letter of the 5th. of November with all the Press Cuttings, which you have sent, so was my husband, we shall keep them very carefully, and later my husband will translate them for me. It is so kind of you to have sent them, and we do not have these. We have not received the magazine ROBOTNITZA, KAUNO TIESA, which do send to us please if it is possible. If you are able to I wonder if some opinions could also be sent to us by the Museum? It would be very nice indeed. THE MESSAGES FROM INDIA WERE SENT TO THE MINISTER OF CULTURE FROM OUR MINISTER OF EDUCATION & CULTURE, ALSO THE OTHER MESSAGES WERE SENT FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE EXHIBITION, TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE TRETIAKOV GALLERY, AND TO THE RUSSIAN MUSEUM, MANY OF THE MESSAGES WERE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, AND I HOPE THAT THEY MAKE FULL USE OF THEM. IT IS SUCH A PITY THAT SUCH FINE MESSAGES SHOULD GET LOST, I HOPE NOT AS THEY ALL WERE SENT FROM HERE WELL IN TIME. They should have been read at the opening of the Exhibitions in Moscow and Leningrad, the President of the National Academy of Art, sent also his message, and so many other academies, and men of Letters, and friends. I wonder what happened to all these messages? Send us as many Press cuttings as you can spare dear friend, and later I will send to you some from here.

We are going to Delhi now, and will return on the 1st. of December., so do write to us so that we receive your letter around that time, now you must have a good idea as to how long our letters, and your letters from there reach us, so please write us then, so on our return we shall have your letter. I always say when your letter arrives, and tell you the date of your letter, so that you know how long it takes to reach us.

It is wonderful news that your dear Mother is so much better please tell her that we are thinking of her, and send to her all our very best wishes for a speedy recovery, may God Bless her and you, and your family is our wish dear friend. We very much appreciate your kind thought in sending these Press cuttings to us, we greatly appreciate it.

With much love to your Mother and you and your sisters,

Yours affectionately,

*Devika Rani Roerich*  
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5th. December.  
1964.

Personal.

My very dear friend,

We have just come back from the North, where we have been, and where we had a great deal of work to do, my husband had many meetings in the Academy of Art, which is the National Academy in Delhi, and also there were many other meetings one of which is very important, it is the Nehru Memorial meeting, where it is decided from Government as to what kind of Memorials should be put up in his name, also my husband is on the special Committee for selecting the best of all Portraits etc. done by Artists all over India. I also belong to some of the committees, which have to do with this work. So we had a very busy time, and the Delhi climate now is very fine, so we had a nice time, meeting all our friends. WHEN WE CAME BACK, IT WAS SUCH A FINE THING TO FIND YOUR LETTERS WITH SO MANY INTERESTING THINGS, AND I WILL TELL YOU ALL WE RECEIVED, SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW THAT ALL YOU HAVE SENT TO US, AND WHICH WE SO GREATLY APPRECIATE, AND ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR HAS REACHED US SAFELY!

- 1.-Your letter of the 13th. November, in answer to mine and about our letter to you thanking you for the message sent by you for S.N's 60th. birthday, and for the 90th. birthday of Prof. Roerich. Also we received the cuttings of Newspapers in your letter of 5th. November, and in this letter of the 13th. we received the translations of 2. Articles from Latvian and Lithuanian Press which my husband liked very much.
- 2.- We have also now received the fine copy of the GLACIERS WHICH IS VERY FINE AND WE SHALL KEEP IT WITH US CAREFULLY, how did you manage to get it? So many friends in the USSR have tried to get it, but they have not been able to do so and it is interesting to know how you got this copy, please let me know. WE WERE SENT THE ORIGINAL BOOKLET FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY FROM LENINGRAD, but this is also very useful which you have sent, as it shows that they can give also such copies. Thank you very very much for all your trouble dear friend, you have sent to us more than anyone else.
- 3.- Your letter of NOVEMBER 24th. also we received with all the Press Cuttings and also in your letter the Photographs from the Magazine of Allusion? or is it from "ROBOTNITZA"? It is not a bad reproduction of the paintings of Prof, Roerich, and also the Press cuttings from 1. Vecherniy Leningrad. X.10, Kauno Tiesa. X.10. 3. Literatura un Mahsla X.10. and Tlpabga Xl.9. about the Cosmonauts appreciation of the colours in Roerich's paintings. Gagarin also said the same thing but very much more about the paintings of my husband, which all the Press here published, and he sent to my husband his greetings, and my husband's letter to thank him, was broadcast in Moscow on the Radio. 4. Yes, we heard from the Director of the Oriental Institute Moscow as they always write to my husband all reports of Dr. George Roerich's works, his publications etc, that they had observed the 90th. birth anniversary, they also sent us photographs of this occasion in the Institute. Dr. George Roerich was such a fine kind man, he was kind to everyone, and to him everyone near to him in his work, he looked upon as his brothers and sisters, so it is not strange that even the sisters Ludmilla and Raya he called just like that, it is a very nice custom in all the East, to call people like this with love and affection, and when people are older, and old, they are called Mother, and Father, it is the way of one's expression of affection in every land of the East., it is also a mark of respect, and we all have this custom. My husband calls so many of our dear and good friends his brothers and sisters. It is very very nice here this custom, and makes one near. It is just a mark of respect, and we all do this. In the



South they call even small girls MA, even grown up men do so it is just Mother, they address, in little girls, and all women, and boys and man they call either, brother, or even affectionately, Baba, which means Father. Those who live in the East understand these things. It is considered very fine to respect age, and it is an honoured thing to be of great age. That is why women here and I think in all the East, do not try to be younger than their age, and they are thus more happy and grow old gracefully, with dignity, and with beauty, because there is only fine feelings of respect for them. The wonder is that they are very beautiful, many women here, are very beautiful, because their like grows in a natural way. Modern women try to do as they do in the West, but even then, we all respect age, and it is a fact, that on the whole, the women here look much younger than their sisters in the West.

We are very interested to know that the opinions are so fine in the book of Opinions, some friends of ours also say so, and one is going to copy some of the Opinions from the Book of Opinions, if she is able to. The Radio Talk of S. N., which has been heard all over India, and abroad, will be in the near future translated into Russian, and if we get some copies, we shall send it to you. Unfortunately, the girl who used to do our Russian typing is ill, she is a Russian, and lives here, but we shall get it done. Students in the USSR who are Indians, may not be able to come at anytime as they have to study, and some of them do not perhaps know, that is why they may not have gone in large lots to the Exhibition, when we were there, all of them went, because also we heard that they were invited by the Embassy, I do not think that our Ambassador received any Invitation to the Exhibition, if he did, he would have gone on the Inauguration day. So many very important people from India sent such fine messages on this occasion, but one does not hear of them, and I wonder if the Director of the Museums will even thank them for their messages. On the occasion of the 60th. Birthday of Dr. George Roerich, Mr. Nehru, the President of India, Ministers and all important people sent such fine messages, and never received thanks from the Director of the Institute, I also enquired from these people here, they said that no one thanked them. This is for only your own information, as you asked why our people did not come. At our exhibition so many Indians came, as they were invited, and also our Ambassador also came so many times, as he was invited, and spoke also at the Inauguration. All the Soviet Leaders also came to my husband's Exhibition, as we invited them, official life needs special care, and rules, they just do not come of their own, they have to be invited in a special way, officially.

It is so kind of you to have sent to us all these cuttings, we shall keep them with us in a special file, and will when we have time, translate them for our people. It is such a great pity that I am not able to translate, or read Russian, my husband has so much work, also with his paintings, that he gets little time to devote to this work, but slowly it all will be done.

Please give my love to your Mother, if I were writing in my language, I would have said "MA", which means Mother, since you are my friend, I would call your Mother "MA", as I said this is our custom, and a mark of respect, and affection. I do hope you are much better now, do write when you have time. My husband thanks you very much for all you have sent him, and sends you his affectionate greetings.

With my love to you and to your friends my warm wishes and greetings,  
Yours ever affectionately,

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WHAT IS YOUR FULL NAME IN RUSSIAN PLEASE LET ME KNOW.



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10th. February. 1965.

My dear friend and dear one,

I received the other day your short letter of the 27th. February, which covered all the Press cuttings, printed and typed, a copy of which I am attaching with this letter now, so that you will have exactly what I have got from you. How very good of you to have sent to us all these interesting things, which will be most useful for us, and today, I received your letter of the 3rd: February, which made me very happy. I am writing in haste, as I will not be able to write to you till after we come back from Delhi where we are going soon again, and we return only around the 9th. of March, you must send to us your best wishes as something good will be done, about which I will only write when it happens. Yes, it is very nice that you have sent all these articles, thank you very much from my husband also, many thanks. MY DEAREST FRIEND, WE DO NOT WANT ANY BOOKS JUST NOW, AND ALL DICTIONARIES WE HAVE IN MOST LANGUAGES, AND VERY GOOD RUSSIAN ONES ALSO RUSSIAN ENGLISH. WHEN WE WISH TO HAVE SOMETHING, WE SHALL ASK YOU FOR IT. Now if only you see something about our beloved Prof. Roerich, send it to us.

Please give Ma, your dear Mother my and our love and respects, she must think of us in her prayers, and Bless us, as we have many many important things to do, work which we have to do, and all the paintings which my husband wishes to paint, for this work, he must be at full peace, and have no worries, he has so many things to do, people all the time ask him for his advice on Art, and so many other matters, also the work of the National Academy in Delhi, and in Kulu Valley in the Himalayas, where our home is, and where we have the Roerich Memorial Gallery, we must now build our Big Museum, called the ROERICH MEMORIAL MUSEUM, this was the wish of Prof. Roerich, and all our family, the Roerich family, so this work must become a reality. Being high up in the mountains, it is now easy to get all the things for building, but we must overcome this, and do this most important work. So Mother must send to us her Blessings, and pray for all that we have to do, and we must have good health, to do all this work., please tell her all this.

I have sent to you the other day a silk printed scarf, which is done in Delhi, with my love, it is simple, but you may like it, it is done by the villagers near Delhi, and we call this sort of work, Cottage Industries, as it is done in the villages, so may it bring you luck my friend, and joy when it is with you, it is very simple, but it is with my love.

With much love, ever your friend,

