C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd., Lady Curzon Road, Cantonment, BANGALORE - 1.

17th February 1971.

Dear Mr. Merchant,

How very good of you to have sent to us the Press notices on the occasion of Dr. Roerich's Medal-of-Honour from the Calcutta Art Society - Thank you very much.

The function was really wonderful and it made me extremely happy to see that Bengal inspite of these turbulent times still retain in full measure Her Culture. At a later date I will describe to you also the very fine function given to me on the 10th by the Calcutta Art Society and the Calcutta Film Society to felicitate me for the Phalke Award. I was deeply touched at the wonderful welcome I received and the beautiful way this reception was conducted. Mr. B.N. Sircar presided and I send to you a copy of his speech which has been published already.

This letter is in haste to acknowledge your kind letter.

With our warm regards to you,

Yours sincerely,

(Mme. DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

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