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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd :,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
19th. January. 1966.

My dearest Fori,

This is just to let you know that as yet we have no news about the paints, in my last letter to you, I said that Prem wrote to say that she had no news also, and I am a bit worried, though I do not wish to worry you about this, I felt and so did Svetoslav, that we should let you know. Perhaps, the lady has not left the USA as yet, anyway, you will know what the matter is, if she lost them, or if she is bringing them.

We are all trying to get over the shock of the P.M's passing, somehow everyone is dazed about his sudden passing, even here, people small and big feel as if they have lost a friend. Though we all have had ration trouble, and so on, yet, every villager I met says that he was putting everything right slowly, and they actually mourn him with tears in their eyes when they talk about him. As you know, here in the South, people do not feel so much for people in the North, there is so much difference in everything, that even our late PM. was to them loveable, and he gathered huge crowds, and they loved him, but when he was away, they became different. Now they seem to feel that they have lost some part of themselves, which is a new thing, everyone I met makes, sweepers, villagers, headmen, cartmen, and so on mourn him as if he belonged to them! Indira will ofcourse be the P. M., may God Protect her and give her strength, poor child, I do not envy her.

Do write to us when you can, we hope that 1966 will be a very very happy year for you both, take every care of yourselves.

both,

With much love from us to you

*Yours affectionately
Devika -*

Her Excellency,
Shrimati B. K. Nehru,
Embassy of India,
2700. Macomb Street,
WASHINGTON. D. C.,
U. S. A.

*When do you come
back for a while?
Please let us
know -*

yours Affectionately,

Svetoslav

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8th. August. 1966.

our dearest Tara

This is to let you know that at last we received the package of paints from L. R. Sethi, his luggage at last was released and he gave it to Prem, who sent it to the Imperial for us to pick up, as we passed through Delhi- everything now is in order, and you will be happy that the paints inspite of the dreadful heat and in excellent condition! Many thanks for all the trouble you took for this, much love from us both and a kiss from both!

We were in Kulu for sometime, and greatly enjoyed our stay - it is not what one may get there, it is just the air and beauty which no one can change which gives one such a real feeling of joy, wonderful air, and though we were very busy for all the months there, as new Flush system was put, and work for the Roerich Museum, plans only, collecting stones etc. and Svetoslav's painting and writing, and short journeys also in the mountains, all of which kept us very busy, still, we just felt wonderful!

Conditions are not as they should be, administration seems to suffer to so many reasons, perhaps when we join Himachal, things will be better. For any work worthwhile, one has to bring labour from down plains, the local people are somehow fading away, and they will not work, they have small holdings, and are content with very little, work when they wish, and thus Tibetan labour, or others are engaged - all Mistires are brought from Chandigarh etc. ours too, which takes a lot of time, and also costs a lot, but this is the only way it seems that any building can be put up- or any work done. It all is very sad, and the valley suffers greatly, but what can one do? Indira is trying her very best to do things in the right way, she really is splendid, and if she is re-elected, many good and constructive things will be possible, let us see, poor girl is now trying her best to overcome this huge machine of things deeply rooted-! When will you both be coming here? You do come once a year let us know when please as we would love to see you.

The Unveiling ceremony of Panditji's portrait was on the 5th. May in Parliament, a most impressive occasion, and everyone liked the portrait, I must say it is really a great work of Art- of Panditji at the best time of his life, just before he fell ill, some people wanted to know why Svetoslav did not paint him when he was old and during his last days- but we hear these were those who never had any liking for him, can you imagine such a dreadful thing? Nehru was a man of Youth and beauty, and this portrait as the President so rightly said was for posterity, for the generations to come, he spoke very beautifully and thanked Svetoslav- so did everyone, it was Svetoslav's gift, as he said this was the best he could do in his memory, a simple tribute to this great man.

With much love from us to you both, forgive this short letter.

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C/o. The Indian Bank,
Lady Curzon Road,
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BANGALORE - 1.
KARNATAKA, South India.

9th August 1974.

My dear Mr. Nehru,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Birth Centenary of Prof. Nicholas Roerich will be on the 9th of October this year.

India is honouring Prof. Nicholas Roerich by bringing out a stamp on the 9th of October in his name and other countries also are marking this event, in particular the U.S.S.R. where the celebrations are being arranged on an extensive scale.

Since you have known the Roerich family for so many years I take the liberty of requesting you to inaugurate this day at the NICHOLAS ROERICH SOCIETY in London. Mr. Kenneth Archer, Secretary of the Nicholas Roerich Society, will call on you personally and I do hope it will be possible for you to inaugurate this auspicious occasion.

I would have written to you personally but I don't know the High Commissions address. I hope Mrs. Nehru will also join you on this day.

With our warm regards to you both,

Yours affectionately,

(DEVIKA RANI)

Shri B.K. Nehru,
High Commissioner for India in the U.K.,
LONDON,
ENGLAND.

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C/o. The Indian Bank,
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11th September 1974.

My dear Biju,

In continuation of my letter I send to you the enclosed which may be useful to you.

Mr. Archer in his letter to me is looking forward to your inaugurating the Centenary Day of Prof. Nicholas Roerich at their establishment when all the members will be there. They are all delighted of your kind acceptance. So my suggestion that perhaps you could have a meeting at the Indian High Commission seems to be out of place for this Society.

As soon as we know in Russia when we may be able to come to England we shall at once let you know as nothing will give us more pleasure than to see Fory and you again.

With love to you both from Svetoslav and me,

Yours affectionately

Sarkis

Shri B.K. Nehru.