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

15th July 1974.

To,
The Vice-Chancellor,
Chandigarh University,
CHANDIGARH.
PUNJAB.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Centenary celebrations of Prof. Nicholas Roerich will be celebrated on the 9th of October 1974. As you know Prof. Roerich and his family lived in Naggar, Kulu. for all these years. Prof. Roerich's Samadhi is there and is visited by many people who come to pay their respects to this remarkable man whose life and work remains in posterity.

I believe there are some paintings in the museum in Chandigarh of Prof. Roerich and it would be befitting if an exhibition could be held and this event celebrated on the 9th of October. Perhaps the Chief Minister of Punjab and you and the Curator of the museum could inaugurate this exhibition and perhaps Dr. M.S. Randhawa could be requested to speak on Prof. Roerich. Please tell Mr. Randhawa that I have written to him sometime back C/o. The Institute of Agriculture, Punjab, but I doubt if he received my letter as he was always very prompt in replying.

The Government of India is honouring Prof. Roerich by bringing out a stamp on the 9th of October in his name. All India Radio will also cover this event. The different places where Prof. Roerich's paintings are will have exhibitions.

I will send you some data about Prof. Nicholas Roerich a little later but I just wanted to inform you about this event so that you could kindly think about it and let me know how best our beloved Punjab could celebrate this event. I would have written to the Curator myself, but please tell him I do not know his name and indeed I would be most grateful if you could send me your full name and address and also

the name of the Curator of the museum.

With my kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Mme. DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

P.S. As you probably know, our house at Naggar has a beautiful gallery with the paintings of Prof. Nicholas Roerich where visitors come. Up-to-date thousands of visitors have come to visit the gallery. The Himachal Pradesh Government will I believe have a programme at our home in Naggar, Kulu, on the 9th of October. I don't know the details yet.

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5th August 1974.

Dear Mr. Paul,

I was delighted to receive your letter of July the 28th today. I am so glad to know that you will personally take an interest in the Nicholas Roerich's Centenary Celebrations in Chandigarh. It is very good that you wrote to Dr. Randhwa and I am sure he will help to make this function a great success. As you know Prof. Nicholas Roerich and his family lived in the Kulu Valley from 1928 and they loved the Punjab and our beautiful Himalayas.

The Museum at Chandigarh has paintings of Prof. Nicholas Roerich which I believe have a special hall of section in which his paintings hang. It was Dr. Randhawa who donated these pictures to the Museum in Chandigarh. So I don't think there is any difficulty about getting some paintings. Perhaps the University and the Museum could co-operate and celebrate this great man's Centenary in a grand manner.

I am enclosing for you some data on Prof. Nicholas Roerich which I have also sent to the Curator of the Museum. Please let me know how you are going to arrange the above when the plans mature.

Thanking you and with our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Mme. DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

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