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18th February 1972.

My dear Ludmila,

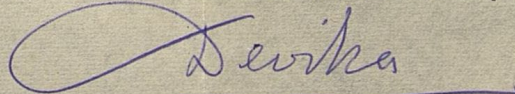
While working I just saw your nice photograph as I keep it always on my office table so I am just writing these few lines to ask you how you are? If you are thinking of coming to Bangalore let us know well ahead because we may be out of town since we have to attend to work outside Bangalore.

It is quite warm here now and people who come here from Madras say that Madras is cooler - can you imagine such a thing?

Write soon and in English please.

With love from both of us,

Yours affectionately,

  
(DEVIKA)

Dr. Ludmila Shaposhnikova,  
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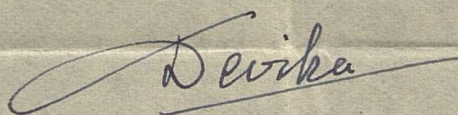
3rd March 1972.

My dear Ludmila,

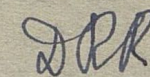
What a joy to receive your dear letter of the 26th! This is in haste to let you know that 10th and 11th of March is not convenient for us because on these days we have many guests and it will not be possible for us to have some time together. But in the week after that please choose two days and kindly telephone us on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday to let us know what convenient days are for you. Forgive me for this short note.

With much love,

Ever yours affectionately,

  
(DEVIKA)

P.S. By the way, Dr. Nikolayev has sent me the "Uva Ursi", through a friend, which was so good of him, so you need not worry about it any further.

  
(D.R.R.)

Madam Ludmila Shaposhnikova,  
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3<sup>rd</sup> July - 1972 Bangalore.

Dear Milla,

Our Beauty passed away on the 1<sup>st</sup>. he had a peaceful death, and his cremation according to Vedic rites was the most beautiful I've ever seen. 18 years of love he gave us - our treasure, precious beyond words! as ~~he~~ beautiful in ~~to~~ death as in life!

Since you petted him and greeted him always I think you, if he were alive he would give you paw!

With our love,

Devika



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भेजने वाले का नाम और पता:- SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Mme. D. R. Roerich,  
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Mysore State. S. India.

भारत INDIA



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June-7<sup>th</sup> 1974  
To my very  
dear Grandma  
a small remembrance.  
with love,  
Devika—



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KARNATAKA, South India.

21st March 1975.

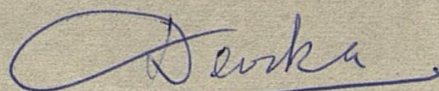
My dear Ludmila,

This is in haste to let you know that our homecoming was wonderful, it is very lovely now and we are enjoying the Spring. Delhi was very cold and in the Himalayas it has been snowing very heavily in fact there were also some earthquakes but we hear the weather has improved now. If you do come to India we shall need some time to get to Kulu as we have a lot of work to do therefore as soon as you know please send us a telegram giving us enough time to finish our work here and in Delhi and then go to Kulu.

I am writing this short note so that once again you know our address. We miss you all very much and we remember our very happy days in beautiful Russia. Please give our love to all our friends, also to Natalia please tell her that I did what she wished immediately on my arrival, she asked me to remember her to some friends.

With much love to you from both  
of us,

Ever yours affectionately,



(DEVIKA)

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*Handwritten in Russian:*  
Уважаемая  
г-жа Шопошникова  
г. Москва  
- RUSSIA -





From:

Mme. Devika Rani Roerich,  
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KARNATAKA, South India.





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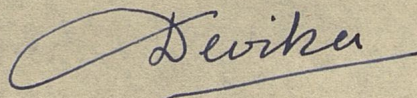
My dearest Ludmila,

Thank you so much for your Post Card which I was very happy to get but I am sorry to hear that there have been some difficulties about your coming to India. We are now going to Delhi and on to Kulu and we leave there in the last week of May as we have to go to Bombay for our work and also the rains start in the first week of June, so after May it is difficult as the roads are bad. The next best time is in October by which time things clear up and the climate is good there. Autumn is most beautiful but unfortunately it is our season in the plantation here and therefore we can go nowhere till the work is over. We expect to be in Russia sometime in the beginning of November, the exact time I do not know as I think we shall be invited and the stay will not be long. All this I can only tell you when it happens. We remember you all with much love and affection and we certainly look forward to meeting you again.

This booklet has been brought out by the leading Art Organisation here on my husband's return and it was only printed in a few days but still I send it to you as I am sure you would like to have it. You will see how much my husband is respected here and also loved. In India for big Receptions such booklets to mark the occasion are brought out so that the people who attend the function have a memory of it. I hope you will like it.

With much love to you as always,

Ever yours affectionately,



P.S.

Please collect for me as many Press cuttings as possible on my husband's Art and Exhibitions in the U.S.S.R. If you see Sidorov please tell him to keep at least 6 copies of OGONIOK which reproduced S.N. paintings.





AIR MAIL -



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KARNATAKA, South India.





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you should have  
got - 1) wire me sent you  
to Naggar -  
2) 1 Parcel to Delhi.  
3) this letter with attached.  
ok?

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

19th September 1975.

My very dear Ludmila,

We sent you the following wire to Naggar and we hope it reached you?

"HAVE REQUESTED MADAM FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO HER ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH (TWENTYSIXTH) STOP HER OFFICE WILL CONTACT YOU IF APPOINTMENT O.K. STOP SENT PARCEL TO DELHI PLEASE COLLECT FROM MR. OLEG G. ULTSIFEROV CULTURAL DEPARTMENT STOP HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU STOP

LOVE FROM US BOTH

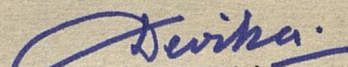
DEVIKA AND SVETOSLAV ROERICH"

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Today I sending this letter with the enclosed and you must let me know if it reaches you. Apparently 23rd May 1931 N.G.M. suits best as all the planets agree with L.V.S. The other he says is not bad but not good and so he said to send you this. Of course he said the exact time of birth is necessary so you will have to decide yourself ultimately. He can do nothing further without the time of birth of both people i.e. L.V.S. AND N.G.M. This is the best he can do as to the data given to him. You will see that he has ticked the complimentary planets of both which he says agree excellently and is happy altogether for these two names.

We do hope that Naggar will have some good days we heard from a friend that it was raining terribly and now Vishnu writes that you all arrived at 12.30 on the night of 14th of September and were late because the roads were bad. It is very sad that this time was chosen for your trip but IN LAHUL THERE IS NO RAIN SO I HOPE YOU HAVE MOVED THERE. I hope also that you will get the interview with the Prime Minister, I know definitely that if she can she will meet you but, you have to be very alert to see that you get the message for the 26th. I have asked that they contact the Embassy as well as Mr. Ultsiferov of Cultural Department and I hope all will be well. Needless to say, a line from you before you leave India is absolutely necessary as I want everything to reach you safely.

With our love to you and our affectionate greetings to our friends,

Yours affectionately,

  
(DEVIKA)



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Best 12

26-july 1926

Shu bha mastu

23. May 1931

L. V. S.

N. G. M.

Asvini

Anooradha

Mesharasi  
Adhipathi  
Kuja

Vrischik Rasi  
Adhipathi  
Kuja

AKadhipattiyam

36 Gunas. — Comes 34 Gunas. Best

3 binam ✓  
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Mahendram ✓  
Streedeergan ✓  
4 yoni ✓  
7 Rasi ✓

5 Rasyadhi palhi ✓  
Raggu ✓  
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Vedha ✓  
1 Varnam ✓  
8 Nadi ✓  
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Madam Ludmila Shaposhnikova,  
C/o. Mr. Oleg G. Ultsiferov,  
Cultural Department of U.S.S.R. Embassy  
in India,  
24 - Ferozeshah Road,  
NEW DELHI - 1.









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

15th October 1975.

Our very dear Ludmila,

Thank you so much for your letter from Delhi and also the enclosed letter of Pavel Fedorovich. We are very happy to know that everything went off well and I do hope that you will be satisfied with the results. I would like very much to have a detailed letter from you about your trip and also your interview with Mrs. Gandhi as to whether you were able to film her and how the interview went. We have written to thank her as it was most gracious of her to have spared the time. We would like to have if possible a copy of her words which were recorded by you, this will be useful not only as a record for us but if at any time she wishes to know what was recorded we can have a copy to show her.

I hope you found Mrs. Fosdick's letter about Raya in the parcel and also my other letter which was very necessary for you to receive. The Pandit said however that unless he has the correct time of a person's birth it is not possible to give the absolutely correct reading however, what he gave is the best. I hope you meet all our friends to whom you must please give our very best wishes and affectionate greetings. I hope Madam Popova is better, please give to her and Renita our loving greetings. This letter is merely to let you know that your letter from Delhi was received and to tell you how happy we were to have met you. I do hope that it will be possible for you to come here again. Please also let me know what difficulties you had in Kulu? I am interested to know. Your visit was so sudden and such a surprise that it was not possible either for us or Vishnu to contact the Minister's concerned as all that takes time at least two weeks because at the moment everyone is busy in Simla and they go on tours that is why it is always necessary to know well before hand. However, I think that they did their best under the circumstances. We wish you every luck with the film and we certainly hope that it will be possible for the Ministry of Culture to send a copy at a later date for Exhibition in India and later perhaps one could keep a copy here in India. Of course all this is for the future, let us first concentrate to make the film first class so that it is on an international standard and can be shown in any part of the world. So many countries would like to have a film like this.

With much love to you and our affectionate greetings to Valaya,

Ever yours affectionately,

*Devika*



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KARNATAKA, South India.

21st November 1975.

My very dear Ludmila,

Just a few lines to ask you how you are and how the film is getting on? I understand that Pavel Fedorovich will be joining the Film Unit in Kiev to see the developed films which were taken in India.

I am so happy that we were able to arrange for you an interview with our Prime Minister and really it was extremely good of her to have given you this Interview because I know she was terribly busy at that time. I do hope you took a good film of her and had good lighting because she is very easy to photograph and has a most interesting face. We would like very much to have a copy of her Message as a record. Do not forget please to send us a copy. Someone said that you did not film her but only recorded her words which upset me a bit as this was a golden opportunity to take a good movie of her. Anyway kindly let me know.

Pavel Fedorovich and Natalia were so happy to receive the small things I sent them - thank you so much for giving it to them. I suppose you must have seen Renita and her mother. I understand that the elections for the Academy take place this month and therefore it would be a good thing to remind Madam Popova about this matter as we are not there and since she was good enough to take an interest in this matter it would be right if she would kindly see that people do not forget. She knows well the importance of this matter and she knows well not only the Ministers concerned but also Kemenov and others who deal with this matter. I hope you will make every effort to see that this matter is looked into, followed up and done in a complete and satisfactory way. Thank you so much dear good friend for all the trouble.

We have not been too well and had Influenza which makes one feel very tired but, the climate is lovely now and so it will help us to get well soon. Needless to say we hope to hear from you as soon as possible - please give us happy and cheerful news. Please give Renita and of course dear Madam Popova our fond love. We are working hard as usual and are now preparing for an Exhibition of both Prof. Roerich and S.N. which will be held in Calcutta early next year. By that time our paintings also will have returned from the U.S.S.R. where the Exhibition has been running with wonderful success. With our paintings there we feel as if we are ourselves in your beautiful country. I hope when I next come I shall be able to travel and see Russia and see the places which I have been interested in from childhood. Bless you and may you have every happiness and success.

With my love to you,

Ever yours affectionately

*Devi*

(Mme. DEVIKA RANI ROERICH)

*Please do not forget about this matter - the elections are now*



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WE WISH YOU A VERY  
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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KARNATAKA, South India.

8th December 1975.

Dearest Ludmila,

What a joy to receive your letter dated 25.11.1975 today. Since we did not hear from you I was wondering if you had forgotten us.

It is wonderful news that you think that the results of your work in the Himalayas is good and that you are satisfied. Of course if you were in charge anything would be satisfactory as you work with your heart and soul and of course your knowledge. I am so happy to know that the Interview with the Prime Minister is so excellent and that you were able to film her as well. This is very very important. Your questions to her are excellent and I am so glad to know that she gave also such good replies. How did we look in the film which you took here? HOW EXCITING TO THINK THAT WE MAY HAVE A COPY FOR OUR PERSONAL USE AND RECORD OF THIS BEAUTIFUL FILM! IF WE GET A COPY WE WILL THINK VERY CAREFULLY OF HOW IT SHOULD BE SHOWN AND WHERE IT SHOULD BE KEPT. IN ANY CASE THANK YOU FOR THIS USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGHT.

You ask me when we are going to visit beautiful Russia again? I think I should ask you this question as it depends entirely when we are invited and for this purpose my last letter to you is important as I requested you to please ask Madame Popova about this matter as she had taken so much trouble about it. The Minister also spoke to my husband and my husband accepted but what further they are doing I don't know. This is important. Please give it your full attention. By the way, the Rupee you gave me is still with me, let me know when I can do the Pooja, I hope soon? I am so happy to know that Madame Popova and dear Renita liked the small things we sent to them, how I wish it could have been more. Take good care of yourself and write to me as often as you can. With much love as always,

Yours affectionately,

*Devika*

*We both heard I was, terrible it was!  
better now - weather is lovely here!*



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C/o. The Indian Bank,  
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5th January 1976.

Our dear Dr. Ludmila,

How lovely to receive your card of greetings and the wonderful gift of the Edelweis which is from the Altai mountains! This flower, strangely enough, has meant a great deal in my life because at different periods I have either been sent it or found it myself. It is interesting to know why I have received it again because it is sure to bring good-luck to me, or rather to us both. Let us hope that it will be so.

My dear good friend, I have still your Rupee - when are you going to tell me to offer it to the Temple at our tree? Now it is 1977! I hope it will not remain with me for a lifetime. Dearest Ludmila, some problems have to be faced and I think it is time to face them as to whether you should do these or not. Of course these are your own problems and one has to think them out and be careful but still, it is really most necessary to decide before it is too late.

The Soviet Land Nehru Award given to my husband was a wonderful function. We were in Delhi on the 15th of November to receive it and it gave both of us great pleasure to see how friendly the people were. Everyone was happy that he received this Award. Of course I shall send you some reproductions at a later date of my husband's paintings in Kulu, but it is not easy at the moment because I can get nothing from my husband as he is concentrating on his latest painting which is a large a complicating one but certainly I will remember and try to send you this as soon as possible.

We heard from Mr. Sidirov that there is a sort of Commission formed to look into the publications of Prof. Roerich which I hope you are connected with. We had given your name to the Minister of Culture. This Commission was intended to stop Raya's strange effort to attach herself to the Roerich name by adding her name to Prof. Roerich's well-known books. If you



know anything about this Commission please let us know. In fact if you see Mr. Sidirov please give him all the details so that if he comes to India on some work he will be able to tell us more fully.

You will be happy to know that the paintings of Prof. Roerich which my husband got for Russia to be exhibited in the Russian Museum from a friend abroad have been duly received by the Ministry of Culture. This is a very important set of paintings which our friend happily gave as a present to Russia in connection with the Centenary of Prof. Nicholas Roerich. Please find out about this matter.


We are very happy to know that the film you made on Prof. Roerich which includes, as you say, Mrs. Gandhi and the dances of Kulu is being shown all over the U.S.S.R. It would be nice for India to also have a copy. Mr. Belicov very kindly sent us some photographs of you along with the Academicians at the meeting of Novosibirsk. You looked so smart and much slimmer and we were most happy to have these photographs.

Though I am far away please do not forget us. Read my letters carefully and keep it somewhere near to you so that you will remember to write to me sometimes.

We send to you our love and hope that somehow we shall meet you in the New Year.

With every best wish as always from both of us,

Ever yours affectionately,

  
(DEVIKA)

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16th February 1976.

My very dear Ludmila,

It is ages since I wrote to you to answer your kind card of greetings and the message of our Prime Minister which she gave for the film now being prepared on Prof. Roerich in the U.S.S.R.

The message is excellent and I am so glad that you were able to send it to me.

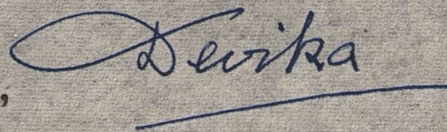
The reason for the delay in my answering is because we were away at Calcutta for the Exhibition of Prof. Roerich's and my husband. It was a beautiful Exhibition and the people who came to see it were very happy with the paintings which really looked magnificent. Our paintings are still in the U.S.S.R. so this Exhibition though small consisted of paintings which we lent and which the Birla Academy had and also some private collectors. The Birla Academy is a beautiful building and the halls for Exhibition purposes are excellent, absolutely modern and the paintings glowed there as if the Himalayas had come down to Calcutta. We had just returned and that is why I am able to attend to my work here.

I don't know when we shall be invited to the Soviet Union because unless we are invited I don't think we shall come as there is so much work to be done here. Also during this season we make our usual trip to the Himalayas.

Of course, the Rupee will wait. You must let me know about the Pooja. Let us hope you will be happy and be able to do everything in the best way.

We send you our love and our very, very best wishes.

Ever yours affectionately,



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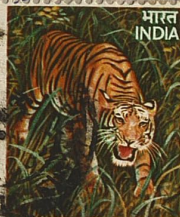
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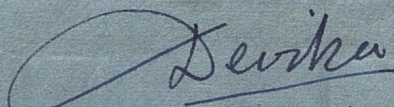
When I wrote to you the other day I forgot to ask you whether you know anything about the progress about the matter I discussed with you? We have heard nothing so far and I wonder whether Madam Popova is in a position to enquire? Anyway, if you do hear anything, please let us know. The strip of film which Mr. Belicov sent is very nice indeed and we were happy to have it. You say that I looked very nice in the snow in Leningrad, but what about the film that they took here? I do hope that it came out well and that Devika also looked nice here. The priest who gave you the dates again checked and he said that they were quite correct - but of course one has to be very careful in deciding such matters and I am sure that every care will be taken by you.

Soon we shall be going to Kulu, or rather we shall be going sometime in March. What a pity that we could not meet you there last year. Very important is to please give me the title of the message of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Gandhi, for her words of appreciation. If you like you can write it in Russian and send it to me. I will of course send it to Mrs. Fosdick at the Roerich Museum and to some other important societies working in other countries dealing with Prof. Roerich's work.

Bangalore is very beautiful now. It is Spring and at our Estate all the birds are singing merrily and all the flowers in the jungle are in bloom. I shall keep the rupee, it sits in my box quite happily waiting.

With much love, as always,

Ever yours affectionately,

  
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12th March 1976.

My dearest Ludmila,

It is quite sometime since I heard from you and today I was thinking of you particularly and I do not know what the reason is, but you have been in my mind for quite sometime. I do hope you are well. The Rupee remember is still waiting! It is already March and I really wonder when it will be possible to go to Russia. Of course we can only go when we are invited and I do hope it will be soon and before we go to Kulu.

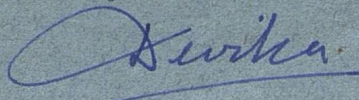
Have you seen Mr. Belicov lately? Besides him you are the only person that has a copy of Mrs. Fosdick's letter. It seems that Raya has heard that such a letter was written and she wrote a very bad letter to Mrs. Fosdick demanding that Mrs. Fosdick sends her a copy which of course Mrs. Fosdick will not do. Of course this letter is quite a simple one stating the actual facts about the history of Raya and it appears that she does not know what is in it, but I am merely passing this news to you so that you do not mention that you do not have such a copy with you. We hear also that Vasilchick is now going about saying bad things about us but all this does not matter because IT IS THE TRUTH THAT PREVAILS.

We have been very busy with people visiting us all the time and really we do not seem to get any rest. People coming from all parts of the world and staying only for a few days, which makes it very difficult. However, they are all interested in the Art of Prof. Roerich and my husband and the books written by the family. They are all connected in some way with the Roerich Museum in New York, though they live in different parts of the world. Recently an interesting gentleman came, who is spending his time photographing Prof. Roerich's paintings all over the world. He has even been to Russia and photographed the paintings, which is quite something! Now he is in India and has photographed the paintings here and will go to the different places in India which have paintings of Prof. Roerich and my husband and will even go to Naggar. He will ultimately reproduce these paintings, also he will give lectures on the Art of Prof. Roerich and have slides projected in Australia where he comes from and in different parts of the world. It is a huge project, but with his talent and his great interest, I hope that he will get the maximum good results.

Our life goes on smoothly and we are well. I am very busy because a personal friend has been in hospital undergoing a severe operation and I have to be in Office, in my estate and at the hospital taking food to him, but thank God he is better.

It is getting very hot here and really quite difficult to go out in the day but, we do not have time to bother about these things and just do our work. If you have any news about the subject we are interested in, please let us know. As you know, it is very near to my heart. With lots of love to you from both of us,

Ever yours affectionately,



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11th June 1976.

Our very dear Ludmila,

Thank you for your letter which we were happy to receive. We heard from Natalia the other day about the film on Prof. Roerich which she liked very much and she gave us a nice description of the film. She did not however mention anything about the Prime Minister and the message she gave, was it not included in the film? Please let me know.

At the present moment Mrs. Gandhi is in Russia and seems to be having a wonderful time. Of course her visit there is of the greatest importance to consolidate the friendship between our two countries. She really is one of the most remarkable personalities I have met.

It would be of course very nice to write a book on the ROERICH'S in the Himalayas and I am sure that you will overcome all the difficulties when you undertake this important work. If you will let me know exactly what photographs you need I will ask S.N. and see if he has anything that may be of interest to you.

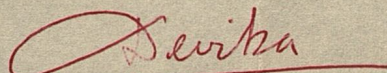
As you must know tourists are allowed in Ladakh now and there is a very good bus service to go there but, we hear that July is the best time and now this July they will have the wonderful Ladakh fairs which have all the dances, etc. and are most colourful. By the way, did you have in the film on Prof. Roerich the Kulu dances? We understood that they were a good group.

I am sorry about the rupee which is still waiting to be used - of course you have to decide but, sometimes time is an important factor and one should not let too much time pass.

Bangalore is still hot but we have been refreshed from Kulu and so can carry on here.

With much love to you from both of us,

Ever yours affectionately,

  
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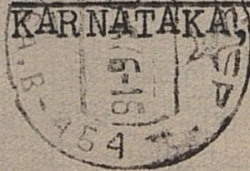


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29th April 1977.

Our very dear Ludmilla,

It is long since I wrote to you or you wrote to me. It is such a pity that you are so far away. Often we wish to meet you and talk to you about so many things. This year due to certain reasons which propably you can well imagine, we shall not be going to Kulu now but we hope that we shall go there sometime in October because that is a better time than now.

As you know we have had several changes but we hope that the Forces of Light will prevail later. A lot of things are happening which are interesting, it is interesting to live in all times but of course we wish, all of us, that we have peace in India. Our country has seen many changes in all the thousands of years that it has been and I suppose fresh changes India will also see and be able to overcome all conditions.

We are very busy with our work and my husband is painting a great deal. He read in the magazine "Knowledge is Power" about your new book on Australations in India. We were very happy to read about this most interesting and important work of yours and we would like very much to have a copy of it.

We will not know until we are in Delhi about several matters including the new Monograph on my husband which is coming out in Russia. I have written about it to the publishers and we have wired about it and Mr. Belicov has also written about it to us but God knows when we shall receive it. If you kindly buy 2 copies when it comes out and send it to us, nothing would give us greater joy.

We would also like to know how the Committee for Prof. Nicholas Roerich's publications is functioning, this is in connection with the Bogdanova work. We heard that the Ministry of Culture had formed a Committee and we had given your name also at the time to be included in this Committee but no one writes to us as to how it is functioning and as to



who the Committee members are. Please let us know. We do not know anything about the Bogdanova affair or how it is functioning.

We hear from Pavel Federovich that the paintings which Mrs. Campbell had and for which my husband arranged when he met her in Switzerland, have reached Russia and we have also heard that she may visit Russia in this connection. Have you seen the paintings? They are very beautiful and interesting set and we are so happy that they have gone home to Russia.

In the changed circumstances at the moment we have to find out how we can manage about Kulu and the Institute Urusvati. The collaboration that we wanted to have may or may not be that easy as it was but one never knows. The present Prime Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, is a very old friend of ours. By himself he is an excellent man and a fine administrator who has held important jobs in the Congress Government being first the Finance Minister and then the Deputy Prime Minister. He is a true follower of Gandhi and a man of principles but his Party consists of all the various Parties who joined together to make a Party called the Janata Party Strong, otherwise the Opposition was not strong enough to overthrow the previous Congress Government. There is no restriction on expression of speech etc. - let us hope that things will work out.

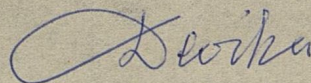
You can well understand our feelings I am sure about many things especially because we are not getting younger and we hope and wish to establish Kulu in the best possible way.

Do write when you can. The Rupee you gave me is still kept for you and I really do not know when I can make Puja in your name at the Shrine at the old Banyan tree.

Bless you dearest friend. May you have all you desire and more.

With our love to you as always,

Ever yours affectionately,

  
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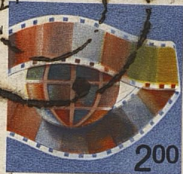
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15th June 1977.

My very dear Ludmila,

We have heard from Mr. Pavel Federovich that the book on S.N. is now published and that all the copies have been sold out. The text was written by Dr. Tyulaev and I it is brought out in Russian and English. I hear also that the reproductions are not so good still, it is nice to know that something is being brought out on S.N.'s Art and we look forward very much to receiving it.

Do tell me if you know anything about the Committee which was formed for the publications of Prof. Roerich and how the Bogdanova affair stands. Nobody writes clearly on this issue and if it is possible I would be grateful if you would let us know.

Many changes have taken place here in India but you will be happy to know that the new Prime Minister is an old friend of ours and it was very nice indeed to have a letter from him. Everything at the moment is upset in India because of the change but I hope that everything will settle down and that the new Government will live up to its promises to the people. I do hope also that the friendship between the two countries gets strong, stronger than the past.

I have had no news about the film on Prof. Roerich. I still have your rupee with me. When do you want me to have the prayers said in thanksgiving?

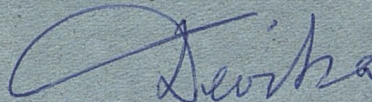
We are both well and S.N. is painting a great deal.

We hope to go to Kulu in the Autumn.

Write soon and let me know the control on the Bogdanova issues.

With love from us both,

Ever yours affectionately,



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15th July 1977.

My very dear Ludmila,

What a joy to receive your dear letter after such a long time. I just cannot understand why you don't write to me because at least we keep in touch with each other. We have a saying in India that letters are most important as they are part of a person who sends them and so in this way one can contact each other.

We have just received your fascinating book "Australoids Live In India". It is amazing! I really don't know how you managed to bring out such a beautiful book. My tragedy is that I am unable to read it but I must congratulate you, along with Svetoslav, for this lovely publication. The photographs are just lovely and it gives one such a happy feeling. Hearty, hearty congratulations!

We ordered 50 copies of the little Monograph on S.N. in a most peculiar way. There is a firm here that deals with the firm in U.S.S.R. and through the Information Department of U.S.S.R., a friend helped to get us these copies. The text of Dr. Tyulaev, I understand, is very good but the English translation is quite weak in many places and not really correct. I am wondering what to do about it because I want to send it abroad. It is strange also that many of the paintings have been named wrongly. The exhibition ran for such a long time that surely they could have got the right names of the paintings. Of course, if they only asked us and sent us a copy of the translation and Dr. Tyulaev's text, my husband himself could have translated. Anyway, what can one do? Friends in U.S.S.R. tell us that still it is a fine thing that this book was printed at all. Forty thousand copies were printed and everything was sold out at once, so Mr. Belicov writes.

We are very interested to hear of all the news about the different celebrations proposed to be held. It is very good that you saw the paintings of Professor Roerich which were gifted by the President of the Roerich Museum in New York. If you remember, during our exhibition, we left for Switzerland to meet Mrs. Campbell? It was then that my husband persuaded her to give as a gift during the



Centenary of Prof. Nicholas Roerich these special paintings which were in her possession. In fact after it was decided by her that she would do so, my husband made an announcement of this gift, even on the radio and Television in the U.S.S.R. At one time Mrs. Campbell thought that perhaps after giving this gift the people concerned were not interested to get back these paintings because it took so long for them to contact her and we also had to write and remind them. It was the Minister of Culture who accepted the gift and in fact accepted the letter of Mrs. Campbell which S.N. gave to him when we met him. But we are happy that they are now in Russia as it is really their home.

It is strange to hear from you that this Committee has been formed and that Pavel Federovich and you are members of the Committee and that the President of this Committee has not been named. Surely now that you all know that the Committee has been formed, someone of you can enquire from the Ministry of Culture so that the work can start. Indeed it is a pity also that we are not there as we could push matters. Please try, dear Ludmila, to expedite this matter.

We have had quite a lot of important things to settle here because as you know there is a new Government and until the new Government settles down, things will have to be managed in the right way.

The thing that pleases us most is to hear of all the work you are going to do and we hope that as and when you publish these books, we shall receive a copy. Remember one thing, that we shall eventually put all these precious gifts of importance in our library in Kulu. Kulu is still a problem as again the Government has changed there, therefore the laws also change. It seems that there are definite plans of the new Government and that America is helping it. Since our beloved Russia has done so much to establish many important things in India in the Public Sector, one does not know how the balance of these 2 powers will be in the future. As Madam Roerich said, Russia will always be India's friend and our peoples will come closer together with the years. Let us hope so. After all, we are almost neighbours and we certainly hope that friendship will prevail between our two countries. I am sure and I hope that once the new Government gets settled and evaluates the tremendous help that Russia gave to India, it will also extend its hand of understanding and friendship.




Life is moving fast, good things and bad things are happening and all of us hope of course that whoever comes or goes, India will be able to survive and prosper. The future generation must have Peace to prosper. The more I study about India and Russia and other countries, I have a feeling that our two countries are bound to come closer with time. Now also as you must have heard, Pakistan has enough upheaval but there too may be this is for the best. Of one thing I am certain, Evil cannot succeed over Good. The Forces of Light will prevail for each phase is important in the life of a Nation and who knows that these changes are due to mistakes made from which one has to suffer and learn.


I will write to you again but I would be most happy to hear from you about the Committee. Can you not contact Pavel Federovich about this?

With our love to you as always, and our hearty congratulations for this beautiful book which you have published.

Ever and always,

  
(DEVIKA)

P.S. I will not use the Rupee until I hear some good news from you so it shall be kept like that as it was given for a particular purpose - you know what!

  
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8th March 1978.

My dearest Ludmila,

This is in haste to tell you that we shall be going to Bulgaria at the end of this month to attend an exhibition of both my husband's and his father. This was arranged by the Bulgarian Government and we are very busy with all the preparations because the paintings have to be shipped by a special plane which the Bulgarians are bringing the day after tomorrow to take the paintings.

Thank you so much for your letter, our very dear good friend, It is such a joy to hear from you and I am sure that when you come at the end of the year to write your book we shall meet.

On our return, it is possible that we shall return from Moscow and we shall stay for a little while so we shall have the pleasure of seeing you I hope. 300 paintings of ours are going, 168 of Svetoslav's and 132 of Prof. Roerich's, besides paintings are coming from America, Moscow and from various Museums in India. This is the 100th year of the Bulgarian Republic which they are celebrating and they wish also in this connection to have a Symposium of Professor Roerich as well during the exhibition. This is all very nice but the hurry to get things done is terrific.

With much love to you from both of us,

Ever your own,



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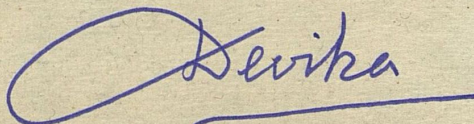
It is ages since I wrote to you and I wonder how you are? We are well and Svetoslav Nicholaevich is busy not only with his future paintings but also he has a lot of writing work and now that the Season has started in our Estate, we are busy there too. I of course am always busy because Devika never has any rest - like you she is a lonely person. I HEARD FROM PAVEL FEDEROVICH THAT RAYA HAS MARRIED VASILCHICH; If this is true then it effects the position with regard to Dr. George Roerich's flat and she should not have the custody of all the Archives because now her husband will own it too. This matter is very serious and we are writing to an important person, perhaps you know him, Mr. Kadakin who is in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and he can look into this matter also. Fancy she is 30 years older than him - however, her personal affairs do not affect us, we are only worried about the Archives of Dr. George Roerich and the paintings etc. of Professor Roerich. PLEASE GO INTO THIS MATTER AND FIND OUT WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Here everything is well with us and we go into the Season which will last till about October.

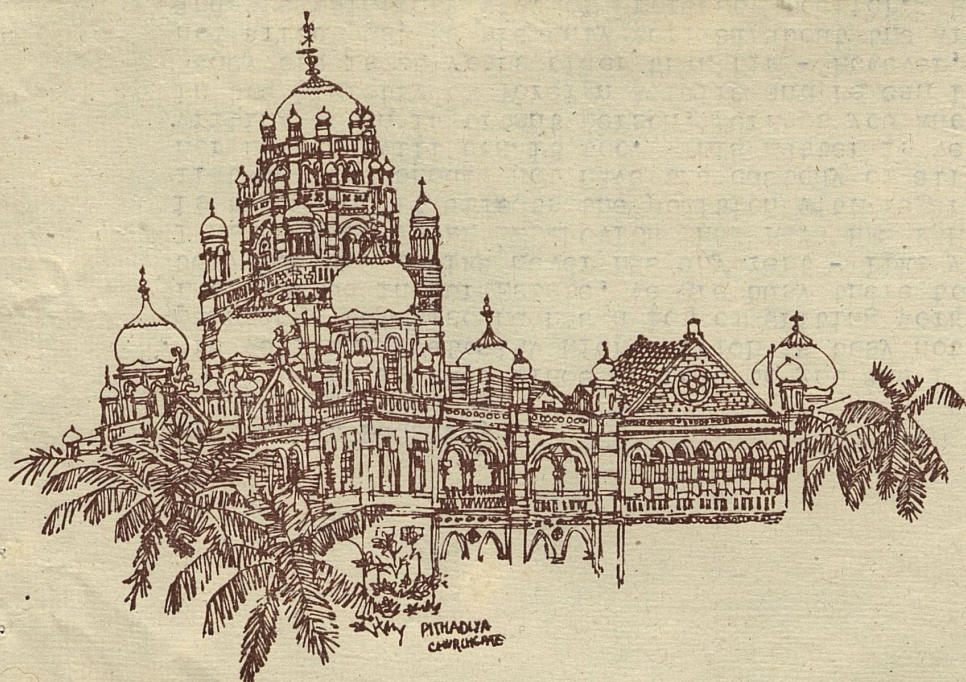
I am not writing anything more because I want you to concentrate on the above matter.

You must be busy with your new books and I do hope that everything is light and happy with you.

With love from both of us,

Devika





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19th November 1979.

My dearest Ludmila,

With the year ending next month I choose to write to you better than to send you just a card of greetings. 1979 has not been too eventful a year for us because we have had plenty of trouble with strikes etc. which is very sad because we have given everything to the workers including their villages and their homes and yet they are not satisfied. What can one do? But the result has not been good. Because of these worries Svetoslav Nicholaevich has no peace of mind and he has not been painting much nor writing except seeing to the day to day work at the estate. Of course he leads his cultural life here and that is important, he has given important lectures and it is really surprising how much energy he has to do all the work in the office that he does. His health is good, thank God, and now he is in Kulu with two Russian Scientists and an Orientalist, Prof. Bongard-Levin.

The Bulgarian Ministers and experts are here also and Bulgaria is ready to start work of Urusvati. I think the Bulgarians will start first and then the Russians will join. Since I am not there I don't really know what will happen and what the arrangements are. Someone told me that you would be coming to India in the near future. This of course is wonderful news but when?

The present condition in India before the general Elections is one of instability and two political parties are busy trying their best to do something for themselves so that they are elected. I do not know who will ultimately succeed but many people think that Madam will return. Poor thing, she has all sorts of cases against her, all sorts of troubles against her son and so on and I really do not know how she will be able, inspite of all this, manage. Madam is going about travelling and campaigning and fighting without any rest.

Svetoslav Nicholaevich writes that Kulu is very beautiful - it is cold but very beautiful and they all are having a wonderful time.

P.T.O.....



Ludmila, I still have the Rupee with me - towards the end of 1979 I think you should decide what to do and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to receive a letter from you saying I can have the Puja made under our old Banyan Tree.

I would like very much to know about your books, what you have written lately and it would be nice if you could send us some copies because now that Kulu is slowly being built up, your books will have a place of honour in the Library. For Dr. Bongard-Levin his visit to Kulu is a pilgrimage because he was a pupil of Yuri Nicholaevich. I wish you had come during the time the Roerichs were alive to see the work done and to see the Lamas and various Scholars who used to visit them. You would have learnt something very important with the contact of these people. Lama Karmadorji was a wonderful man and you know, he never slept in the house. Summer or Winter he would sleep outside and once when his Teacher called him, he flew to Tibet. He had the power of moving like that - this particular form of Yoga is called Yu Yoga. At will the man can move to different places. Whatever may happen, I hope that wonderful India will always remain the same and have the same spiritual values that it had for centuries. The very soil of India is sacred. For me personally it is a never ending study and one day when I have a little time, I hope to visit all the places which I have not done so far as yet. Of course with Svetoslav Nicholaevich it would be wonderful because he knows so well the different places, historic and otherwise, of this country. He is really the only living person now who knows all the rare and wonderful things about Kulu, and about the historic, artistic and spiritual heritage which we have here in India. My sorrow is that I cannot as yet get him to write about Kulu and what Kulu has in the way of medicinal plants and rare plants, flowers, animals and birds. The Valley has so much to offer about which only Svetoslav Nicholaevich really knows. Now there are Jeeps to take you here and there but before one walked and discovered things in the mountains which is of course the only way. It is the only way to know a country. I have not heard in recent years of any Indian Scientist going there in those areas by foot, they go as far as the Jeep takes them and no further!

I wonder if you know anything about the wonderful Film that you made of Prof. Roerich? Who keeps the negatives and who keeps the Film? We have not heard how this Film did in Russia. In Bulgaria it was shown for only a few days and still the Cinema Houses were full.

Dearest Ludmila, though I may send you a card for Christmas and the New Year, this in fact is my New Year letter



to you to wish you every happiness and success in 1980 and to wish that you will be with us sometime in the New Year. Life has passed so quickly that one can hardly remember all the months that have passed. I cannot remember anything worthwhile. It is time now that Svetoslav Nicholaevich starts new things, has new interests and builds a new life. I wish for you, my dearest friend, a really happy and fruitful life and I send to you my love and kisses for a Happy, Happy New Year. May God bless you and your family and may you have everything best always.

With lots of love to you as always,

Ever yours affectionately,

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2nd October 1980.

My dearest Ludmila,

How lovely to receive your letter at last of the 14th September 1980. Apart from everything else, it is so nice to hear from you and to know that you are well after your extensive travels.

Thank you for enquiring and contacting Dr. Fyodorov through one of your friends. I cannot send the history of Fr. Claude to you but I hear that Dr. Fyodorov will be coming to India (Hyderabad) and then he will know from Dr. Reddy, to whose Clinic he goes, all about Fr. Claude's eyes. I do have one report but if as you say there are many kinds of Glaucoma, then to send one report is not good enough. However, since you say that a team of Eye Specialists will be coming to India from Dr. Fyodorov's Clinic, let us hope that Fr. Claude will be back from America by that time and will have the opportunity of being examined by them if he still has eye trouble. Fr. Claude has been in America for sometime now for special study and it is likely that he will come back sometime in November or December latest. Let us leave it in the hands of God and see what can be done. Since Fr. Claude cured me when no Doctors could help me, I will do anything in the world to help him. Hundreds of people are enquiring from his brother when he is coming back, sick people who need to be cured. He is not only a spiritual healer but also treats people with Ayurvedic medicines and he has written a book which is now being translated in Bulgaria on "INDIA'S HERBS AND HERBAL REMEDIES". I am sorry you did not visit his school here which is the biggest in Bangalore and which has 3500 children of the very poor class of people. Anyway, let us hope that he can be helped. Thank you very much for making some enquiry about this matter.

I will certainly tell Meera that you will send the book to her. It is better care of us, just address the book to me and I will give it to her. Getting things from there is not that easy as they may get lost on the way. Anyway, I will give your message to Meera. I do not know Meera's address because since her marriage her husband has been transferred and she has not come here for sometime. Anyway, you please send the book to us so that we can give it to her.

I quite understand how busy you must be and I am most interested to know about your trip and hope that you received all the data you needed, also facilities to visit the places you mention.

Things are rather difficult over here and though we are able to still have petrol, I do not know how it will be later on due to the war in the Middle East. We are all anxious about it and we hope it will not escalate, these



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Do meet Pavel Fedorovich and give him our news and our  
love. I have not heard from him for sometime.  
Always remember, dear Ludmila, that I never keep letters  
waiting and answer them at once because this is the best way to  
finish my letters which come from all over the world and unless  
they are attended to, it is impossible as they just pile up.  
We are well even though the climate is so bad here. It  
is damp and hot and not at all healthy, we have very little rain.  
Write as soon as you can and I will also write to you as  
soon as I have news about Fr. Claude and the Doctors who will  
come here to India.  
With lots of love and again many thanks, it is lovely to  
hear from you,  
Ever yours affectionately,

sort of things are dangerous and one never knows how they will  
turn out.



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17th December 1980.

*My dearest Dudmilla,*

The Year 1980 is ending and with it I hope better times will prevail in the coming Year. I send to you my very best wishes, not only for Christmas, but for the New Year.

For us the Year has been busy but I can't say too fruitful. We have been doing a lot of work with our cultural association with various Academies in India and abroad but we hope that next year things will be better. It seems as if the Astrologers are right when they predicted, during the time of the Solar Eclipse which passed over India after 80 years, that for the whole world there would be some sort of turmoil, one can see their predictions are true. The War in the Middle East, which cripples the flow of Petrol and crude oil, is very upsetting not only to us in India but to all countries. Here in India we have many problems such as the Assam issue which just does not get settled, and the whole of Assam is crippled because two different parties there wish to dislodge the foreigners who have settled there and who have jobs. It is impossible in a Democracy like ours which is entirely secular, which means that throughout India different castes and creeds exist and different minorities also such as the Christians, Parsees, Muslims etc. - we all have lived together all these years and if the Assam idea to dislodge foreigners is allowed to prevail, it will mean that other parts of India may also follow the same disruptive tendencies. How is it possible for the South Indians only to live in South India and North Indians the same way etc., because people have made their homes all over India and one cannot segregate them. Besides, this would be a most awful disintegration of the country as a whole. I mention this because we see the repercussions even in Karnataka when the people belonging to this place are now saying that they don't want foreigners. The general unrest has led to the rising prices, scarcity of sugar, kerosene and other commodities which affect the whole economy and cause dissatisfaction because they cannot pay for the expensive items, or even ordinary items because of the price rise which causes discontent. Of course our Government is slowly trying to stabilize things and we all hope that in the New Year, things will be sorted out and dealt with firmly. Opposition parties we hear, are making capital out of this situation causing riots etc., and even inciting some people to be violent. This is not everywhere in India but still, when published in the newspapers, the ordinary man feels a certain anxiety as to what will happen.



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Personally of course we have full faith that everything will settle down. It is interesting that with all the above mentioned conditions, the life of the country goes on. There are so many cultural events, so many Art exhibitions, so many new ventures, and it is most interesting how Fashion Shows and new ventures take place such as, new designs for costumes and new styles evolved, of course with the Indian motive. Our girls are very smart these days and look lovely. It is interesting that orders come to these firms from abroad and therefore, these new firms make good money. The Theatre and the Cinema are as strong as ever, in short this life goes on. As I said, the Art world is full of exhibitions and new Artists coming up all the time.

We hope that our Research Centre in Kulu will start functioning in 1981 with Foreign collaboration. "Urusvati", in Svetoslav Nicholaevich's home in Naggar, Kulu, used to be a Research Centre and a lot of work was done but, during the last War, it was closed down and only Dr. George Roerich's work was carried on in Tibetan, Mongolian, Sanskrit etc.. Now when we start again, such research on Medicinal Herbs, the Spiritual history of those regions, research in Botany, the Arts of the region, and so many other subjects will be taken up besides building a few Museums for the specimens that we have of animals and birds and Paleontological which were collected a long time ago by experts from India and abroad. There will be also a small Museum with some of Prof. Roerich's paintings and Svetoslav Nicholaevich's also and a section dedicated to the Arts and Crafts of the region. Kulu shawls are famous.

I don't know how far all this will take place and be realised, but we hope that it will be started and continued because it was Prof. Roerich's and Madame Roerich's dream that Kulu should be developed and also Dr. George Roerich and Svetoslav Nicholaevich's wish to have an organisation of this type.

Here a big Art Complex is being built for which Svetoslav Nicholaevich obtained the land, he is the Patron of this Complex and when it is finished, it will attract a great deal of attention not only from India, but also from abroad.

I have shared with you a few of my thoughts at the close of the year though it is not possible to tell you everything in just one letter, and I send to you my very, very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. God bless you and your family and may 1981 bring you happiness and joy is my heartfelt wish for you.

*with love from us.*

*Devika*



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16th April 1981.

My very dear Ludmila,

This Sunday is Easter Sunday and I send you my love and very best wishes on this auspicious day. In India those of us who have grown up with the old tradition, celebrate most festivals but to me the Christian Teachings are so simple and pure that I follow the thoughts of the Teachings and try to live as I think a good person should live. In the Geeta, which was written thousands of years ago, it is said, "By whichever path you come to me, I shall meet you." This was India and I hope once again India will be a Mother and will give to the world something new which will be in tune with the strivings of humanity. No matter what caste or creed, no matter what colour, a human being belongs to the world of Beauty and we should all live as one large family. Before this happens maybe there will be destruction but, let us hope that Love and goodness will prevail.

I send to you this small note to tell you that it is likely we shall be visiting the U.S.S.R. and then I hope we shall meet. We leave for Sofia, Switzerland, Paris, and then U.S.S.R. The exact date I do not know. However, I look forward to seeing you again and send to you my fond love. Bless you always,

*Ever yours affectionately*  
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My Very Dear Ludmilla,

Just a few lines from Bangalore to send you my love and to tell you that we had a very interesting stay Abroad though it was a very rushed.

Of course to see you in Moscow and to be with our friends, and to be in beautiful Russia after such a long time made us both very happy, but the trip was too short. I felt extremely bad that we could not spend more time together and you just sat for a little while and went away. There were many important things to discuss but Svetoslav had so many visitors that he could not devote himself to friends like you. There were many things to discuss about Raya etc., which you should have known but if you see Pavel Fedorovich he will let you know as he was with us all the time. It is important that you see him as he needs his friends near him. He is just recovering from his stroke and had to have his son with him as it was dangerous to be alone.

India was lovely and though the temperature was 45<sup>0</sup> when one just boils in Delhi, still it was wonderful to be back. I did not feel happy that we could not sit and talk but please write to me and let me know about your latest work. How many books you have published and if you are coming to India or not? Everything is improving in the country though we have still many problems. It is indeed good of you to have seen the doctor about Fr. Claude's eyes and I told him about it. He had a test and will again have one and if I can I will send you a copy to please give to Dr. Fedorov it is only then he will understand the position. Fr. Claude wishes to be remembered to you, and he hopes that you are well. He asked me if you



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P.S: I am going to keep the rupee.

Devika

With lots of love to you,

very very busy. season lasts three to four months and during that time it is season is in full swing at the Estate. As you know the to hear that we have started our distillation again and the settled again which is not that easy but you will be glad just could not sit and talk to you. I am trying to get still have pains in your knees etc., and I told him that I

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29th September 1981.

My Very Dear Ludmila,

What has happened to you  
I have not heard from you for a long time  
and I wonder how you are?

Here everything is going on  
fine but the weather is not too good as the  
monsoon seems to have failed in Karnataka. It  
is raining and it stops and it gets hot and  
damp and everyone has flu, coughs and colds.

Of course in Moscow it must  
be nice because autumn is approaching and it  
must be lovely in the country.

I don't know if you have seen  
Mr. Belicov or not, if you do meet him kindly  
inform as to how the case about Raya is proceed-  
ing. Mr. Belicov discussed all this with S.N.  
and I believe a good lawyer is looking into the  
matter. It is a great pity that Raya has turned  
out so ungrateful to the Roerichs but then how  
can one do anything about it?

I don't know what you are doing  
and how many new books you are writing but I do  
hope that if you do publish some books you will  
send us a copy, especially if it is about your  
last trip to India. You had a wonderful trip  
inspite of all the difficulty and I am sure the  
trip will be extremely useful for your book.

Things are looking up here and  
I am sure if given a chance our Prime Minister  
will definitely pull up the country. There still  
exists some prices which are high such as fruit,  
grains, Kerosene and so on, but none of this  
matters if the country is pulled up in different  
fields of activity.

Svetoslav Nicholaevich is work-  
ing hard on his writings and so many other things.  
He is quite tired and I hope we go to Delhi and  
the North which will make us well.

Dear Ludmila do write and give  
us your news.

*With lots of love,  
Devika*



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My Very Dear Ludmilla,

Mr. Bonngard Levin wrote to say that for Dr. George's 80th Anniversary the Oriental Institute will prepare an impressive memorial celebration. Have you heard anything about this? I do hope that you also will contribute in some way to his memory and I wonder how this can be done?

Do write and let me know about this and also about yourself. Winter will soon be coming and I wonder where you will be during the cold month?

Sadat died and it is amazing that three Ex-Presidents of U.S.A. will attend his funeral as you know he was shot at and died immediately. Somehow that America pays so much attention to Sadat's death has not created a good impression here. Well one should not bother about others and try our best to do what we can in our own country. Things are better here, we read in the papers that Sheikh Abdullah will join Congress I that is Mrs. Gandhi's party. This will be a good thing. People talk about war with Pakistan and that Pakistan will attack India because so many Arms are being sold by the U.S.A. to Pakistan. Let us see what will happen. What ever it is we shall have to face it.

Svetoslav is busy writing long article for Soviet Land as they have requested him to send it by November.

I am not writing much today but send my love and every best wishes as always to you.

*Yours affectionately*  
*Devika*

*Flu, sore eyes, colds, & so on have been in epidemic form here - the climate is not good as rains seem to have failed -*



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17th March 1982.

My dearest Ludmila,

I am surprised that you never write to us inspite of the fact that I have written several letters to you! This makes me rather anxious because I worry about your health as to how you are because you have so much to do and so many friends like us that you just can't afford to be ill.

Here in India life is not very easy because as yet the price of foodgrains has not come down. The weather is all changed, here we have great heat and from Delhi, Rajasthan etc. we have terrific cold. The Himalayas are full of snow, Kulu and all villages are covered with snow and even our house has 2½ metres of snow around it. Vishnu writes that it is bitterly cold. My Pinku died of cold I think - do you remember our 2 Tibetan dogs. They just died with no illness. Of course with weather like that there is complete dislocation and the electric poles must have all come down.

Do give us your plans as to where you are going in the Summer. We may go to Kulu and we may even go abroad. If you don't write to me, how will I communicate with you? I don't even know whether my letters reach you or not? Anyway, it must be Spring now in Russia and I send you our warm greetings for Spring so that the whole year will be for you a great success.

With lots of love to you from both of  
us,

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My dearest Ludmila,

How kind of you to have remembered me and sent to me your congratulations on the International Woman's Day. I also heartily reciprocate these wishes and send to you my dear friend, every best wish for this day. You are one of the outstanding women of Russia and contribute so much of your knowledge in every field and continue your good work with no rest. But God will give you happiness, of this I am sure.

We are well thank God, but we have our problems which we overcome one by one including the heat in Bangalore.

Kulu has  $2\frac{1}{2}$  metres of snow around our house, it is terrible and all the villages around are covered with snow. In fact the whole Himalayan belt from Kashmir, Kulu and Simla etc. has terrible snowfall and it is bitterly cold.

Take good care of yourself, with lots of love to you,

Devika

*I never know when letters  
will reach - but I hope  
this one does!*



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24th May 1982.

My dearest Ludmila,

We received very sad news of Pavel Fedorovich's passing and we are so sad to think that we shall not see him again. He has suffered for a long time and I was told by Kira that it was Lung Cancer. Of course this illness can hardly be cured. A light has gone out and we do not know who will ever be able to do the work that he was doing. His Library I believe on the Roerichs is wonderful. He told me many years ago that he was training two people to carry on the work and that these two people were very fine men. If you can find out something about the future of his work as to who will continue, please let me know. Please also tell me the name of his wife, we don't have it.

I do hope that you are well and that you are continuing your work and are happy? You must write to me sometimes not only to keep in touch, but also it is nice to have your news.

It is frightfully hot here, in Delhi it is cold. Kashmir and Kulu there is snow and the whole climatic conditions seems to have changed. I really need a change badly of environment and climate as the heat has upset me considerably.

With lots of love to you,

*Devika*



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16th July 1982.

Our dearest Ludmila,

Svetoslav Nicholaevich has received your long letter, a translation of which he will give me, but he has told me just a little bit and I am writing to you to tell you that you should please do whatever you can to keep Pavel Fedorovich's work alive so that there can be a continuation of all that Pavel Fedorovich wanted to publish with regard to the family Roerich.

It is so sad that the two men which Pavel Fedorovich hoped to train to carry on his work, or at least to know about it, somehow disappointed him so there is no one there to help you go through his Archives which must be considerable. There is no one in Russia who has such an exhaustive library and such information and documentation on the Roerichs as Pavel Fedorovich had, but there is no one also to make use of it because I hear from Kira Molchanova that Kiril is not competent to do so having a job of his own, and his daughter aged 40 now also is not in touch with the ideals of Prof. Roerich. Kira wrote that his daughter is now trying to understand Pavel Fedorovich's work and his inner spiritual feelings. Of course she is quite new to this work but still, maybe she can help you somewhat with the documentation on the Roerichs etc. if there is no list of his books.

I hear that Vasilchick had been to Pavel Fedorovich to meet him but Pavel Fedorovich would not see him. It is important to see that Vasilchick and his group do not try to persuade Madame Galina Belicova to enter or to have anything to do with Pavel Fedorovich's work, I am sure they will try their best. But you must please meet Madame Galina and tell her that no one and nobody should be allowed to examine Pavel Fedorovich's library EXCEPT YOU. FOR THIS PURPOSE I SUPPOSE YOU WILL NEED A LETTER FROM SVETOSLAV NICHOLAEVICH, AND I THINK YOU SHOULD GET A LETTER FROM PAVEL FEDOROVICH'S WIFE, KIRIL AND THE DAUGHTER SO THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE THE RESEARCH AND WORK OF PAVEL FEDOROVICH IN A FINE MANNER. Of course whatever you take from his library or his ideas you will acknowledge it as is done always in any literary work.

Whatever you need from Svetoslav Nicholaevich in the manner of a Power of Attorney, you will have to please ask him and if I know about it, no matter how busy Svetoslav Nicholaevich may be, I will see to it that he will give you this Authority.

There is a chance that we maybe going to Moscow on the occasion of Yuri Nicholaevich's 80th Birthday Anniversary, in which case of course we shall meet and you can then discuss matters.



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Before leaving Moscow last year, Pavel Fedorovich introduced Svetoslav Nicholaevich to a lawyer who is a very fine person and who took it upon himself to get the Power of Attorney to conduct the case against Raya Bogdanova. Kiril knows about this because Pavel Fedorovich sent for this lawyer friend and I believe Svetoslav Nicholaevich signed some papers giving him the Authority. There was something more which the lawyer needed and I do not know whether Svetoslav Nicholaevich did what was needed or not. Since it is always in Russian, it is not possible for me to follow what they say, neither do they explain to me what exactly has to be done, but since Pavel Fedorovich was entirely in charge of this matter on Svetoslav Nicholaevich's behalf, I don't press the point and left it entirely to the discretion of Pavel Fedorovich.

No one really knows whether Raya Bogdanova is married now to Vasilchick. I hear that she is married to him and if this is so, then naturally Vasilchick will have access to all Raya's property and affairs. Raya keeps on telling the authorities concerned in the Ministry of Culture that she keeps all these things and that the Oriental Institute should keep all Yuri Nicholaevich's books etc. because Svetoslav Nicholaevich may take them away to India. This is absolutely false and it is, believe me, on the insistence of Svetoslav Nicholaevich and the wish of Svetoslav Nicholaevich that all of Yuri Nicholaevich's library was loaned by Svetoslav Nicholaevich to the Oriental Institute, Moscow. This is something Yuri Nicholaevich would have liked because people could avail themselves and study from the wonderful Manuscripts which Yuri Nicholaevich had in his library. Professor Bongard-Levin, who is now a Corresponding Member, Academy of Sciences, was a student of Yuri Nicholaevich's and certainly they would not like any interference in the running of the "Cabinet" of Yuri Nicholaevich. When we went there last year to the Oriental Institute, nothing was arranged properly of Yuri Nicholaevich's library, but we were assured that a room in the new wing of the Oriental Institute would be dedicated to Yuri Nicholaevich and on the door there would be, as there was before, the words printed "Cabinet" Of Prof. Yuri Nicholaevich Roerich". Prof. Gafurov as you know has passed away and as far as I know it is Prof. Bongard-Levin who knows all about the "Cabinet". When we visited the new building because I asked to see Yuri Nicholaevich's room, there was nothing arranged and there was no sign of the Tankas or his personal things, or the large photograph of Yuri Nicholaevich, in fact nothing was arranged at all.

Now Prof. Bongard-Levin, who was here in India and with whom Svetoslav spoke about all this, will I am sure arrange the "Cabinet" of Yuri Nicholaevich in a perfect way. It is difficult for him because there was a new Director of the Oriental Institute and of course one has to be careful as to how one approaches such subjects. What matters is that Yuri Nicholaevich's "Cabinet" should be arranged in a proper manner and that all his library should be there. The person who maybe of help in this matter is

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who works in Leningrad and who Prof. Bongard-Levin knows, you probably also know her. At the time of Yuri Nicholaevich's death, Rita Vorobyeva-Desyatovskaya and Kira Molchanova made a complete list of the library in his flat of books left. One does not know what has happened to all those books and paintings. I hear that some of Prof. Roerich's paintings have been sold, but I do not know. In any case, Raya Bogdanova has claimed everything that is in Yuri Nicholaevich's flat and I suppose if she has married Vasilchick, then the things belong to him as well.

However, the main thing is that you must please look after Pavel Fedorovich's work and publish his last book and whatever else you find that he wished to publish. I am sure Pavel Fedorovich's wife would be most happy with this idea because after all, his whole life was devoted to doing this work and someone understanding and knowledgeable and who is a friend like you should take up what he left behind. You my dearest Ludmila, have the ability and full understanding about this matter.

To have lost Pavel Fedorovich for us is as if we have lost something very precious and to go to Russia again and not be able to see him will be a very sad experience for us. Pavel Fedorovich was a special friend of mine, he loved me and we were both very close friends. Strange but true, though I don't speak Russian and he did not speak English or German, we would converse to each other and be understood, and we used to spend some time talking to each other. He understood my bad Russian and I could understand what he said. To think that this man suffered so much and had to go through so much pain and suffering is something really unbelievable. During his illness, I often thought that I would put him on a plane and bring him to India because the climate here and the doctors here are very good indeed. I always told Svetoslav Nicholaevich that if I become ill abroad he must put me on a plane and send me back to India. Our doctors are extremely good and their approach is also much more simple. We do not have to go through so many tests etc. as they do in the West, and I see that so many friends of mine have suffered deeply purely because when they were sick, they had so many tests that they were completely ill. Our doctors, although it is a poor country, have tremendous experience and their diagnosis is really excellent. Of course I mean the good doctors. Here there are also modern doctors who follow all the ideas of the West and one has hospitals with all sorts of gadgets etc. My old doctor at once diagnoses and treats in a very simple manner even rather serious illnesses.

How are you and how are all the aches and pains you were suffering from? I am sure you are not looking after yourself at all. Please try to take care because after all when we are well, it is possible to do those things which are important for our life and happiness.

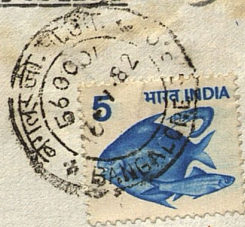
I send to you my dearest friend, my very, very best wishes for everything that you desire and more. Take every care of yourself because you are precious to us.

With my love to you as always,

*Devika*



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9th August 1982.

My dearest Ludmila,

I have just received your dear letter of the 25th July and hasten to reply. It was awfully nice to receive your dear letter which gave us great joy.

Yes, I believe that Pavel Fedorovich's wife is a fine person and she must be very tired after the long illness of Pavel Fedorovich and his death. She must be very emotionally upset and must feel very alone because Pavel Fedorovich was a wonderful companion and he must have kept everyone busy in the house. Pavel Fedorovich was a ray of light and we loved each other very much. Strange to say, he and I would talk for a long time together on every subject, I in my broken Russian and he in Russian and yet we understood each other perfectly.

I do hope dearest Ludmila, that you will carry on Pavel Fedorovich's work and see that his unfinished books are finished. We owe this to this fine man whose life was a complete dedication to the Art of the world. When I spoke to Svetoslav Nicholaevich, he seemed to be absolutely sure that you would complete these books because for him there is no one else. The library should remain I think where it is because it was Pavel Fedorovich's property and was his life work. I told Svetoslav Nicholaevich, who is grateful for your letter, that he should write to you and he said that he will but for sometime now he will be very busy indeed because it is our season and also the time for preparation of the year's accounts etc. It is a very trying time and it worries Svetoslav Nicholaevich a lot as his mind is on some new paintings and at his age he certainly should not have all this burden. I cannot help him much in this matter except get things ready for his approval. Of course you should kindly advise us on these matters. It is not easy for us to find out these things from here, so your advice is needed.

I will close now and send you much love from both of us,

ever yours affectionately  
Dasha

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that you know your letter  
reached me -



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ON MY BROTHER'S PROF. GEORGES ROERICH'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY  
AUGUST 16TH WE SEND TO ALL WHO HONOUR HIS MEMORY OUR  
GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION STOP HE WAS NOT ONLY AN  
OUTSTANDING ORIENTAL SCHOLAR, LINGUIST AND EXPLORER  
OF VAST REGIONS OF CENTRAL ASIA BUT ABOVE ALL A GREAT  
PERSONALITY IMBUED WITH THE HIGHEST HUMANITARIAN IDEALS  
STOP TO THE DIRECTORATE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES WE SEND OUR APPRECIATION  
AND REGARDS

SVETOSLAV ROERICH AND DEVIKA RANI ROERICH

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Dearest Ludmila,

We are sending this cable to the Director of the  
Oriental Institute and we would like to know if they  
are holding the celebrations at the end of October?  
I would be grateful if you could find out and let us  
know. I have sent the same copy to Dr. Bongard-Levin  
who is the Corresponding Member of the Oriental Institute  
of the Academy of Sciences - he was a student of  
Dr. George Roerich.

*with love in haste*  
*Devika*



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8th October 1982.

My dearest Ludmila,

I have just received your letter of September 15th which made me very happy. It is a very interesting letter but as you say, Kiril should not disturb the Archives and should leave it as Pavel Fedorovich had arranged it because Pavel Fedorovich knew which was important and in what manner the data could be used.

How strange that Mr. Alexce Annenko did not contact Pavel Fedorovich or his family, and it is possible of course that he found the work too difficult or was not capable of it. Many of the works had a spiritual and philosophical outlook and perhaps this man was afraid even about this. One never knows how these things form in people's minds but the problem is NOW WHAT TO DO?

I can fully understand that it would not be possible as you say, for you to complete the books on the Roerichs because you yourself are writing a book on the Roerichs and it would not be fair to you to complete someone else's book.

Of course Pavel Fedorovich never gave us a list of what he had collected, nor has he ever mentioned what type of books he is doing. Once I think he mentioned that he was writing a book on Prof. Roerich and also on Svetoslav Nicholaevich, but whether it was ready or not or whether it was only in Manuscript form I don't know.

You are there and you know all the writers and people who are interested and can do this work which I am sure they will like to do if you can help them by discussing the matter with them and with Kiril and Pavel Fedorovich's wife. You have asked us what we think about this problem but it is impossible for us to give you the slightest idea because we really do not know. We do not know anyone except you who could really complete this work. It is very complicated and has to be understood so, I request you to kindly think about this matter and find a really good person.

Sidorov has his own work and I do not really think he is capable. He is a Poet and has his own style though he has written very wonderful articles on both Father and son. The difference between writing an article and editing and finishing a book on the style of Pavel Fedorovich is two different things, it needs application and knowledge of the subject and a great deal of study from the Archives of Pavel Fedorovich.

Of course the whole household must be completely broken up because of this tragedy and so it maybe some time before any-one of them think of completely these publications.



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I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU. IT MAYBE POSSIBLE FOR US TOWARDS THE END OF OCTOBER TO VISIT MOSCOW. We have been invited to a very important meeting in Bulgaria commemorating the death of Madame Ludmila Zhivkova since we were also involved in her work for the Project Kulu and her other work with regard to the study of the Roerichs, in particular Prof. Roerich, which she had worked out. It was quite a big scheme and a very interesting one, and she had allotted a very beautiful house in Bulgaria for the scientific research of Prof. Roerich's work and I think most of the paintings that they bought and were presented will also be exhibited there, so it is important that we go to Bulgaria and discuss with the new Minister of Culture all these points and to know what his intention is. I am always happy to go to Sofia because I love that country and its people. They are very Eastern because they have this Turkish blood in them and the girls are very beautiful, so are the men very handsome - not all but this is the general trend. It is amazing also what a tremendous activity there is all around in this tiny country. There are all sorts of conferences and meetings of trade and otherwise which never stop, it is a small country but it is very alive and all of them love Russians because Russia liberated them from the Turks.

From Bulgaria we go to Soviet Union because there is some work there also, so we are phoning the Russian Embassy to find out whether we can go for 10 days. If we do come we would like to stay at SOVIETSKAYA in our old rooms, perhaps you could phone Mr. Kadakin about this matter. Of course I think an invitation would be extended to us because without an invitation it would be very hard to go about and meet people of the right type which Mr. Kadakin arranged so well during our last visit.

From a human point of view of course it would be nice for Svetoslav Nicholaevich to visit his home and his people. He is 78 now and has not been well this year, he had a lot of worries.

Our exhibition of paintings is still running in the USSR with tremendous success but Mr. Popov of the Ministry of Culture does not inform us as to where our paintings are being shown and does not send to us any Press reports but we do hear from people that the exhibition is a tremendous success. I believe it was in Mongolia, and will go to the Caucasus and perhaps right up North. I feel happy but at the same time I wonder what condition our paintings are in. They have been through so many exhibitions in Russia under all climatic conditions, but Svetoslav Nicholaevich says, "My people know how to look after Art." I hope so and I pray so.

It has been a long letter in answer to yours but I request you to kindly think as to who can complete the books. Surely they should not remain unfinished.

With much love to you from both of us,

Ever yours affectionately,

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13th October 1982.

My dear Ludmila,

It is so nice to have your news and to know that you are well. Did you know that we were going abroad? We shall be away for a few weeks.

How good of you to have sent me these beautiful stamps, thank you so much. They really are beautiful. Since I am catching the plane now I will not be able to write more.

Thanking you once again,

Love,

*and*  
Devika Rana



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21st February 1983.

My dearest Ludmila,

We have been terribly busy recently with the fine exhibition arranged by Svetoslav Nicholaevich at our new Art Complex the Chitrakala Parishath. This fine Art Complex is being completed but we were lucky to have the Exhibition Halls, the entrance etc. ready. The rest of the building for the School etc. will be the second stage and will be completed in the near future.

This exhibition of the great Master Vladimir Dimitrov was specially sent to Bangalore because Svetoslav Nicholaevich was here and because he is the Member of the Executive Committee of the "Lyudmila Zhivkova" International Peace Foundation, Doctor of the Veliko Tynovo University Bulgaria, and Academician of the Bulgarian Fine Arts Academy and as such, the Ministry of Culture of the Bulgarian Government entrusted this exhibition to his care. Fifty-four or more paintings of the great Master were exhibited in these Halls and they really are fine works of Art. On the inauguration day as a special honour, His Excellency Mr. Tocho Tochev the Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in India, Madame Kamova Director of the Cultural Department of the Bulgarian Embassy in India, Mr. S. Kolev Councillor Minister of the Bulgarian Embassy in India, Mr. Kantchev Third Secretary and Deputy Director of Bulgarian Cultural & Information Centre, Delhi and from Bulgaria Prof. Peyo Berbenliev the Vice-President for the Committee for Culture and Mr. Ivan Marazov, Art Historian attended and the President of the Chitrakala Parishath as well as all the important Members. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde and it was a brilliant function. Over 2000 people attended it and since then people are coming in large numbers to see the exhibition. Unfortunately it is only for 10 days but still, during this period a large number of people of this city will have seen the exhibition.



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It is the first time in the history of Bangalore that such an important foreign exhibition has come and it is really wonderful that it could be exhibited at our Art Complex which is indeed a wonderful thing because actually with this exhibition the activities of the Art Complex has started. Now a whole series of exhibitions are contemplated. It was most exciting to see while part of the building was being completed with all the carpenters, masons etc. that these Halls were ready and the whole function went off beautifully. Of course during the function there was no noise and it was lovely to see the inauguration and activities at this fine Art Complex. The Press was very kind and we got a good Press coverage both English and vernacular. The new Chief Minister was also most helpful and he was genuinely impressed by the paintings. He invited us with the Bulgarian V.I.P.'s to a private dinner along with some important Ministers of his Cabinet and on the whole it was a very successful day. I was lucky enough to get beautiful flowers, Lillies, Gladiolis and other flowers to decorate the Halls and it looked like a first-class European exhibition which made us very happy. The Bulgarians were delighted and were deeply impressed with our arrangements and also they liked Bangalore very much.

I am rather tired after all this activity but it is heart warming to know that this exhibition of the great Master Vladimir Dimitrov was a success not only because it was his but because it was the first international exhibition to be held in Bangalore on such a large scale and at our Art Complex. It was a most auspicious beginning.

We have been working at full speed looking after our guests and the work at the Art Complex, but I must say that I am a bit tired because I get involved in all this emotionally, I try my best at all times. It means a lot to me to see that we in India can do a good job like this, at least I feel satisfied.

It is only after the 17th of this month that I will be free more or less and be more settled because we have also to arrange to send the paintings back to Delhi by air which is not easy but still, I hope this too will be done easily. All this takes personal attention and our Secretary Mary worked like a racehorse to see that it was done.

While it snows in the Himalayas and everything is freezing, even around our house in Kulu there is 2 metres snow, here we are just roasting. The heat is so terrific that one does not know what to do. Even if one



eats a little bit the tummy feels as if one has eaten a great deal. It seems that it will be a hot summer but to start at the end of January is fantastic and one really does not know what it will be like in March. I hope I can survive all this heat. It is very bad for Svetoslav Nicholævich though he puts on a brave face, but to think of eating is terrible, one feels heavy and bad.

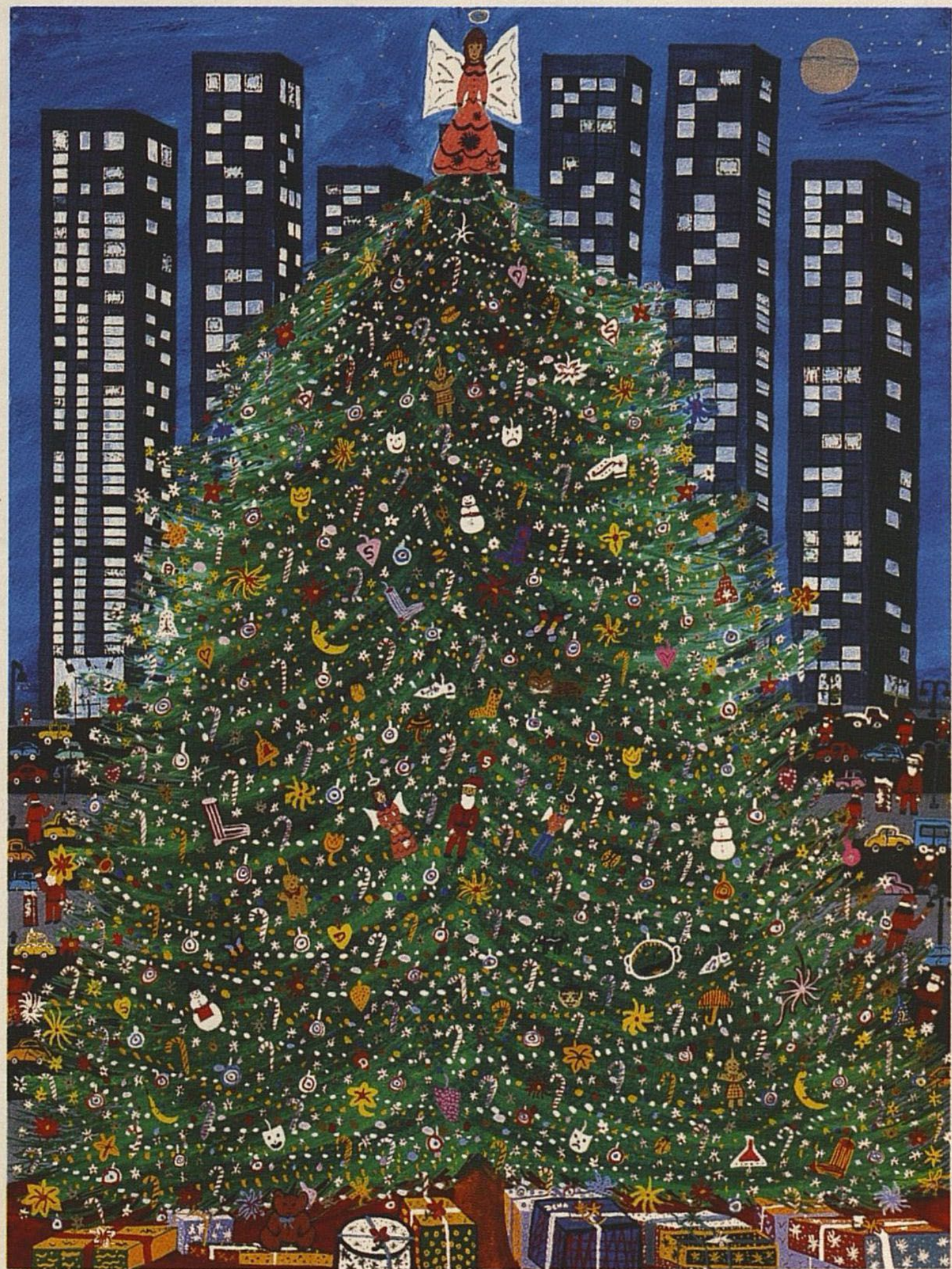
I will write to you later but this is just a short letter to let you know why I have been silent for some time.

With my love to you as always,

*Devika*

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23rd November 1983.

My dear Ludmila,

This is to wish you a very happy New Year, may 1984 bring you good health, happiness, and greater achievements.

We hope to be in Moscow sometime in the Spring of 1984 as S.N. wishes to meet many people for his work and to discuss the forthcoming Conference for his 80th Birthday in October. I hope that we shall be able to come in the Spring.

Take good care of yourself and hearty congratulations for the success of the film ROERICH which we look forward to seeing.

With love to you and every best wish,

*Dwight*

*Svetoslav Novak*

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30th May 1984.

My dear Ludmila,

It is a long time since I wrote to you and I am wondering how you are? I heard that you are not well but that you have recovered considerably.

At the moment Svetoslav Nicholaevich is planning to come to the USSR sometime in June but we don't know yet as we shall have to go to Delhi first. The Academy of Fine Arts has sent an invitation to us and we would certainly like to come for a few days to Moscow. If we come we shall be there for 10 days at the most as so many people have been writing to us to come and discuss the arrangements for Svetoslav's 80th birthday celebrations in October. We shall of course come in October for the celebrations about which you must already know.

Life here is not easy because there is a certain amount of political unrest in Punjab and in other parts of India but Punjab is very bad with extremeists who are it seems sponsored by some foreign forces who indiscriminately kill people. It doesn't matter who it is, they just kill so it is impossible for anyone to motor as we used to do from Kulu to Chandigarh. To go by plane is also risky because if there are clouds the plane turns back and leaves us Chandigarh or worse still in Delhi.

The whole world seems to be in a sort of turmoil and one does not know where one is. Still, the good things in India are progressing and art and science and modern factories etc. are all progressing. There seems to be 2 Indias - one with all this undercurrent of unrest and the other progressing. It is a very difficult situation for Madame Gandhi but I am sure she will overcome all this in time.



Dearest Ludmila, I hope we meet and then we  
can talk about everything.

The heat is terrific in Bangalore and all over  
India and we just don't know how things will be  
because people are just dying with the heat which is  
terrible. Svetoslav Nicholaevich stands it better  
than I do but for him also it is too much of a  
strain to go through all this and therefore I shall  
be glad if we can go to Russia.

I hope you are quite well?

With love to you as always from both of us,

*Devika*



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20th September 1985.

My very dear Ludmila,

We have not heard from you for a very long time and I was wondering how you are and how your health is?

We were invited to attend the International Writers' Conference on the 8th of October but due to great pressure of work, it was not possible, also the President of the Academy of Fine Arts invited us towards the end of October which is about the time when Svetoslav Nicholaevich will be free so, when Mr. Yarikov phoned from the Embassy, Svetoslav Nicholaevich told him that it was impossible for him to leave India before the end of October so Mr. Yarikov said that he would contact both the above people and arrange it at the end of October which he also thought was better. I mention this to tell you that we hope we shall have the joy of seeing you.

We understand that AURORA will be printing a fairly large Monograph on Svetoslav Nicholaevich and I hope that they have contacted you in this respect because you are fully aware of Svetoslav's Art and it would be a very fine thing if you were in some way associated with this work. We understand that Olga Rumantseva is writing on Svetoslav's Art and she is closely connected with this publication. The books I have sent her entitled "SVETOSLAV ROERICH" she says have helped her but it would be nice if somehow you could contact Olga. You knew the writings of Pavel Federovich and I am sure his son Kiril can give you some articles but I hear from Kira that the Publishers are not including Pavel Federovich's article. Of course they may not be necessary because at the Seminar during the exhibition so many brilliant papers were read from eminent people on the art of Roerichs and in particular on Svetoslav's Art. Prof. Rybakov and his Father wrote brilliantly



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and I am sure Olga is including his paper in the Monograph. Some months ago I wrote to Mr. Kemenov about the project of Aurora to please check and see what they intend to do and how they will arrange the Monograph but I have had no reply. There are only a few people left who understand very deeply the Art of Svetoslav Nicholaevich and Kemenov and you are there. Of course Olga is very deeply involved and I am sure she will do her best but it will be interesting to please check. The matter is a bit delicate in the sense that one does not know exactly how the Monograph will be brought out but since Aurora are printing it, I am sure they will make an excellent job of it. About colour reproductions their photographers came to Moscow during the exhibition and photographed all the paintings which they want. Of course they would have done a good job of these reproductions and let us hope that all will be well. You must think about this matter please. Olga is very enthusiastic and wants to do a good job, I am sure she will work hard.

Our dear Prime Minister is working very hard and we wish him the best of luck, he is a wonderful man and is certainly a worthy son of our beloved Indira. It is very lonely without Indira as we have grown up together and been through so much over the years but certainly it is a matter of pride to see this young man manage the affairs of State as he does. Of course there are certain countries who are trying to see that India does not prosper but all this depends on the destiny of Nations.

May God bless you and give you everything you wish. Keep well and keep happy. *With love*

*from us all.*

Ever and always,

*Dwight*



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2nd August 1985

My dear Ludmila,

This is just a few lines to ask you how you are and to ask you about your work. What books are you writing now and what books have you published?

Here in India we are busy with our own work. Svetoslav Nicholaevich is writing on his Father for the Book Trust of India who publish this book in thousands all over the country but in Hindi.

Mrs. Katherine Stibbe will be coming to Moscow with a number of friends by a special Swiss Air flight, they will stay for 5 days and then return to Switzerland.

You never write to us about the exhibition, please do.

At last our dear Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has managed to tame the Sikhs and there is a fine agreement signed by both parties. This will normalize the conditions in India and I think our Prime Minister will tackle each problem slowly with ease. He has got courage and brains - a rare combination, also youth. His wife Sonia is a lovely girl and she is more of an Indian than any of us. She reads and writes Hindi and goes with him everywhere because of course there is still the awful threat from the extremists of assassination.

Do you contact any of our old friends? Kiril, Sasha and Kharchenkos? No one gives us any news about Raya Bogdanova, she looked terrible when I saw her at the exhibition. Poor girl, she was used to India and naturally that hard climate would not suit her. Anyway, it is a shame how she behaved with Svetoslav Nicholaevich and also trying to put her name on N.K.'s books as the editor. Anyway, all that is in the past, let us hope that all of us can live well and happily.

Take good care of yourself, with much love,

Ever yours affectionately,

*Devika*

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30th October 1985.

My dear Ludmila,

This is just to inform you that even though we have been invited by the Academy to go to Moscow and also the Writers' Union, Svetoslav Nicholaevich has decided that he will only go in the Spring which I think is better as it won't be so cold. Svetoslav Nicholaevich has had very bad influenza though he is O.K. now but still, at his age he should not risk getting it again in the winter. We were also invited to go to Siberia but if and when we go we shall be there only for a little while - 10 days or a little more - and during this time we shall be very busy as there are so many things to discuss about the paintings now at the exhibition and where they will be exhibited again etc.

In my last letter I told you that AURORA is printing a Monograph on Svetoslav Nicholaevich's Art and Olga Vladimirovna has written the Foreword. It would have been very nice if you could have seen it and perhaps given some suggestions to her. I do hope you can do that because it is a important publication which would be of interest throughout the world.

What are you doing? What about your book and your work? I think it is a case of out of sight out of mind because you have not written after we returned from Moscow after Svetoslav Nicholaevich's 80th birthday. What a birthday it was in Russia where thousands of people wished Svetoslav Nicholaevich for his birthday, even clapping on the streets!

Tomorrow the 31st is the death anniversary of Indira Gandhi. Even now I cannot imagine that she could have been assassinated in the way she was. Of course she felt that something would happen to her because she was receiving all the time threatening



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letters and she just did not take notice of them so tomorrow is a very solemn day. It is a miracle that Rajiv her son is doing so brilliantly and is actually quite fresh and new in his ideas and is liked very much even by the Opposition Parties. He has however many tasks to complete - he has somehow managed the Punjab but still the terrorists are murdering people every other day and we are told that even Pakistan has Schools to train the terrorists, who are mostly the Sikhs, to attack and disrupt the Punjab and India. Rajiv of course is taking every precaution but it is sad to think that this stupid man in London who calls himself the President of the Khalistan Movement is still allowed to stay in London. Khalistan is not possible in Punjab but large sums of money is sent to these terrorists through Pakistan and at one time it was very bad, but since the Punjab Accord with the government and the installation of a Sikh Minister who has his own Cabinet, is determined to bring the Sikhs and the Hindus together and rebuild India of course with the help of the Centre. How Rajiv managed this I don't know but during the recent elections the Sikhs won and the Congress-I lost. Now in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha we shall have the Sikhs represented from the Punjab.

As yet however it is very risky to drive through Punjab as we used to do because the terrorists may attack at any point anywhere so we have to go to Kulu by plane which is not suitable for Svetoslav Nicholaevich because he takes so many things with him for painting etc. Let us see, perhaps in a few months time it maybe safe. Many people in India are thinking that perhaps Pakistan who has apparently the N-Bomb will be attacking India which will be a terrible thing because India does not have a N-Bomb to defend herself. All these things are playing on our minds but still all of us have to do our duty and work hard which we are doing.

We have had very bad crops here since the last 3 years because of the drought situation in Karnataka. Practically all the villages have no water and the people and cattle are dying for want of water, food, and rain. It just rains a little and then stops which is awful - even our garden suffers. It is very sad to be in this situation because everything is very expensive and even not available. Of course where you are you don't have these problems but with it all it



is lovely to be in India. There is something so nice about the comfort of India, the beauty of India, and all its varied and interesting historic races. It will take a life-time to really see India and though I travelled all over India before, we do not go out so much because we have a lot to do here in Bangalore.

I very much look forward to seeing you and hope that the Academy can arrange it in the Spring 1986.

As the year is ending I send to you dear good friend our loving thoughts for a very Happy New Year and I hope we meet definitely in 1986.

With love to you as always, from both of us,

Ever yours affectionately

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10th October 1986.

My very dear Ludmila,

So much time has passed since we have met and have had no news from you. How are you and how is your work? Of course I know that you will never stop working, but it would be interesting for us to know what you are doing at present.

The weather has not been good and there has been a bad virus of flu which even we had but both of us have now got over it and are well again. Svetoslav Nicholaevich is working hard as usual and he has made many sketches for his new paintings.

We hear of the great success of the exhibition of Svetoslav Nicholaevich which is running in Russia now, but unfortunately from the Ministry we do not have any Press cuttings though some friends send us from time to time.

We have been invited by the President of the Academy of Fine Arts Mr. Boris Sergeevich Ugarov to attend a very large exhibition of eminent Artists in Moscow to be held in April 1987 and Svetoslav Nicholaevich has accepted the invitation. The President of the Academy has asked Svetoslav Nicholaevich to lend 5-6 of his paintings for this exhibition which he certainly will do so, not until next year do we meet my dear beloved Ludmila.

I don't know why you don't write to us? Is it because you are too busy or because you have forgotten us?

India is not going through a very happy period at the moment and our Prime Minister is trying his best to stabilize the country. It is such a huge country with so many vast problems in various States and he is trying his best to overcome them and to unify India. The floods



have been terrible in Bengal especially and it is terrible to think of so many thousands of people homeless. It is also a great strain on the economy of the country to arrange for food for everyone. The prices are quite high now and living is not that easy for the people in general, everything is very expensive. It is not the same old India which you knew where one could go about freely because in the North there is a great deal of tension due to the terrorists in the Punjab, there is no end of troubles and killings by the terrorists who come in thousands from Pakistan and are heavily financed by foreign countries who wish to have a separate State in India called Khalistan which is ridiculous but nevertheless it is a very big problem. Some of the Sikhs even shelter these terrorists thinking that they must have a State of their own but the Sikh community is so small that it is ridiculous to even think of a separate State to divide India. Of course you must hear all the news about India on the radio.

We all very much like the new leader His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachev. He seems a very fine person and we all look forward to his visit to India in the near future. His wife I understand is a very highly cultured woman, very interested in the Arts so it is a fine combination. I don't know whether you know the Minister of Culture? It is a pity that our good friend Mr. Demichev is no longer the Minister of Culture because we know him well and he was always courteous and good to us. I don't know what he is doing now.

Times are changing rapidly and we all have to be in tune with the new people and the new world. It is not such a gracious world as it was in the past, still each era has its good points. Drug addiction has come even to India and I heard from a doctor the other day that 20% of the students in Bangalore are drug addicts, it is a terrible thing and who knows from where this comes and what happens. But, it is certain that once a young person takes drugs, he or she is ruined for life. It is very sad because the parents have put their children in Colleges with the hope that they will do well and more often than not the parents are simple middle class people who struggle to educate their young ones.

You must have heard about the Monograph on Svetoslav Nicholaevich's Art which the AURORA Printing House are bringing out. We have no idea about the introduction to the Monograph but we heard from someone that Olga Vladimirovna Rumantseva has written a good



introduction. I wrote to her today telling her that the Monograph should of course contain beautiful portraits painted by Svetoslav Nicholaevich of his Father and Mother and some interesting paintings which are in the Roerich Museum New York. At one time the AURORA Press also mentioned that they would like to come to India to photograph some of the paintings of Svetoslav Nicholaevich's here, but we have not heard anything about it and certainly all those paintings in New York and India would be of added interest to the Monograph as such a publication should have as many reproductions of Svetoslav Nicholaevich's paintings as possible. Anyway, if you have any news about the Monograph please let us know.

You must be seeing many of our friends in Moscow and it is always a pleasure for us to visit Moscow to meet them all again.

Please do write when you can, I would love to hear from you. Take good care of yourself.

With lots of love to you as always,

Devika



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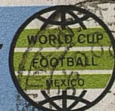


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25th March 1987.

My very dear Ludmila,

Thank you so much for your greeting on the occasion of Woman's Day which made me very happy. I wish you also everything best on this day. Frankly I think women are much better than men on the whole.

According to Svetoslav Nicholaevich he intends to go sometime in April to USSR, after the first week of April we shall send a telegram to Zhenia so you can phone her around the 10th or 15th April.

It would have been very nice if Svetoslav Nicholaevich could have gone to the big meeting but it was impossible due to pressing work. Do not forget that also he is 83 and has to attend to so many things here besides finishing the portraits of Mrs. Indira Gandhi which is a very great responsibility for him. Whichever portrait is chosen it will hang in Parliament opposit the portrait painted by S.N. of Pandit Nehru, it is a wonderful portrait and so it is really part of history and it is a matter of pride that a Russian is painting her portrait. It has to be very carefully done so let us wish Svetoslav Nicholaevich the best of luck.

I am longing to see you again.

With lots of love to you as always,

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