

C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Infantry Road,
Cantonment,
Bangalore.-1.,
Mysore State. S. India.
21st. October. 1964.

Our very dear friend,

This is in haste to thank you for your fine message to friends from Paris on the occasion of the 90th. Birth Anniversary of Prof. Nicholas Roerich on the 9th. of October 1964. I am sure all friends of Prof. Roerich and indeed all those interested in Art & Culture will be most happy to read it, and later I will include it in a brochure which I hope to print with other messages, and some articles, and also the Radio Talk of Svetoslav. I am enclosing the Radio Talk of Svetoslav which please acknowledge when it reaches you, as sometimes such data gets lost in transit.

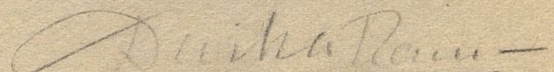
Now about your health, it is very sad to think that you have such a bad sort of Flu, this is most weakening and you must take every precaution to see that you get well before the Winter passes. Let me know if you are able to when you are well again. Do not in anyway strain yourself. Rest is the only cure, and also some good Tea, such as any flower Tea, we have such wonderful Teas here for such things, I wish you were here, I would look after you well. I cook also, and Svetoslav likes my cooking very much. I do not get much time, and am terribly busy, but still I manage to do all such things in my spare time.

About inviting Mr. Chagla with Mr. B. R. Bowry, since Mr. Chagla is a Minister it perhaps would not be wise to invite Mr. Bowry with him. Mr. Bowry is his information officer, and has gone with him for this reason. They are of different types, but Mr. Bowry is most useful, and an excellent officer at his job, which is a very senior job. Mr. Chagla gave a nice message for us sent direct to the Ministry of Culture USSR., it is very nice that in the USSR., they are making of this 90th. anniversary a big event. Is it not very strange about K's exit? I really cannot understand it at all. Everyone loved K., and here they did very much, as K. came here so often. Such is life, do you at all know why? None here know, and are somewhat depressed, as the whole structure may again change so people say and feel here. Let us see what comes in the near future.

This is in haste, so I will not write more, I hope this will find you much better, let me know, also about your meeting with the Minister, and later about your meeting with Mr. Bowry.

With our love as always,

Ever yours affectionately,



(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

I am so happy that you liked the broadcast of Svetoslav, and that it reached you safely. It has been greatly appreciated here, and also abroad, as it was on the Foreign Stations as well.

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C/o The Indian Bank Ltd;
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2nd, November. 1964.

Our very dear friend,

Thank you very much for your nice and most welcome letter of October 30th. which has made us happy, it is always so nice to hear from friends such as you, and it makes us feel that after all, you are not so far from us. I have much to send to you, but we must wait a bit, as I shall try to collect things as much as is possible, such as Press reports etc. In our home in Naggar, it was so very fine, as they had such a wonderful meeting on the 9th., and had prayers at the Monument of Prof. Roerich, also in the other part of the Himalayas in Kalimpong they had a moving meeting near and at the Stupa of Mme. Roerich. All such photographs I wish to print in a small and nice booklet with some of the more important messages etc, as then it will remain on record in a nice way. I am so tired of getting things typed by the girls all the time, and wish really to have things now printed once and for all time.

I am sorry that Mr. Chagla did not answer your letter to him, it perhaps would have been better if your Ministry had written, or your letter was sent from your Ministry. Life is strange, one really does not know how and when people will react these days. He was also very very busy, but that I feel should not exclude him from at least answering your letter! I hope he is more free later, and will make an appointment with you. If the Ambassador is a friend, he could fix it up, let us see what happens. He sent a very nice message on the 90th. anniversary, to the Minister of Culture there, and was so nice about it, he is very correct in answering letters etc, so it is really a strange thing that he does not even answer your letter. Why not ask the Indian Ambassador if you know him well if it is possible for you to do so?

You are right when you say that one really gets so tired of all that has happened with K, for instance, nothing changes and yet everyone hope that it has all become more different now. I wonder what will happen? It is so depressing and one can only hope that a new light will soon shine there. The people themselves seem to have changed, they will not wish to go back. Let us see what the future holds for us all in this rather sad old world.

Look after yourself, and drink Honey with hot water, I shall certainly see if good Tea can be sent to you, if so, it will be a great joy to send it to you! I feel that some can be sent, but I will ask a firm here, it could go as an Xmas gift parcel.

With lots of love, and every good wish,

Devika Kauri

6th. December 1964.,

Our very dear friend,

This is just to let you know that we received your very nice letter of the 17th. November upon our arrival back from Delhi, and it made us very happy indeed to know that the Monograph has reached you, and that you find it interesting. It is very well written, and it would give the author great joy if you could write to her. I am sure reading this Monograph, all the old wonderful days with our beloved Prof. Roerich were revived by you, and it made us very very happy to read all you say about the Monograph, it is true that the writer was limited, but on the whole, as I hear the translation of her writing, she has tried to give as much as possible. I wonder if in her next Volume, she will be able to write more freely, they say that now artists, writers, etc, will be more free to express their ideas, let us see, she wishes to write fully on the other aspects of Prof. Roerich's work, and they had a wonderful exhibition of the books of his in Leningrad. The recent exhibition which has been so appreciated there, is extended, and they write that 89, thousand have already seen the Exhibition, which is wonderful. The Press also is very good, we have received many cuttings, which are excellent. It is very nice that Svetoslav received these two Awards from the Government of Mysore, especially the Special Service Award, which is rarely given, this is for his work in Art & Culture, everyone in Delhi are happy about it. I hope that with the New Year, he will be getting more recognition, he fully deserves all the highest honours, and should be honoured here, there is hardly anyone here of his stature, his background and his heritage and his learning, infact there in India who has this which he has, no European, and the new Indians, do not have it at all. I understand about Mr. Chagla, he is a good man, and would have not done anything to hurt anyone, if he could help it. The new ways of this world are not easy to get used to, one has little time all the time, and in the end what does one do? Ministers rush about all the time, they have to, but this gives them little time for the great problems on hand. It is strange to know that Mr. Dhingra is back in Paris, he never wrote to us about it, and said a few months ago that he was waiting for his wife to come here! She was to join him here, and she was to come from London, then he wrote that he had no news of her, and wondered where she was, they are somehow always on the move as you rightly say, it is seems that is not thinking of settling here, no job is good for his taste, which I feel is right, as he seems very giving Lectures in Europe. He gets well paid, and is more used to those conditions, we are just now in a new stage of growing, and it is not always easy to get on, life has its problems everywhere, but if one wishes, everything can be done. This is just to answer your letter when I have more time, I will write to you. Keep well, and do not catch colds. Mrs. Fosdick also sent her book, it is well done, what do you think of it?

With our greetings to you, and everybest wish always,

The Pope received a great ovation here during his stay for a few days, millions of people greeted him, and he created such a fine feeling of good-will, he was very happy with his visit.

*Three stamps of St. Thomas
were in hand of the
Pope's visit*