



TAJ MAHAL HOTEL

(INDIAN HOTELS CO., LTD.)

BOMBAY

12th March 1953.

Dear Mrs. Roerich,

Ever so many thanks for your letter of the 9th and all the news that it contains.

The Hall Porter was immediately instructed about your present address, and so was the Reception about your expected return in May.

Please rest assured that we are all looking forward to your return and in the meantime we can but express to you and Professor Roerich our very Best Wishes for a happy stay in lovely Kalimpong.

Should there be anything that you may wish attended to in Bombay, please do not hesitate to write to us immediately.

With renewed Best Wishes and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.P. Vachek).

Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich,
"Crookety",
KALIMPONG,
Via Siliguri,
W. Bengal.

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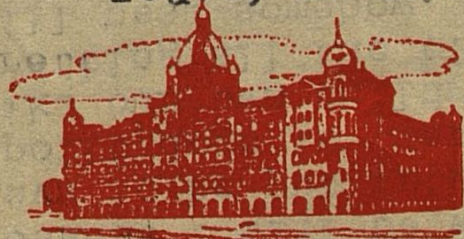
17th March, 1953.

My dear Devika Rani Roerich,

Thank you so much for the lovely red bag which I received on Saturday. I still use the very nice Navy blue one you sent me last year from Kalimpong and the first - what I call "nose bag" one I still take out on our Sunday picnics.

Well, I am sure you and your husband will be happy with the news I am able to give you. We have got all our papers for the States and I am leaving by steamer with our two dogs for Italy, the first week in May, where my husband will join me by air later on and we hope to spend a few weeks holiday with our people touring Italy before we move on to America. It has been rather sudden, but we were expecting this for some time. I am very thrilled. Its an awful task sorting out things which we have accumulated since the last 15 years and trying to do some packing, in addition to attending office every day. Just now my co-worker is on a month's leave and I am struggling hard not to let the office work get into arrears. It worries me if I leave work over for the next day.

I do hope I can see you before I leave; if not - I hope it will be a pleasure deferred and we can meet in the States one day. I have got a very nice cabin to myself on the boat with my own bathroom, but



I am not looking forward to the voyage at all because I will be worrying about the dogs who have to be put into kennels and they are such spoilt dogs in that we have treated them just like our own children and I know they will be fretting all the time. Anyway, 11 or 12 days will pass somehow.

I made up my Punjabi costume, but I had trousers made from the green Bangalore silk you gave me, with a red satin "kurta". My tailor had a very nice pattern for the trousers and advised me not to have a skirt pattern. I also ordered from a shop in Bhuleshwar, a Marwari costume for myself and a small one for a little Cousin of ours in America. I am sure she will be very thrilled with it. We are going to stay with an Aunt who has 5 grand-children and the little girl is the only grand-daughter and the others are boys and just now I am trying to think what American boys of from 5 to 9 would like from India. I bought 2 small "Kukries" for them. A girl is so easy to please.

I will be so happy if I can see you before I sail and in the meantime send the both of you my very best wishes in which my husband joins me.

Yours very sincerely,

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