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Dear Devika:

To begin with, I want to congratulate Svetoslav Nickolaevich on his coming birthday and wish you both every happiness and filfilment.

How are you? This year seems to be the most strenuous for you in view of N.K.Roerich's centenary, but I think at the same time the most agreeable, since this significant event will be widely marked both in India and USSR.

I have some welcome news for you: George N.Roerich's book "Trails to Inmost Asia" must be published in our country in Russian. If you remember I have been working at the translation of the book for several years. Now it is completed and sent to the publishing house of Khabarovsk where is situated the division of the USSR Geographical Society. The book is supposed to appear in 1976, and individual chapters must be printed this year commemorating the 100 th anniversary of N.K.Roerich.

I believe the publication of George Roerich's book in Russian would be very desirable, for it would acquaint the soviet reader with the famous Roerich Central Asian expedition which collected a unique record of the regions of Central Asia. There has been a delay in the publication of the book, and the reasons of the delay I will tell you on meeting. I hope seeing you and Svetoslav Nickolaevich on your coming to Moscow soon.

My wife Natasha sends her best regards to you and Svetoslav Nickolaevich.

Sincerely,

N.Zelinskiy ( Kolia ).