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SRIKOTE  
Post & Telg : KATRAN  
Kulu Valley (Punjab)

6.7.47

My dear Devika Rani,

What lovely fruit.

I shall try and be a good "house frau" (which I am not) & bottle a few. But most of it will be just gorged and the result: a bit of a tummy ache as there is no one here to remind me of moderation!

At last it is cooling down a little bit.

The coming 23rd

is a sentimental date  
for me and I wonder  
if by then you both  
will be able to make  
the hill! If so, do  
come early and let us  
have lunch here together.  
Of course "Dr. Seeger" if he  
likes to come, is invited  
as well. Don't please,  
don't feel bad if you  
either <sup>of you</sup> don't feel like  
it or happen not to  
be well, <sup>or so</sup> cannot come.  
This valley is  
in formal, so let us  
human beings remain  
natural in these lovely  
surroundings.

Thanks again!

Kind regards to all  
Yours ever  
Vicky.

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16.6.47

My dear Mrs Dechri,  
 What a disappointment  
 that your husband and  
 parents in law are not well.  
 But the place is not  
 important - it is the  
 company. Unfortunately  
 a guest is coming to tea  
 with us so we'll hide  
 up <sup>to your place</sup> the morning -  
 shall we say about 11.30  
 and see you all & have  
 a chat. Kindest regards  
 Yours sincerely Vicky Noor

p. t. o.

P.S. May we see only a few  
of your husband's  
& the Prof.'s paintings?  
Fitz never had that  
pleasure.

V.W.

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22.6.47

My dear Devika Rani,

May I call you that?

Here are 1/2 doz lovely, tender  
trouts. Hope you'll like  
them. I find just boiled  
with some spices like bay leaf  
etc & with butter potatoes. They  
are best.

"Clary" Lee will only be  
too glad to serve you if  
you'll let him know through  
a man a day in advance,

Your wishes.

Hope you'll come  
down soon to spend the

day here. Now Fowley has  
gone, & I feel the reaction  
& consequently a bit lonely;  
but better lonely than to be  
bothered with unwanted  
company like one it was  
of the time in Lahore.

I still cannot get the  
print of your husband's  
Christ & Mary painting out of  
my mind. Did he promise  
to give me a print <sup>as well</sup> with it?  
Please remind him. Now  
I enjoyed looking at his  
Dominic sketches. Not only is  
he a great artist merely from  
a technical point of view but  
the beauty and strength  
of his mind mirrors itself

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clearly in his paintings.

I hope to see more of  
his paintings, dont forget  
to hang out the board  
when they'll be over view  
& I shall have many  
more questions to ask.  
besides the enjoyment of  
going away filled with a  
symphony of colours.

Yours sincerely,

Picky

P.S. Kindest regards to the Prof.  
& Hans Roerich & "Dr George".

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"SRIKOTE"  
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Kulu Valley

28. 5. 47

Dear Devika Devi,

Will you please ask if you  
can lend me your large car or even  
bottle. I am intending to get to handi's  
but I know that you are short of  
petrol, so I may try and get a truck  
in Kulu. But I am afraid even that  
will <sup>be</sup> unlikely. Once in handi I can  
have your tanks filled again & spare  
petrol put into your tins. - Srikote  
only escaped burning last night because  
of the rain. That has held up the  
Sundas from handi to do the job in  
Pallekul. I am trying to save Srikote

x possibly over lives by deciding to leave  
for bandi. Besides I don't think I could  
let my servants as well as myself go  
through another night like the last one.  
The bombing in London is Child's play in  
the face of a hand-to-hand-fight possibility.  
Therefore I hope that your family will  
be able to help me with the loan of your  
car. I only hope & pray to have enough  
petrol at hand for one car for bandi.  
It will be returned to you today plus  
petrol etc.

Kindest regards to everybody

Yours affect Vicky Moore.

Please send answer as soon as possible with my  
man Burke who is the bearer of this letter.

30<sup>th</sup> . 8 . 47

Dear Devika Rani and Roerich family.

I have to address this letter to all of you dear people.

Besides thanks, many, many thanks for your prompt help I wanted to tell you that I arrived here at the Palace safely with my servants. The bus in which I left from Kulu (after much delay because of my presence in it in spite of the thesildar's intervention) broke down in Bajaura & I stayed the night in the Red house. As everywhere good & intelligent people can be found,

a couple of young educated Hindu men  
acted as my protectors. Others were there  
as well to guard. In fact U.H's jeep  
a guard was expecting me.

I have given Spikote to Painsaluba  
and if it hasn't been burnt down last  
night (which I doubt as Mr Kher Singh  
sent the thesildar there to see what has  
happened in Katraui, of which he  
knew nothing until I told him at 1.30 pm)  
Spikote may be saved. I hope I  
shall be able to thank you all  
personally for your timely help soon.  
I am staying here until then as there  
is no way to go - either down or up.  
I'd rather go up again as I have  
never been so fond of staying anywhere as

among the blue mountains of the Kulu valley. Love  
to you and affectionate regards to everybody. Yours Vicky

5, Danapur Road,  
Lahore.

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My dear Devika Pami

Sethi told me that you  
met - a year husband in  
Dellu & we talked lots  
about - the Valley.

I cannot tell you what a  
gap it left in my mind &  
tear!

I want - a year  
husband to know what a  
shock it was to us to hear  
of Professor's death. He was  
ailing for rather a long time  
and it is as if the valley  
did not want to lose him

as he was so much part  
of it & so it took him altogether

I hear you are going  
to Santa America. God  
speed & good luck. Let  
us hope that peace will  
return to the plains and  
lovely mountains of  
India.

Our kindest regards  
& please send our heart-  
felt sympathies to June  
Dorrick from Froy &  
myself.

Yours affectionately  
Vicky Noon

HIMALAYAN HOTEL,  
KALIMPONG.  
WEST BENGAL.

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28th September, 1964.

My dear DDevika Rani,

How kind of you to post up the details of the late Professor Nicholas Roerich.

An appealing personality.

Alas, the Himalayan Times closed down nearly two years ago much to our regret. It struggled on at a loss for a while and just faded away. Have you sent the data to the STATESMAN, Calcutta? If not address personally to Desmond Doig, one of the editors and our great friend who loves such people - he is a fine artist too. Tell him we suggested you send to him direct as he will do justice.

Here, after we have been through the details, I will pass on to the Tibetan Scholar, Mr. Tharch whose Tibetan Newspaper too has closed down. But the Roerich family is well known, <sup>to him</sup> and appreciated by him.

THE HOTEL  
WEST BANGALORE

As a token of our regard, we are placing  
*on 9th October*  
a floral wreath on Madame (late) Roerich's  
stupa - marigolds begin to bloom which  
will be suitable for the occasion.

Love to you both,

Yours affectionately,