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Dear Madam Roerich.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for your letter dated 28 September 1964 which reached me simultaneously along with the air advice for the parcel of linaloe berry water having been received here. I immediately arranged to send our man to receive the parcel and am glad to write that the aluminium bottle of the waters has reached us in perfect order. I shall look into the contents myself and will further write to you about my own observations in this regard later on.

The extract from the All Union Geographical Society of the USSR, which you have so kindly forwarded to me, is not only a tribute to the great scholar-artist, Prof. Nicholas Roerich and to your husband, Dr. Svetoslav Roerich, but also a signal honour to India. We are really proud that this great family of Roerichs have adopted India as their own land and have made pioneer contributions to raise the status of their country of adoption to an international level. The decision of the USSR government authorities to name the two Russian glaciers after the two great Roerichs will go a long way to bring the two countries together for ever. It is really a unique way of honouring the great scholars and artists not by erecting man-made monuments but by dedicating natural geographical monuments chistled out by mother nature. Both the memory and the memorial thus united will ever remain immortal. The uniqueness of the honour is further heightened by the fact that it has just come in time with the 90th birth anniversary of Prof. Nicholas Roerich, which falls on 9 October this year . It is gratifying that the Mysore Government is also giving a scroll to Dr. Svetoslav Roerich as a mark of honour to him as a great artist on 16 October next. I wish they should also get awakened to their long overdue duty of making a suitable gift of land for the intensive development of linaloe plantations, towards which the cultivations made by you and your husband, are again unique from the point of view of economic development of aromatic plants.

I shall write to you further about linaloe berry waters after experimenting with the lot, which I have received from your end. I had also received a letter of 24 August 1964. Kindly accept our best of compliments and warmest regards from both of us.

Madam Devika Rani Roerich, C/o The Indian Bank Ltd., Infantry Road, Cantonment, Bangalore 1.

Yours sincerely,

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27 October 1964

My dear Madam Devika Rani,

It was a pleasure to have received your informal letter soon after my return from Teheran, where I had gone to attend the Regional Oil Conference sponsored by the Soybean Council of America, Inc., It has given me immense pleasure to note the distinction awarded by the Government of Mysore to our esteemed friend, Svetoslav Roerich, about whose inherent greatness, the world all round, is all convinced in full appreciation. I should like to hear from you that the request for the transfer of the land on any reasonable basis by the Government of Mysore has also been conceded in the near future.

I shall certainly write to you about the linaloe berry water after the on-rush of a large number of delegates from abroad and India for the ISO meetings in New Delhi, will be over. In the meanwhile, I shall certainly be brooding as to how to make suitable formulations out of this sample of the water, which has been much appreciated by a number of my friends in India and abroad, to whom I have already referred it.

Incidentally, a short news item appearing with the attractive facial photograph of dear Svetoslav Roerich in the 'Hindustan Times' is being enclosed for your reference and record.

You will be interested to note that my elder daughter, Mridula, who had the privilege of meeting you both in Delhi, may be getting ready to leave for Zaandam in Holland in the first instance. She has been granted permission by the International Flavors & Fragrances I.F.F. (Netherlands) N.V. to join them for training in Creative Perfumery. After about six months' training in Zaandam, she will be sent to their Perfumery Department in Paris and later on to New York, if she continues her interest in the work like a good keen student of the subject. She has adopted this course as a professional training, which she can be able to carry on without hankering after a job and even while settling down finally in her domestic life. The preparations required in this regard from our end are nearing completion and she may be off to Holland by about the end of the month.

Both myself and dear Kamala and both the daughters, Mridula and Achala, send to you and to your esteemed husband, our warmest regards and compliments.

Yours sincerely.

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