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3, Chittaranjan Avenue
Calcutta-13

December 10, 1970

Shrimati Devika Rani Roerich,
C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Bady Curzon Road,
Bangalore-1.

My Dear Devika Rani,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Members of the Executive Committee of the Calcutta Art Society have decided unanimously to accord you a hearty welcome to this City at a reception on your receiving the Dadasaheb Phalke award from the Government of India for this year. It has also been decided to felicitate you jointly by the Members of the Calcutta Art Society and the Calcutta Film Society at a special ceremony at which "Anga-Bastram" (silk sari and shawl) is to be handed over to you as a token of respect for the histrionic art played by you on the screen, and for its development during your life-time. If it is possible the film "Achut-Kanya" may be screened following the felicitation programme.

It is desired that you should accompany your husband, Dr. Svetoslav Roerich, to Calcutta, sometime during early February 1971, the Air-Passages for which will be borne by the Society. Hospitality for stay in Calcutta for you both will also be arranged by the Society.

I sincerely believe, you will be pleased to accept the invitation and visit the City of Tagores and the cradle of Indian Renaissance.

With kind regards;
Yours sincerely,

Pranabesh Chandra Sinha

Hony. General Secretary.

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February 4, 1971

Dear Devika Rani,

On receipt of your letter with the enclosures yesterday I have today sent a telegram- "Your letter First February Stop Governor presiding Roerichs Funktion on 11th and your Reception on 10th Stop Letter follows."

The Governor formerly suggested 10th February for Dr. Roerich's function, but only this morning I was informed that due to a pressing engagement he wanted to change the date to the 11th which will be followed by a Dinner in the Calcutta Club at 8-30 p.m. Roerich's function will be held at Raj Bhavan, Calcutta. Your function will be held in the open-air at "Devikay", 25, Ballygunge Circular Road, at 6-30 p.m. for one hour. Both the functions will be held according to our traditional style, with the readings from the scriptures.

The Governor has further suggested to include the name of the great scholar and National Professor, Dr. Sunitikumar Chatterji, to be honoured along with Dr. Roerich. Dr. Chatterji is presently the most well-known man in the field of Learning. He is the Chairman of the Sahitya Akademi and the Asiatic Society. We have accepted the Governor's suggestion. So, both Dr. Chatterji and Dr. Roerich will be awarded the Medal-of-Honour by the Governor at a special convocation at Raj Bhavan, on Thursday the 11th February at 6 p.m. for one hour. A copy of a similar function is enclosed.

I will be present at the Air-Port on Tuesday the 9th at 4 p.m. and take you to the Grand Hotel. One Car will be left at your disposal from 9 a.m. for the 10th and the 11th. There have ^{been} numerous requests from various quarters for engagements, which I could not commit in absence of any instructions from you.

*P.S. Just now received a telegram from
the National Film Archive at Poona releasing
the show of Achut Kanya on this occasion.*

Yours sincerely,

P. C. Sinha
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Shrimati Devika Rani Roerich,
Bangalore-1.

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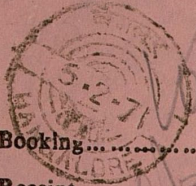
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-FUNCTION ELEVENTH AND YOUR RECEPTION ON TENTH FEBRUARY LETTER
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16th February 1971

Dear Shrimati Devika Rani,

Please accept my personal expression of joy and that also of the members of my Society for your jovial and pleasant company during your brief stay in Calcutta last week. Your presence filled the hearts of others who were present at the two functions, and they were overwhelmed by your charming personality and graceful deamanour. I am sure this will be cherished by all of us for years to come.

I am sending you the newspapers clippings and the photographs within the next few days.

With love and affection;

Yours sincerely,

Ranabesh Chandra Sinha

Shrimati Devika Rani Roerich,
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CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY

and

ELITE CINEMA

have the pleasure to invite you to witness the screening of

ACHUT-KANYA

(featuring Devika Rani)

at the

ELITE CINEMA

136, S. N. Banerjee Road, Calcutta-13

on Sunday the 28th February 1971 at 10-30 a.m.

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1. This Film has been lent as a special instance for screening for only one show by the National Archive of Films of the Government of India in regard to the felicitation accorded to Shrimati Devika Rani by the citizens of Calcutta recently.
 2. Please present the card. Each card admits one person.
 3. The seat cannot be reserved, and they should be occupied according to first-come-first served basis.

For CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY

P. Laha
Hony. Genl. Secy.

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20th March 1971

My dear Shrimati Devika Rani,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 10th instant, and I thank you most sincerely for this.

When you are leaving Bangalore? What is your address on the Hills? If matters necessitated me to write can I address letters there direct or send letters to Bangalore to be redirected to your proper place.

Mr Justice Masud spoke extempore. On my carrying your message to him he has promised to prepare one for your booklet. I did not speak at any of the functions. I only read out the Citations. I am making requests to the Governor and Dr. Suniti Chatterji to send you copies of their speeches.

I could not get signatures of Shri P.K. Datta of the Qpix Photographs on the two Receipts, because, I understand, he wrote to you enquiring whether any money was to be refunded for the excess charges he made for the copies of photographs supplied to you. Perhaps, he has not got any advice from you in the matter, and since he has not seen me as yet. The Receipts are lying with me.

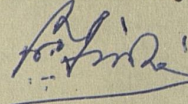
I do not think, I need sending you photographs which you have already got from Shri Datta. The Editor of Viswamitra (Hindi Daily) and Cine Advance, Shri K.C. Agarwala, promised to send to you direct some photographs taken by them at the function held in your honour. I believe, these must have been received by you by now.

I have with me paper-cuttings, and I enclose them here. I did not paste them on papers believing that those might be put up in folios afresh in your personal archive.

I am due to leave for America via Japan sometime during early September, and expect to return via Europe after about 12 weeks' time, i.e. middle of November this year. In the meantime, I am going to Srinagar (which I had not visited before) with the Leonardo Exhibition, and stay there for about 3 weeks enjoying holiday, after visiting Lucknow and Amritsar on the way, during May-June next. On my way back Simla may be another hop.

With my kindest regards and best wishes to you both;

Yours sincerely,



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14th April 1971

My dear Devika,

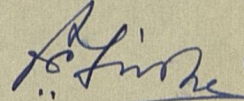
This is in reply to your letter of March 12, 1971.

I am enclosing the copy of the speech by the Governor at the special convocation of the Society on the 11th February at Raj Bhavan. Dr. Suniti Chatterjee said that he spoke extempore and he did not remember what were the subjects he touched over. He asked me to develop what we heard him speaking. You both might remember what he had said and make out a speech to which he has no objection for publication.

Now, Calcutta is full for a fortnight with all that has been happening in East Bengal (Bangla Desh). For this commotion, we had to postpone celebrating Bengali New Year's Day tomorrow.

I hope, you and Dr. Roerich are doing well in the hills, and are in high spirit and health.

Yours affectionately,


P.C. Sinha.

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