

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK

CALCUTTA I

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April 18, 1953.

Dear Devika,

It was thoughtful of you to write about the house, and the availability of the good Nepali bearer. For the moment we are getting along with a reasonably competent Muslim bearer and masalchi, but if experience is any guide, they will probably ruin something or other rather sooner than later, and I shall have to find a new set. Therefore, I would be glad to have the name and address of the Nepali as a reserve, and we shall probably want him in any case if we go to Kalimpong for four or five months this October.

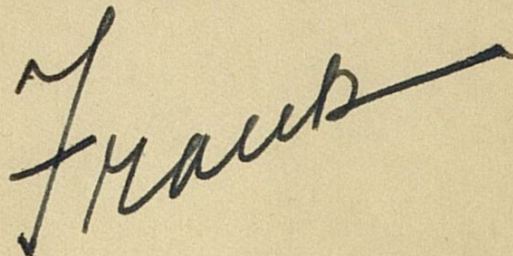
We look forward eagerly to seeing you and Svetoslav on your way through Calcutta, and this time do send me a post-card when you know your arrival date, so that I will be sure not to miss you.

Galya and I are both well, though slightly wilted from the recent oven temperatures we have been experiencing.

Which way do your travels take you at this season? Is it to be Kulu, Bombay or Bangalore? I certainly envy your mobility and choices of base.

With all our best to you and Svetoslav, we, too, are,

Affectionately yours,



Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich
"Crookety",
Kalimpong,
N. Bengal.

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April 21, 1953.

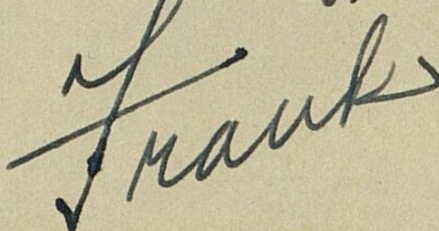
Dear Devika,

Since receiving your letter, I have given more thought to the Nepali bearer. I would like to give him a trial if he speaks enough English to get along with us, and is capable, energetic, clean and smart appearing. We have had a succession of junglies, and the present Muslim seems to have grown ten thumbs. If you think, without any assumption of responsibility, of course, that the Nepali might be the solution, and if he could get to Calcutta before May 1st, so I can release the present incumbent without complications, I would be glad to try him out and pay his 3rd class rail fare to Calcutta (and back, if he doesn't work out). There is a servant's godown for him, the ayah is Nepali, and there are two Nepali durwans on the gate for after hours companionship.

If he is a worker, cheerful, and quick, we can get along all right and he won't have any three a.m. duty to worry about.

With kindest regards and hopes this won't be too much trouble for you,

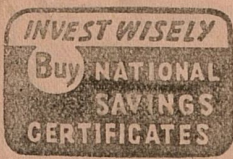
Sincerely,



Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich,
"Crookety",
KALIMPONG,
N. Bengal.

P.S. He should report to my office if he comes down.

My reply 24 by wire
sent Bearer arriving will send
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the Bank in the
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George

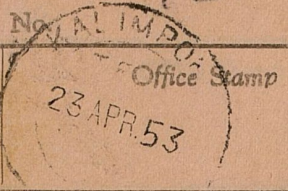
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Frank

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May 6, 1953.

Dear Devika,

Enclosed please find ten sawbucks in exchange for your century note, which was not a phoney. The trouble at Kalimpong was that this is an old series, frequently counterfeited, and most unpopular among bunnias.

Dal Bahadur is getting along quite well, and I hope he keeps it up. He seems a cheerful type and I have seen no cards, dice, or roulette wheels so far. Apparently Galya's ayah remembered him from Kalimpong since, when they saw each other first, there occurred some very broad Mongolian grinning and ultra rapid fire vernacular.

We are looking forward very much to seeing you both soon.

Affectionately,

Frank

Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich,
"Crookety",
Kalimpong,
N. Bengal.