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Feb. 15, 1936.

Dear Mrs Merrick,

From your letter of the 3rd Jan. I understand that you did not receive my letter in which I thanked you for the book "THE MAN WHOM NOBODY KNOWS". I have not quite finished reading it, as I gave it to Mrs Mahon to read when it arrived.

You are writing of us as living in a fourth dimension, however I assure you that we live very actively in the third dimension also. As Mrs Mahon writes, you have already heard about the schism in the New-York Museum. But I must say this is not a case of schism, but one of black treason. Perhaps this treason, based on a desire to dominate and to take possession of everything, is accentuated by a racial feeling. Such a case would be most interesting for a writer or a psychiatrist. Only imagine, after fourteen years of closest cooperation, leaving in our hands thousands of letters and documents, filled with superlatives of love, devotion and reverence, - suddenly Mr. Horch and his two satellites (his wife and Miss Esther Lichtmann), without any cause on our part, taking advantage of Prof. de Roerich's absence in Central Asia, performed a sudden and complete volt-face. Having taken all ideas and the results of many years of labour, they now want to exclude all original founders and other trustees from the works and become the sole owners of the building. Mr. Horch, having received for keeping all the shares of the other Trustees, now claims that they are his, but fortunately the Trustees have his original receipts, which clearly state that the shares were only given in keeping and all rights retained with their owners.

The matter is now already in court. Knowing the vehemence of the trio, the fight will be a long and fierce one. Our loyal coworkers and friends have already formed a Committee of Defense, called Friends of Roerich Museum, consisting of prominent cultural leaders.

Certainly you know of the great battle of the White forces with the evil ones, - called the battle of Armageddon, and therefore it is not surprizing that the work for the Good is always fiercely attacked by the servitors of darkness. But as a well-known New-York social worker recently wrote us - "all worth while people" are with us.

I hear from Mrs Mahon that you enjoy your stay in China and that in the fall you intend to return to New-York. When you return, I would like you to meet our friends: Mrs K.S.Campbell and Miss F.R.Grant - who will tell you, if you are interested, more details of this fight for Culture and Justice.

I hope that you will enjoy your trip to Japan and that you will not be captured forever in a monastery.

With cordial greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

11-JAN-38

Dear Mrs Merrick,

Many thanks for your two kind letters of December. I am glad to hear that your book is almost ready and will soon be published. With great interest I read your first book which Mrs Mahon lent to me - since we know all these places of which you write, the book had a special appeal to me. I am glad to hear of your friendship with Frances. Of course you know what a strenous battle they are leading and not with small enemies, because of the more than strange backing by Wallace. We expect that the day will come when a great writer, perhaps a new Zola, will stand up for the cause. I still believe that in the United States despite the present difficult and uncertain times, there still exist people for whom justice is not an empty sound, and who do not fear to stand up for this great concept. Especially I am surprized that our attorneys do not emphasize the low ethical behaviour of Ernst's firm, who whilst conducting the case for Horch, actually still remain attorneys for all the Trustees. You know so many attorneys and I wonder what your friends may think of the whole case.

I have no objection to my portrait appearing in your

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book. But as it is in the possession of our friend the Hon. Charles R. Crane, perhaps his consent must be obtained for reproducing it in America. Perhaps you will phone Mr. Donald Brodie, his representative in New York, 522 Fifth Avenue, and he will arrange it for you. By the way Svetoslav had asked Mr. Brodie to have a photograph taken in New York by Peter A. Juley and perhaps Mr. Brodie can secure you one. Meanwhile I am sending you a fragment-photo of this portrait.

Dear Mrs Merrick, I greatly appreciate your letters . We often think of you and hope to see you once more in our mountains.

We all are sending you our best wishes and thoughts for the New Year.

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Dear Mrs Merrick,

Many thanks for your two kind letters of February. Colonel Mahon showed us your cordial pages about our Ashram and we were touched by the friendly feeling which dictated these lines. As to my portrait perhaps it is better not to have it in your book - I always avoided exposing my pictures to the curiosity of people - and for this reason I never have any photographs of myself taken and this time I had made an exception because I did not wish to refuse you.

I quite agree with you that the fight is a very trying one because we have to deal with unscrupulous people who apply ruthless methods. Indeed, the fight would be a very difficult one for Frances or any other person alone, if it were not for the other Trustees and friends, who wholeheartedly participate in every respect, one of them being Mrs Campbell, whom you know. I also take the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter by Mrs Sutro, who is also a staunch supporter of our cause, addressed to Mr. Ernst of the firm of lawyers of our opponents. We greatly appreciated Mrs Sutro's decisive action. Yes, I agree with you that the American public is not aware of the facts, yet we know and have proofs that the opponents have widely spread slander amidst many of the honorary advisors of the Museum and also amidst our friends and acquaintances abroad, going so far as to send information to some newspapers, which information was suppressed by the editors out of esteem for Prof. Roerich. Copies of some such letters were sent to us by friends. You probably knew that at the beginning such of our friends, as Mr. Cosgrave, Major Phelps Stokes, came out in the press in defense of our case and coworkers, but our opponents answered with a very poor note by their friend, an ex-rabbi Mr. Fleischer. Then Mr. Merritt had the intention to give wide publicity to this case, but our Defense Committee, which includes Miss Grant, was opposed to publicity, considering it untimely.

It is of course very good that our friends keep the suit for defamation alive. This suit in time could bring out a lot of interesting facts about Mr. Wallace and his associates. As to some Russian propoganda, which - as you write - the public fears so much, I am afraid that it is the Trotzkiist propoganda, which is the real danger to the whole world.

Prof. Roerich's activities for so many years are so widely known and one of the recent proofs for this is for example the Baltic Congress held last October, which brought messages from all over the world from prominent cultural leaders. Besides a large monograph on Prof. Roerich's Art, a book of some of these messages, speeches and radio - broadcasts is in the press in Europe. Committees for the Peace Pact in Europe are constantly working to further this Idea. The books of Prof. Roerich are known to everyone and hundreds of eassays by Prof. Roerich are constantly appearing in Europe and in India in more than twenty monthly magazines. Also in New York, Philadelphia, etc. there were celebrations with speeches by Claude Bragdon, Wharton Stork - the poet, Dr. Brinton and others on the occasion of Prof. Roerich's jubilee. Thus by no means is our work secret.

Also the books of the Teaching of Agni-Yoga continue to be published regularly in Europe in original and in several translations. The last (13th of the series) book published is "Brotherhood". Thanks to Mr. J. L. Gartner and another English poet, we have at present all the thirteen books of the Teaching translated into English.

Of course our departure from India, as you easily understand, will be at the right moment.

We are very grateful to you for your expression of faith in the final triumph of our cause and that you bring it before your friends. Victory may come in quite an unexpected way. Inscrutable are the ways of God!

A Defense Committee in New York of this cause exists (under the presidentship of Major Phelps Stokes) and it seems they approve of the lawyers' actions. Mr. Crane already twice contributed to the Defense Committee. He has a very big family and very many obligations.

You are right that Wallace is backing Horch. Very likely they have common business interests and it is just this that we would like that the public should know, including his frequent visits by the back door, masquerading with black goggles. Usually when people come with good intentions they do not have to hide their identity.

We greatly appreciate every good thought of yours, but hélas the large headlines in all the papers announcing a trial that would be a sensation, the same as a brilliant lawyer, would call for very large sums of money, which none of our friends dispose off, and apparently such noble defenders of Truth as Zola and Laborie are not to be found in these dark days.

I hope that your health has improved and that your book shall be a great success. I am always happy to hear from you.

We send you all our good wishes and heartiest greetings

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H.R.

21-MAY-1938

Dear Mrs Merrick,

Thank you so much for your cordial letter of April. I was especially touched that you are hurt by the fact that in the country which we love so much, we have to suffer from the effects of treason and great injustice. But our consolation is that a handful of traitors does not of course represent the real America.

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At present I am preparing the second part of "Brotherhood" which historical lives of the Members of the great White Brotherhood are given. When I am reading about the martyrs and persecutions to which They were subject during Their glorious self-sacrificing lives, all our trials seem pale, but in the innermost of our hearts remains the joy that it is given to us to participate in Their work. Verily it is an unparalleled joy to know that we are bringing to humanity that Message which will lay as the cornerstone and will imbue the coming epoch.

I feel a great sorrow realizing that there are so many souls in America who could receive the pearls of the Teaching of Life, but are deprived because of a small obstacle. But it is said in the Teaching, "small pebbles grow into impassable rocks for those who have thrown them." We rejoice every day at the happiness that is given to us by the constant flow of the ocean of the Teaching, despite the great cosmic battle. We believe in the coming victory and in devotion and in full trust in the Guiding Hand we shall fulfill our mission.

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