

BHUTAN HOUSE  
KALIMPONG

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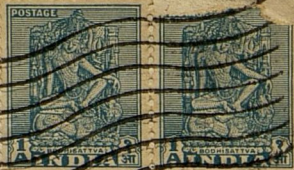
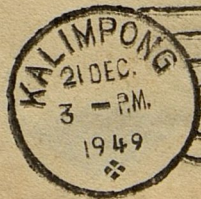
Dear Madame Rorich.

My mother says she would be very happy if you, your sons, your daughter-in-law & your American friend could come to lunch any day this week or next week at 12 a.m. So do let us know which day suits you & we shall look forward to having you all here.

Yrs sincerely,

Tashi Dorji.

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Madame Roerch  
"Crookety"  
Kalimpong

Ch. Dorji Sabiba



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Tashigang.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 1955.

Dear Madame + Dr Roerich,

I hope you are  
well.

I cannot say how  
sorry I was not to be able  
to come + see you once before  
leaving for Bhutan. I had to stay  
longer than expected in Calcutta + then  
had a very rushed few days in  
Kalimpong during which time I did not  
see enough even of my mother. I  
had to hurry to Dala near the frontier  
where the Dewager Maharani had been  
waiting some days to accompany me to  
them too.

It was all so rushed that when I reached the frontier & had time to sit & think, I felt sad not to have seen & spoken with my mother & friends at leisure as I would liked to have done.

I expect the rains here have begun. Here too, the rains have broken & the people are very glad for their crops which, in prolonged dry weather, get parched & affected by certain insect pests.

At present, a lot of the people here are starting out for the 5th month trade mart in Tsonga. The more venturesome

ones will leave Tsonga in time to reach the trade mart in Taling + Gampalung & then on to Lhasa.

I am here in the Dzong very different to Brookly! It is on the top of a steep hill - precipitous on all sides - with the big Manas River flowing at the bottom. Here, the Manas River is known as the "Damey Chu" & at the foot of this hill it has a chain bridge slung across it with typical Bhutanese bridge towers on either side. The architecture of all our Dzongs is such that they fit in with the hills & mountains around & looked at

from any angle or height they are beautiful & picturesque.

The country here is very steep & closed in. It also has the dreary season of the rains. Altogether, it does not have the wonderful summer climate & wide valleys of central & western Bhutan. But like most places in Bhutan there are plenty of wild animals that are not very shy of people. In the Dzong area there are lots of deer - mountain - goat - leopards - wild pigs etc. & it is delightful to see & hear them even in the daytime.

I hope you have good news of Mr + Mrs Santoslar Roerich. Please give them my best love. off all my friends I think of them often + always feel I should write to them. But I have not written for so long that I do not know where to begin.

I shall be leaving Tashigang sometime towards the end of July + perhaps later in the year. I may visit Kalimpong. I shall look forward to seeing you all then.



With best wishes to you both,  
Yours sincerely,

Tashi

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Herewith a piece of rough  
Bhutanese weave which may please  
be used or made into anything  
for Crookety. My love to Raya +  
Ludmila.

Tashi

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