Manali.

June 26. 1930.

Dear Mrs Roerich

It is far too kind of you to send me another book and I find it most interesting; thank you very very much indeed.

I am reading your books at night between 11. and 1 o'clock and the difference in understanding them then, is extraordinary.

We are so very very sorry to hear from Captain Barron that you are feeling the heat so much and do hope you will

soon be able to get up to Labour and feel much better.

With our kindest regards to you all and again thanking you so very much for all the books you have so very kindly given me

Yours sincerely

T. A. Marhon

Manali
P. O. Duff Dunbar

Nov. 4. 1930

Dear Madame Roerich

It is so very kind of you to send me the bottle of Spermin and I will start taking it at once; It must be a wonderful medicine and I shall be most thankful if it improves my nerves — it will probably make me better tempered too!

I am taking the tincture of Valerian every day and I think it is helping me already.

I am so very sorry that you are still ill and only wish I could do something for you; I am so glad to hear that Professor Roerich is

sending out a doctor.

I keep thinking that Professor Roesch will be with you before Christmas, and I do hope so. He will do all we can to get any information in Lahore — the reasons which Miss Lichtenau made in her letter are most amusing and we will try to find out if that is really what the Government thinks. You know the Hills are also said to be searching everywhere for the Plant of Eternal Life!

With all very best wishes from us both and again thanking you so very much for the Medicine

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

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Manali 3

Monday

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the most lovely cakes and wonderful eggs (I would like to know the meaning of the marks on them!) and also the beautiful vegetables.

Henry Banon calmly told us he had eaten all our "lovely curly lettuces" as the snow was not on them!! and we had very good ones & when we came back last year, and expected to have them this year too. They are strange people!

I am so sorry our box arrived yesterday
when you were at lunch — we had
sent the man off at 4 o'clock & order
that he should get to you before lunch

My husband thanks Dr Roerich very
much for his letter. The behaviour of
your enemies seems to show that they
anyway have guilty consciences and are
afraid of what they have done.

Thanking you so much, and with
our very best wishes to all

yrs very sincerely

F. A. Macnair

"Naltonia"

March 27. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I cant tell you how glad we were yesterday to see you all and think it was so very good of you to give up a whole day to us when you are so busy.

I do hope that last night you were not extra tired with talking so much — it was so lovely to hear you again.

We are staying till the 30th so I will have time to read the book which you want back soon, and will return it before we leave; it is most interesting. Our fire still smokes and I hope it won't get into my brain! while I am reading.

I shall write to Miss Lichtmann to-morrow and give her the latest news about you — I know how anxious she will be to hear it.

With our very best wishes to all and we both thank you very much for the most delightful day yesterday

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Mahon

Tuesday 6

Dear Mrs Roerich

I simply cannot thank you enough for sending me the two books; It is so very kind of you.

I told Captain Branon that I wanted to send for them and of course did not know that they were not obtainable.

Thank you so much too for the list of books which I will send for.

We are so very sorry that
you have been ill and do
hope the change to Scotland
will soon make you better.
With our kindest regards
to all and again
thanking you so very much
for the books — I am
studying the one Captain
Bacon lent me every day
and they are wonderful
yours very sincerely
F. G. Mahon

March 29. 1935

"Waltonia"

My dear Madame de Roenich

I am returning this book as you may need it- and I shall not have time for a few days to read it; I have read it- quickly now and it is so very interesting that- I am sending for it- and hope it is not out- of print.

Thanks you so very much for lending it to me. I now have eight- of your books! and will return them as I finish them.

I shall never be able to thank you enough for all the books you have

last me and give me.

With very best wishes and I hope you have of this time recovered from our long visit,

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu

April 2. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your letter but you really should not have troubled to write.

My foot and my back are so much better that I feel sure I shall not have to ask you to lend me your dandy again.

My husband is very much annoyed about the Court proceedings — they are simply trying to be wickedly annoying and to give trouble, like so many here! — two of the Brethren are so annoyed that they haven't been given the contract of the Hospital that they are doing their best to prevent the people going to the doctor here by saying

the medicine is only water, they will lose caste & go to a Christian etc. also says he is a bad moral character at which he is simply furious, but was a little comforted when Mr. Burke and my husband told him that is what they say about everyone.

I am really troubling you with a letter to tell you about Professor de Roenich's picture which was most extraordinary last night — the flame was absolutely brilliant — and almost looked as if it would come out of the picture. I called my husband to see it and we both watched it for some time. There was only an oil lamp in the room with a dull faint orange vellum shade.

Perhaps Professor de Roenich was sending us a kind thought. I had been reading "Friar's Stronghold" when I first woke up in the morning.

With very best wishes from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 9

April 4. 1935 Kulu

My dear Madame de Roerich

You will be amused to hear that this morning I received my copy of "Altai Himalaya" from Boris Georgiev, who (by the address on the cover) is now staying in Bombay. He had apparently forgotten this address as he sent it to Rajkumari Amrit-Kaur who forwarded it on here. The book appears to have travelled a good deal!

I think Mr. Georgiev must now be only highly praised for sending it back

after keeping it for over two and a half years, for it shows that he did not intend to keep it altogether.

With very best wishes from us both.

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Mahon

Manali 10

April 20. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

This is just to wish you all a very happy Easter. We ordered some chocolate to be sent to you as I think they are better than Easter eggs which are not interesting in this country and not the best chocolate.

I am afraid the chocolate will not arrive until Monday as we stupidly mistook the date and thought Easter was next week! I am so sorry.

I wonder what you will think of

the picture of Epstein's figure of Christ
is one of the "Spheres" which we sent
to-day!

With our very best wishes to all and
I do hope you are feeling better now

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu

May 22. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the most lovely cherries — I had no idea there were ripe yet — & Kulu and thinks these must be some of your pictures; it was most kind of you to send them.

They were very much appreciated this morning when a lady came & unexpectedly to breakfast. She is one of a party of four from Madras, and she is the head of a big weaving school near Madras — an exhibition of all the work is going to be opened next month at Simla by Lady Willingdon.

She was most interested to hear all about Professor de Roerich and we spent the

morning showing her photographs, articles & newspapers etc. and she has taken "Altai Himalaya" and "Trails to Inner Asia" down to the Forest Bungalow to look at and we are to send for them at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. ("Altai Himalaya" is my second copy, not the one you gave me, which will never leave me again!)

She intends to buy "Altai Himalaya". She is very interesting and seems to know well a lot of people in Madras, the Governor and others, and she may be quite useful.

Please forgive such a badly written letter but she has only just gone and I am writing very hurriedly to catch the post.

I do hope you are feeling better now.

With our very best wishes to all and thanks you so much for the lovely cheese

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali

May 25. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It was really far too kind of you to send us another basket of cherries and they are such lovely ones; thanks you so very much. I only wish I could give grapefruit for you!

I am so delighted that Mr. Shibayev was able to send me a photograph of the picture of the Abbott — his face interested me so much when we saw him last year. It must be a most beautiful picture.

I am sending you a copy of the Overseas Daily Mail as I think the

picture of St Francis and the birds will interest you — I wonder what the other pictures of the "artists" were like, which the Royal Academy accepted.

The Madras ladies who were here (English ladies from Madras I mean) went to Haggard and I hope did not go to see you, as we told them how very busy you all are and that Professor de Roerich is away, but they were very much interested in him and his Banner of Peace.

With very best wishes to all and thanks you very much for the cherries

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

May 27. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

You do spoil us dreadfully sending us so many lovely cherries! we both send our very best thanks; how are enjoying them at every meal.

We are so very sorry to hear that you are having trouble again with your tooth and it is specially trying in warm weather.

I do hope M. Svetislav will soon be able to cure it for you as he did before.

I think we shall have to take you to Lahoul this year to the air that makes you feel stronger.

I will not keep you any waiting.

With very best wishes from us both

and thanking you so very much for

the beautiful cheese

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Markham

Manali

June 21. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I simply cant tell you how much I thank you for the lily and I shall simply love it. It was so extraordinarily kind of you to think of it when you are feeling so ill. I do hope it will soon be cooler and that you will feel better — just before your note came we were saying what trying weather it is, and how tiring.

My husband takes the dogs for a long walk into the Forest before breakfast, but I cant do it. He heard from Dr. Roerich a few days ago and he said that he and Professor de Roerich were both well,

at least be unpleasant, but the dust-storms
twice a week must be very unpleasant.
We had a thunderstorm here last night
which has cooled the air but while it
was going on we could hardly breathe and
we thought of you very much and wondered
how it was affecting you.
I had a letter a few days ago
from an Indian lady in Lahore who is working in
one of the Hospitals amongst the Quetta refugees
and she said she did not know how it was
possible there could be such terrible suffering in
the world.
I do hope you will soon feel better and
we only wish there was anything at all we
could do to help you.
With our very best wishes to all and
thanking you so very much for the beautiful
plant
Yours very sincerely
F. M. Mahon

Manali 15

June 29. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is indeed most kind of you to send us such lovely apricots — thank you so very much. They are not ready here yet. We hoped to be able to send you some strawberries but the dry weather ruined them and I believe they have been a failure with Colonel Johnson too this year though he has unlimited water.

I shall look forward to reading "On the Edge of the Etheric" very much — it must be most interesting.

your lilies are in full flower and are so beautiful and I feel they help to keep the atmosphere pure. The waves that come up from below us are rather terrible just now — the evil intent of two people is worse than we ever suspected!

We were so glad to get the little photograph of Dr. du Roscich and see that he looks very fit.

With very best wishes to all — I do hope it will get cooler again soon and that you will feel less exhausted, but if not — I think we should take you to Labaud or to the top of the Passes it is so long since you had that bracing air.

With so very many thanks for the apricots — Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali 16

July 20. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is most kind of you to send me the books which I asked for and also thank you very much indeed for the lovely flowers — I do wish I could have sent you some Quetta peaches but the fruit market is destroyed, and even if peaches were availble I should not like them as I hear there is a terrible plague of flies there now and my husband says the fruit trees are only just outside Quetta.

Thank you so much for explaining things to me — you have made it so clear as you always do. It is extremely interesting

hear of the special chair of spiritualism at the University of Sweden. My great regret is that I have such a little time left to learn everything of all I want to know and then I shall have to start again somewhere else! it is horrible thought!

I am having rather a strange experience — before now, when I read the Secret Doctrine it tired me and there was so much that I could not even attempt to understand (of course there is still that) but now it is just as if someone was teaching me, and I don't want to read anything else. I have had one or two rather strange things happen lately.

We are both so very sorry to hear that you are feeling ill and only

wish we could do anything for you.

Yesterday I had a very strong feeling that Professor de Roerich is coming back before Christmas, but I am probably quite ~~well~~ wrong as of course he will be detained in America first.

I am returning three of your books with my most grateful thanks. I will return "Isis Unveiled" when my husband sends back Mr. Shibayev's book as my husband wants me to make out a passage about dealing with music. I should have done it yesterday but was so much interrupted.

With very best wishes to all and I

do hope that you will soon feel better

Yrs very sincerely

J. A. Mahon

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Manali

July 5. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely apricots which are so much nicer than anything else in this weather. It is most kind of you to send them, and to think of us at all when this heat must be making you so ill.

There is always a cool breeze here but to-day we are going to lunch with Mrs Misneiker who is in Herbert Branson's new house for two weeks and I dont expect to enjoy the walk in the heat and having to eat so much

more than I want; however I could not get out of it without giving great offence.

The books looks most interesting and I will send it back in a few days with your other books, before the Rains break. Thank you so much for sending it.

Your lovely lilies ended on Yesterday and now I will take great care of the bulbs.

We have been thinking of you so much in the heat and only wish it was cool enough here for you to come for a change. We would most willingly give you the house at any time.

With very best wishes from us both

Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali 13

July 16. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely plums — it is most kind of you to send them.

My husband is sending up all the books within the next three days — he hasn't a suitable piece of waterproof sheeting available to-day and it is going to pour at any moment and we daren't risk getting them wet. "On the Edge of the Etheric" is most interesting though I feel always great dislike at the process of sitting with a medium, and Madame Blavatsky

says that as a rule spirits cannot return?

We are seeing far too many people and I feel I should like to retire to the Pass with my books.

The Emersons were extremely nice and he was very much interested in Professor de Rocrich's picture and was when he got to the door of my room went back again to look at it. He says how wonderful it is. She was twice in my room and did not notice it at all.

He is very much interested in Buddhism too and it is the beauty of it that appeals to him.

He said he liked Dr. Rocrich so much and did wish that he could see more of him.

It was a pleasure to meet them both

and it- is not a pleasure to meet some of the people we are obliged to entertain!!

I do hope that this weather is making you feel better, it- is very cool here when the sun is not out.

Would you allow me to read the other volume of "Isis Unveiled" and one of the "Secret Doctrine"? if you dont think that I have kept them too long- it- is difficult to concentrate when one is always being interrupted.

I shall <u>never</u> be able to tell you how grateful I am to you for the books you have lent and given me.

With very best wishes to all and thanking you so much for the book

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marton

Manali 24

July 26. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It was much too good of you to send us that lovely basket of fruit yesterday, thank you so much.

We seem to have almost lived on your fruit. Now is ready in Manali yet and a lot of it seems to have been spoilt by the dry weather.

It will amuse you to hear that my advice is being asked by a woman here (pretty and comparatively young) as to whether she should leave her husband for another man or not! It amazes me that people

can pour out their troubles and ask advice from a stranger — I did know her very slightly twelve years ago, but other women too have wailed about their unsatisfactory husbands — it must be the air of Manali!

The pretty woman said "I have only one life and want to make the most of it"!!".

I am so very sorry that "Isis Unveiled" was not sent back yesterday but hope to send it to-day in a few days.

It was almost cold here last night and I do hope it is cooler in Naggar and that you are feeling better.

With very best wishes to all from us both — your Gladiolii and the little rose tree are in full flower and are lovely

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Marson

Manali
Kulu

July 31. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is kind of you to send us so much more beautiful fruit; thank you very much indeed. I think you are spoiling us very much! but coming from your garden it should help to make us very strong.

I meant to send you books back a few days ago when we were going to Raison but we had to put our visit off as the road was broken and Cars could not get down, so I was going to give it to

Mr. Shibayev on the 7th, but I am now taking this opportunity to send it back. It is so interesting and I have read bits of it to my husband too.

Mr. Asboe has lent Zodpa Rs. 200 to pay his pleaders and also has actually got bail for him for Rs. 4000 as he is quite sure that he won't fail him! Now we are waiting to hear that Zodpa has defaulted to Tibet. Poor Mr. Asboe is naturally worried. He seems to have a rather abnormal sense of duty towards his so called Christians and not to his own family.

I do hope you are feeling better and will be anxious to hear from Mr. Shibayev on the 7th.

With our very best wishes to all and thank you very much for letting me keep the book so long. I will return the other quickly

Yours very sincerely F. A. Mahon

Manali 23

Aug. 8. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the two baskets of lovely fruit – it is very kind of you to send it. Mrs Merrick also enjoyed the yellow plums so much as she had had no fruit since she left Kashmir.

She is most anxious to meet you but I told her that just at present you could not see anyone, however she still hopes.

I think you would like her and she is

nice to look at too.

I am so sorry to hear that you are feeling so ill and only wish it was possible for you to go over to Shoondla to get the good air. I hear the Roberts Bungalow is quite good now and clean. Mr. Burke was horrified at the state of the Bungalows when he came.

I do wish there was anything at all I could do for you to help you.

With very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 24

Aug. 17. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

The two baskets of lovely fruit have just arrived — it is kind of you to send it, thank you so very much.

It is much cooler here now and we have had an occasional small fire in the evening so I do hope it is cooler in Naggar and that you are beginning to feel better.

Mrs Merrick walked to Naggar yesterday and we dont know yet whether she got a room in the Castle or where she spent the night. We like her so much and miss her very much. She can be most

amusing as well as very interesting.

I hope you will be able to see her — she gives me the impression of knocking persistently at a door which so far no one has been able to open for her.

I wish we could hear from you that Professor de Roerich and Dr. de Roerich are on their way back; it seems a long time since they left.

My husband is sending a Sphere and two Punches.

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope we shall have better news of you soon

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 25

Aug. 22. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

We have had two letters from Mrs Merwin since she saw you, and simply full of the joy of meeting you and her gratitude for being given such a privilege. She really appreciates it - as I knew she would. She was so delighted to receive your books but - admits - that - there is so much in them that - she does not understand. I did not - lend mine to her because I was not - quite sure - I cannot - explain it a letter and my reason may not - be a good one - also I knew that - you would see her and lend them yourself if you wished to do so.

She was simply overcome with the peace and beauty of your surroundings and astounded at the creativeness of you all.

She would I think sit at your gate day and night to get a glimpse of you!

She said "Madame de Roerichs eyes are like stars and she is beautiful."

She understands now why I you cannot see the whole inquisitive world.

I like her because she never encroaches and is always afraid — even with us — of overstaying her welcome.

When the Emersons were here Mr. Emerson told me that Mrs Emerson is most anxious to meet you and asked me if I thought that you would see her, so now I have told you but that is all I will say! or need to say, as Mr. Roerich and

Mr. Shibayer have met her. I got rather a strong scent of self incense, but she was extremely pleasant when she was with us.

I am so very sorry to hear that you were so exhausted after seeing your visitors but do hope you are better in now. I am enclosing this ~~with~~ my husbands letter to Mr. Shibayer as he will know if you care to receive letters or not, or if they are as bad as visitors.

With our very best wishes to all and please tell Mr. Roerich how very much Mrs Merrick appreciated his showing her his beautiful pictures

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali

Aug. 24. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so very much for the two baskets of fruit which have just arrived. It is all such lovely fruit — so very different to anything in Manali — and the figs are simply perfect — it is so very kind of you to send us so much.

All the fruit sold here is absolutely unripe and one hears nothing but complaints about it. Mr. Chuni Lal whose son is starting a fruit business and has got a lot of trees from Japan was astonished

Roerich Museum — how terrible it would have been if he had arrived to find it closed.

How are delighted with the Photographs of Professor de Roerich — I always envied the copy of it that you showed me!

How are so sorry to hear that you are not well and are so affected by the earthquakes, and I do hope that you will soon feel better.

I sometimes almost wish did not "sense" things that are coming. On Friday morning I woke up with such a strong feeling of death which stayed with me all day — it was like another sense, but I told my husband that I could "smell" it and I wondered what was coming.

Marathi

August 27. 1935

My dear Madame de Rocnich

It is indeed most kind of you to ask us to go and see you on Saturday Aug. 31st and we shall be so delighted to do so if you are really feeling strong enough but I do know how difficult it is for you to see people — it shall be a short visit.

I feel so happy and satisfied at what you say about our Henriette — I knew she was sent to you.

We are seeing her to-morrow to

say good bye. Mrs Minnitken has asked us all to lunch and we are taking her for a drive first.

With our very best wishes to all and we are so looking forward to Saturday

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Sept. 1. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich.

We had a perfectly lovely day with you yesterday and thank you so much — the only thing that always worries my husband so much, and he talked about it on the way back, is that the work of all of you is entirely stopped for a whole day and we understand what that means to you.

We arrived back simply laden with your beautiful fruit and all the books you have so kindly lent — thank you so very much for both.

It was real kind of M. Roerich to show

as his wonderful paintings and I could have gazed for hours at the one of the Lama sitting with the mountains behind.

I have seen many attempts at painting the Himalayas but never one that is in any way satisfying like his and those of Professor de Rocrich.

We found a letter from Henrietta saying how extremely sorry she was not to be able to come to us to-morrow but she was rushing away on the 5th and she wants us to go and see her in Paris. We can only think that the Fairlies are preventing her from coming here. It was as usual a charming letter but she sounds quite hysterical at the thought of going to Phalut and simply must go on.

We shall try to see her again before she leaves and I sent her a letter today by cookie. She sent a message to you all and also wished me to tell you that she had been asked if you are psychic and she wants to know what answer she is to give! she said she did not know, which seems to me to be quite a good answer.

We saw Captain Thompson and the children in the Verandah of Henry Barnes bungalow last evening and this morning the Khansamah said to me (with his eyes popping out!) "Thompson Sahib arrived last night to see the children. but won't go to the Mems-ahibs house and is staying with

Chini Sahib and he is very angry" to which I promptly replied "it is none of your business or mine". It is terrible that the whole of Ruhu should know their private affairs, specially as things may be settled peaceably.

I am sure she will let me know what her plans are.

With very best wishes to all and again thanks you so very much for the lovely day with you — on an entirely different plane; we do hope that our visit did not exhaust you very much

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu

Sep. 8. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

We are both so very sorry to hear that you have again got such bad toothache and do wish it was possible to do anything to help you. It must be so terribly trying for you when you are not feeling well in other ways too. I do hope Mr. Roerich has already found some means of stopping it — I have great faith in him.

I had a note from Mrs Thompson two days ago saying that she had returned from Naisarh (she stayed with Mrs Minniken for a few days) and that all was well.

Henry Brown's wife told me that the children cried the whole time she was away so I think Captain Thompson got tired of looking after them, but he must certainly be rather mad to allow such a scandal when there was no reason for it.

"Henrietta" is now on her way to Jogindernagar walking over the Baleh Pass. I sent her "The Master of the Third Degree" as you told me to do so. I felt sad that I couldn't help her in any way but I think that perhaps her real love and reverence for you may do so. She was very genuine about that – in fact I don't think she is capable of being insincere.

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope we shall soon hear that you are better

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali

Sept 12. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the four baskets of fruit which my husband found at the Car yesterday — it is indeed most kind of you.

I was so very glad to hear that you were a little better and hope that when this rain is over and the air is clear you will soon feel really better soon.

When my husband got back last evening he found a letter for him from Dr. Roerich dated Aug. 8th in which

he said he would be overjoyed to return to Kuhn after all the trekking they have had.

I do hope that he and Professor de Roerich will be back very soon now.

With our very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marton

Manali

Sep. 17. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your very kind letter yesterday and offer of help. I do hope my husband will be successful in every way and able to stop any trouble that Professor de Roerich is having. I am glad for ~~off~~ this that he is not here as the noise made by shooting flying foxes in this orchard is horrible and he had hardly slept at all for several nights and was afraid he was starting insomnia which he had badly after the war. Last night the shots rattled on

the roof and I had to write down to Henry Baron about it- as my windows are always wide open, also I take the dog out late and they were shooting that too, and I don't want to be perhaps blinded!

I hear that Sir Herbert Emerson is coming to Manali on the 20th so I sent a servant off early this morning to Mr. Osborne advising him to come here and see him, as he has written asking him to stop the case against him. Mr. Osborne sent the letter to my husband to see - it arrived yesterday - so it will be better if he gives it himself.

If Sir Herbert goes to Naggar I do hope you will see him and give him a real shock of surprise!

I had a wire from Simla yesterday from friends saying they had engaged a

room for my husband at the Hotel Cecil.

I will let you know directly I

hear from him.

With very best wishes to all

Yours sincerely

L. A. Mahon

Manali 35

Sept 20. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I had a ~~letter~~ telegram from my husband this morning saying he hoped to be back on the 22nd or 23rd — he is having an interview with Lady Willingdon to-day.

Mr. Osborne has just arrived having to carry his own luggage as he could get no coolie or pony — he looks dead tired. He has to appear in court on the 23rd and hopes to see the Governor first. He has to go to Kulu to-morrow to see a Pleader.

Manali

Sept 21. 1935

My dear Madame de Rocnich

It is extremely kind of you to offer me a tent for Mr. Asboe, but there is no place here to pitch a tent and I could not let him sleep in a tent at present on account of the fire at night as it is not safe, also his enemies might take advantage of it! I have told him that I can put him up for one night only on his way back and if he wants to stay longer he must sleep in the Dak Bungalow and I will give him his meals here.

I cannot have him here even if I had the room, as he smokes the most horrible tobacco I have ever met, and prefers it to cigarettes or cigars

which I offer him! It is rank poison!
My husband says it makes him feel sick too
but as the poor little man is here for only
night we have to bear it!

He said to me "If I have to go to
Haggar I am sure the Roaches would put
me up for a night!" To I said absolutely
firmly "I am quite certain that they
would not — they have absolutely no accomodation
for strangers" — but he is quite unlike Mrs Asbee
and has no "sensibility" however he can
understands I think.

It is different for me as I shall
always owe him a debt for his great
kindness when my husband was ill.

I am sure my husband wont leave
Simla till he knows that everything is
settled satisfactorily, but of course he

wont stay a minute longer than is necessary (though he might like to do so,) as he has got on your business.

Mr. Asboe is not leaving Wyelaing till the beginning of October — if you like to send directions about the Kuth seed to him here I will give them to him on his way back — his case in Kuln is on the 23rd so he cant be here before that — coming on the 24th but there is no hurry as he is not leaving Wyelaing this month.

He left of the 8 o'clocks bourg this morning and will stop in Katrain where he hopes to have an interview with the Governor.

With very best wishes to all and

I am so grateful to you for all your kind offers of help — I am only sad that there is never anything I can do for you

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Mahon

Manali 38

Sept. 23. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so very much for the most lovely tomatoes and fruit which has just come. Our tomatoes are ripening very slowly on account of the heavy rain and I don't think they will be very good this year — these are beautiful ones.

My husband intended to write to W. Shibayev this morning but had to see the Income Tax Officer at 11. and the Governor has asked him to go and see him at 12.30 so I am afraid he will not be back in time to catch the post and just

I know he will write to-morrow. I told him that the telegram saying he was arriving last last week came while I was writing to Mr. Shibayev, so you would know he was coming as I mentioned it in my letter.

He got back about 4 o'clock looking extremely cheerful.

He expected to be back after me, the Income tax man is due to write his letter.

Sir Herbert Emerson is staying in the Forest Bungalow and I hear travelling anywhere near it looks like a fair, with all the tents of people who have come to see him, so he doesn't get much peace!

With our very best wishes to all and thanking you so much for the lovely fruit and vegetables

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali

Sept 30. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

We are very anxious to know how you are after our visit yesterday as we really felt very worried about you as you looked so dreadfully tired and not fit to do anything but rest. I do hope we did not do you any harm.

Thank you so very much for the local fruit, vegetables, and butter but you spoil us too much. The Thakur-amah is going to make quince jelly at once.

I will send the butter dish back to-morrow or the next day with the books which our idiot bhisti had left by mistake at Hemis Bamons. It is such beautiful butter and we are enjoying it so much.

My husband is feeling very angry that your botanist should have been searched, but I think it most probably had something to do with the Governor's visit - and not with your activities at all. There is so much sedition and murder as the result of it, that the greatest precautions are always taken and the college people are the most suspected ones. W. Emerson may have been suspicious on that account and knowing the Botanist could have got back to Manali as quickly as he himself could, though he not hit it an out of the way place.

The Governor had a large guard of police and an armed sentry always walking backwards and forwards in front of the Bungalow - at night the whole compound

was lit- up with a blaze of petrol lamps — he was allowed to take no milk here but- brought- his own tinned milk etc.

When the Viceroy goes to stay in a house belonging to a Commissioner or an private house, the whole place is searched twice a day, wen all the Almirahs opened (so I was told by a lady in whose house he stayed) and in spite- of these precautions sometimes something happens, so I tell my husband that- I think perhaps my theory is right-!

I have put- the laurel wreath over my husbands sword and it- looks very effective.

The deodar oil is simply lovely and

should certainly help to purify the atmosphere of our house and keep the Dugpas outside!

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope we shall hear that you were not dreadfully exhausted after our visit

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

6-6-3.1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I am returning two of your books and now have three, which I will return soon. It is a good of you to let me keep them so long; but we will be very glad to hear from Mr. Shibayev that our visit had not done you any harm.

With very best wishes to all from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

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Manali
Kulu

Oct 11. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich,

It was so kind of you to write yesterday but we are so very sorry to hear that you are again feeling so unwell, and I do hope it will pass before Professor de Roerich arrives.

My husband will take the greatest care of them and bring them back as quickly as possible. The one way timing is a great nuisance but certainly safer.

We have had so many visitors lately — six one day and amongst them the famous Mrs Norah Richards who was most anxious to hear all about you but genuinely horrified

Manali

6-d-16.1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is so very kind of you to let me know about the telegram from Professor de Roerich, thank you so much, also for the bushels of local fruit and vegetables – they will be a very great help too when the Asbos are here!

The Asbos have not arrived yet so may be delayed on account of the snow. The Pass was closed for six days and the first post or for eight days arrived yesterday. There was a letter from Mr. Asbo written

on the qui vive as they hoped to be here today so I have had Duff Dunbar get ready for them and they will have their meals here.

I think your typing of English is really wonderful, but I don't think there is anything that you can't do!

I know how you must be counting the hours and am so sorry there is a delay of a day.

With very many thanks and all my best wishes

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Nov. 21. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I am returning two of your books and "Twilight & the Forbidden City" which Dr. Roerich lent me, and they are most interesting with the exception of "The Man nobody knows" which I dont much care for, as his "little old Nazareth" expressions dont seem suitable to the Bible, but I suppose make it seem more home like to some people.

The ceremony yesterday went off very well and Lady Willingdon was most charming to every one, and was very pleased with the Hospital.

Mrs McCullagh, Mrs Tyson, Miss Donald and

Mrs Minniker sent me masses of most lovely jonquils which I took down to Mr. Grantgovans house the evening before and arranged in the rooms and on the dining table and Lady Willingdon was so delighted and took them all back to Delhi with her.

I thought it such a pity that she should not see any of the local products so I got a really lovely very soft white embroidered Puttoo from Mrs Henry Branon and sent it down to Bran with an explanatory note, and she was so pleased with it and told me twice how much she liked and admired it. I thought the Manali "ladies" might have given her one but did not like to suggest it!

I liked her very much for coming in an extremely pretty and beautifully cut dress — very pale beige and rust colour — or red — and a big pale beige fox fur, and she left her fur coat in the Car — she also

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wore lovely pearls. Some of the other Viceroys wifs would have come in real country clothes, and as the old Maharajah of Chatarpur who we knew very well said to me "It disappoints the people so much and they dont understand it".

I met the new Deputy Commissioner, an Indian, and dont think he is at all an improvement on Mr. Emerson.

Mr. Emerson sent back "Foundations of Buddhism" the day he left Dharmsala with a very nice letter saying how much it interested him, and saying good bye.

We are looking forward very much to the 28th and hope it will be a fine day.

I shall be very grateful if Mr. Shibayev will bring me out a two more hairs from

your ponies tails for my pendulum, as the one I had is broken, and I'm sure that hairs from your ponies tails would have more power than from these poor little tired ponies!

With very best wishes from us both to you all I do thank you and Dr. Roerich so much for the books

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

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Manali
Kulu

Nov. 23. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I thank you very much indeed for the box of fruit- and artichokes which you and Professor de Roerich sent us yesterday. You do truly spoil us with sending us so much- it is most kind of you.

I hope the "Pertussin" which my husband sent yesterday will cure Mr. Shibayev. It cured me once of bad bronchitis and congestion of the lungs when doctors medicine had no effect- and now we always keep it. I believe there is a lot of

thyme in it.

I do hope you are feeling much better now and are able to enjoy this lovely weather.

With our very best wishes to all

yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Nov. 26. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thanks you very much for your letter yesterday — we are looking forward very much to hear all the interesting news and of course will be delighted to come and see you whenever it suits you; we also hope to hear some news on Thursday.

Mrs Merrick's American address is —
c/o National City Bank
New York

She expected to be in Japan in January;

unfortunately my husband lost her dates & his letter case. I don't think she was returning to America till the end of next year, but I fancy she doesn't keep very much to her original plans.

With our very best wishes to all and please ask Dr Roerich not to faint when he sees the "four footers" on Thursday!, but we hope to get Herbert Baumers "charger" for him

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Dec. 7. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

We are so very sorry to hear that Professor de Roerich is not well but do hope it is not a severe chill, and that he will very soon recover.

It is very cold here but we are fortunate in being able to have large fires. There was quite a good fall of snow and the road looked lovely. My husband sent the car down to Bras but Duggat Singh brought it back last evening, however it will probably have to go down again soon as there is certainly more snow coming very soon.

A few nights ago I had a horrid

vision of Miss Lichtmann grabbing, or trying to grab the whole of your Haggar estate, but she was not succeeding!

With very best wishes to all from us both and I do hope we shall soon have good news of Professor de Boerich

Yours very sincerely

F. G. Marton

Manali

Dec. 15. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

how had such a lovely day with you yesterday and I shall feel very homesick when I leave Naggar behind, for the dusty plains, but I always carry the vision of your rooms with me wherever I go. I feel that your and Professor de Roerich's books which I take with me are a great trust, and someone may be desperately in need of their teaching.

Thank you so much for the basket of apples and beautiful apples, and also for lending me your lovely yesterday — I got Herbert Ramsay's "charger" up the Hill so travelled in great comfort!

Will you please tell the girls that Dem

wearing their boots stockings to-day and have never felt anything so warm — I feel ready to go to the Arctic regions! I did not see Ludmilla to thank her so will you please tell them both how very much I appreciate their kindness in making them for me.

I hope Professor de Roerich will approve of the article which my husband is sending him to-day — I think the pictures have come out well. I shall send some copies to England.

With all very best wishes from us both — I am afraid I have not got the tongue or the pen of Miss Lichtmann to tell you how very much I do thank you for everything

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mathon

Manali

Dec. 19. 1935

My dear Madame de Roerich

I have always had very great faith in the symbol of the fish and am sending you this little fat-fierce devil fish to help to protect Khusvanti from the Jewish Evil Eye, and I hope he will be entirely successful!

I will try to get a proper cord and tassel for it in Lahore.

Your flowers are still as fresh and sweet as when you gave them to me — they seem to have a charmed life.

I do hope Professor de Roerich is better

and not being terribly worried by
the Jewish Devils. I only wish I could
do something to annihilate them quickly.

With very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Marhon

March 17. 1936

Nedous Hotel
Lahore

My dear Madame de Roerich

I would like to give a copy of your book "Heart" to a great friend of mine, an Indian lady; I feel sure that she would understand and appreciate it. She has one of the most beautiful natures I have ever known — I have known her well for over three years. Her children simply worship her and her eldest son who I have been told is the most brilliant Mathematician (he is twenty-eight) in India, has been offered a post at Cambridge but refuses to leave India on account of his mother. Her husband was an Indian

Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge.

If you approve of me giving her the Book will you please ask Mr. Shibayev to send it to me and I will settle with him for it when we return.

I do hope you are feeling much better now. Those foul slanders are so fantastic that they are almost childish, all the same they of course are capable of doing harm and must be squashed, but if I heard that Professor de Boerich was head of the Soviet Army it wouldn't worry me as I would know he was there for the future good of the world.

With our very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

P.S.
My husband is sending some "Spheres" till we come will you please keep the one of Dec. 21st for me as I would like two of the same pictures as a lesson in photography

Nedous Hotel
Lahore

March 27. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so very much for the book which arrived yesterday, also for your letter.

We are very busy packing as we want to get it finished before it is too hot, but so far we have not even needed fans and it is certainly not 20 degrees above normal as the C. & M. Gazette says.

We shall be very glad to get back to Kulu and to hear all your news.

We can hear nothing of Dr. Roby here and if he is in India he has not come to Lahore yet. The Persian carpet

men are very anxious to have news of him!

A Dr. Maclagan Gorrie who is staying in the Hotel called on us yesterday. He is a great Research man at Debra Dun and is coming to Kulu this year and is very much interested in your work.

I do hope you are feeling better now, in spite of the American "Dughas"!

With very best wishes to all from us both and we are so very much looking forward to seeing you all again

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

April 7. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

We arrived back yesterday and up to the house without any rain which was most fortunate, and we were able to get fairly settled before it got dark.

We had some of the lovely cakes and for tea and the butter today — thank you so very much for them all; they were most refreshing after dealing with an entirely empty house.

It was so kind of you to lend me your dandy on Sunday and the way carried it so well. I wanted to walk over the fields but they most firmly refused to

put it down!

We did so much enjoy our day with you all and it was hard to be back again, and we loved seeing Professor de Rocchi's beautiful pictures — I should like to be caretaker of an Art Gallery of his pictures!

I do hope we did not tire you taking up so much of your time. I am most grateful for to you for making so many things clear to me that I did not understand.

With very best wishes to all from both and thanking you so very much

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu

May 17. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is so very kind of you to send us such perfectly lovely cherries — it is unfortunately our Fast Day! — we have one very weak and take no food of any kind and drink water, but I am afraid that to-day I could possibly keep it strictly now I have seen these lovely cherries.

Thank you so very much.

I do hope that you are feeling really better though I am afraid that the heat now will effect you. You must have had a dreadful time with the abscess in your tooth and we were so sorry that we could do nothing to help you.

I have nearly finished Mrs Sutro's Autobiography and am looking forward with great interest to reading Miss Grant's book.

We are so looking forward to seeing as many as can come to see us on Wednesday (if that day suits) and hope they will come as early as possible as it is a bit coming up the hill, but we will of course have tonics waiting for them.

My husband is writing to Mr. Shibayev today — he is at present in his bath, having just got back from his early morning walk. He will send his letter by Post as we don't want to keep your man waiting.

The billing which you sent me last year and which I have put in two folders are looking extremely healthy and I

hope will flower well.

We shall be very interested to hear all the news from America — the case interests me more and more but it is utterly impossible to understand the astounding ingratitude of those three. They aren't human, and it's a wonderful example of obsession, for that can be the only cause for it.

Please tell Professor de Roerich that when he leads his Bolshevists Armageddon the Mongolia Desert! I am coming as Drummer Boy!

With our very best wishes to all

and I do hope we shall hear on

Wednesday that you are really better

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marston

Manali 56

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June 4. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

You spoil us dreadfully sending us so many books and it is most kind of you, thank you very much indeed.

I only wish our garden produced something that I could send to you.

We were so very glad to hear that you are a little better, and do hope we shall continue to have good news of you.

We have both loved Miss Grant's book and can so plainly see you and

Professor de Rocnicks influence in it.

It seems a pity that it could not have been she who came and stayed with you as she would have had a better understanding of, and made better use of your teaching than Miss Lichtmann.

I am sure that your cause in America, and the present battle can be very safely left in her hands.

With very best wishes to all from us both and so very many thanks for the charms

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marlow

P.S.

I am returning your books with my best thanks — I am afraid you must have thought me Boris Georgiev no II! but I like to read books more than once.

Meadows Hotel
Lahore

Jan 14. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

We were very glad to hear that you liked some of the things we sent for you to try, but I am sure you would not like the coffee — we tried it and found it much too bitter and think the smell is the best part of it!

We have seen nothing of "the Trio" letter yet and do hope they will send it to us — I want to answer it!! I'm afraid Miss Lichtmann will consider it wiser not to send it to my husband! I think her optimism will soon be damped as they are nobodies when they are standing alone and that should open their eyes soon.

Dr. Woolners death was very sad and we hear that the Hindus put it entirely down to

his work Funeral which some of the students had when they were so angry with him for ordering two examination papers a day instead of one.

One of the Professors at the College told us that the students spend all the time after one paper is over cramming for the next day, and they can learn like parrots so it is no test of their knowledge.

A few days ago the destructive fire seemed to be very close to me! I gave my waistcoat to our Dhobi to iron and he gave it to his brother who scorched it badly and I had to have the fur collar and cuffs taken off and gave it to the cleaner who made it wearable by taking some colour out of the coat. The next day I had an appointment with the hair dresser and told my husband I did not want to go as I felt afraid of my hair being burnt off!! but vanity prevailed and I went!

When the girl had shampooed my hair she started to get the electric apparatus ready for the Marcel wave — she put the switch in

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wrong with the result that the little, nearly new, machine, costing ten pounds, was badly damaged by the fierce electric current.

When Mrs. Travis had nearly finished her hair he felt his ankles hot and looked down to find that the little electric heater, put near my feet, as it was so cold, had practically burnt his trousers through and he said pathetically "there are 30 Rs. gone"! I felt I ought to have changed the appointment when I felt that warming against fire. Perhaps it was Miss Lichtmann's "loving thought" towards me!

I go to this hairdresser regularly and I have never felt anything before and he has never burnt me.

I am so sorry that I have not been able to get any combs like yours but I will try in Delhi if that is not too long for you to wait. The shops have nothing but setting combs now — I will ask

an Indian lady if she knows of any other shops who might keep them.

We hear that the weather is very bad in the Hills and I do hope that you are all well in spite of it and that Professor de Roepich is able to paint again.

With our very best wishes to all — please tell Dr Roepich how very much interested I am in his Report — I wish I was a Botanist to go to those interesting places!

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu
(N2)

June 25. 1936

My dear Dr. Roerich

I think my husband has not explained the injury to his knee properly to you so I think I had better do it!

He knelt on a box and felt something break in his knee and for a few days had great pain, chiefly at the back of the knee. I massaged it gently with embrocation every night and the pain has practically gone, but he feels something moving about and there is no strength in it. He walks about the house and garden but when he walked for about half an hour two days ago on our own level bit of ground, above the rice fields, it made it worse.

I am afraid to rub it in case I should do

more harm than good. There is no water on the knee as it would be easier to treat, but I think as it is the only thing for it — it is certainly a little better but I am afraid it will be some time before he will be able to walk down the Naggar Hill.

We are both extremely disappointed that we shall not see you all again very soon — I wish Mr. Shibayeff would complete his Aeroplane quickly!

There is quite a cold wind to-day and I do hope the bad weather is making Madame de Roerich feel better.

The cloud burst must have been very alarming and I am so glad it kept away from "Urusvati" — perhaps it was the evil thoughts of the Three who lost the race!

With very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu
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June 26. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

We have just received the wonderful baskets of apples and apricots, and thanks you so very much; it is so very kind of you.

It's wonderful to see apples already, all the apples here are still tiny; there are no apricots here as they never ripen properly.

We are both so disappointed that we are not able to come and see you and my husband had quite hoped that his knee would be well enough,

but a knee takes so much longer than anything else to get well.

We are delighted to hear of your success in America but I have never doubted that you will win altogether.

I enclose a letter from Mr. Puig which may interest you — my husband sent him all the Postcards he had as Mr. Puig asked for them.

I gave two of the small reproductions to Miss Glover as she was so interested in Professor de Rocnichs pictures and very disappointed that Mr. Glover would not take her to see you, but I am sure he felt awkward about the land. She is a nice girl.

A Captain & Mrs O'Ferrall who are with the Barnes, from Dharamsala, are

most anxious to see you and all and asked us to arrange it- but- I said "You only want to see them out of curiosity; don't you?" and Mrs O'Ferrall admitted it; so we changed the subject; after telling them that you had no time to see all the visitors to Ruhe who would like to see you. They are quite- young and quite- nice but utterly uninteresting and uninterested in anything.

They are going for a week later on to the McCullaghs so if they wander up without an introduction you will know who they are.

We are sending some Punches and Spheres.

I have ordered some peaches to be sent to you from Quetta but they will not be ready till late next month.

With our very best wishes to all and thanking you so very much for the lovely fruit

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marlow

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Manali (15)
Kulu

June 28. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thanks you so much for your very kind letter and the advice about my husbands knee. Dr. Manuel saw it and wanted to come up and massage it every day, but we both think that if anything is broken, massage is a mistake. He also advised to rub it with petrol!! and then put on a hot pad!

The pain has practically gone and he is getting on slowly but surely.

We are both so sorry to hear that you injured your knee too and my husband says he does not at all like to think of

his getting better at the expense of hair
& yours.

At first I nearly wrote and asked you
to treat it; only I knew how very busy
you always are and it did not seem to be
a big enough thing for such mental effort.

We are extremely interested to hear that
Professor de Roerich saw Miss Lichtmann — it's a
pity she did not wait for him to
exercise her!

Thanks so much for your most
kind offer to lend me some books, also
for Dr Roerichs — at present I am reading
W. Shibayevs book "I write as I please"
and "Future Life — In the light of
ancient wisdom and Modern Science"
by Louis Elbé and when I have finished

there I should be very glad indeed to have some.

It is so cold to-day that we have fires. There seems to be a good deal of snow on the Pass and I am sorry for the Glovers who I think are returning from Lahaul to-day as I am sure they would not be prepared for this weather.

Will you please thank Dr. Roerich so much for his letter to us both. I am so glad the Sphere was of use to him; it was a very interesting article on "Persepolis."

With very best wishes to all from us both and I do hope your knee will soon be better

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Nedous Hotel
Lahore

Jan. 28. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your kind letter — I think that your talismans will always protect me from fire.

I am glad to hear that you are having bad weather, here it is too dry and there is a great deal of sickness. My husband has been in bed for three days with a very bad cold on his chest — it was most difficult to keep him in bed! but he couldn't get rid of it for over two weeks and there is so much pneumonia here that it was very unwise of him to neglect it and medicine is of no use without complete quiet and rest.

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Manali (16)

Kulu

July 10. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely fruit which has just come; it is most kind of you to send it.

I do hope you are feeling much better now although I am afraid Naggar must be decidedly warm.

I hope Miss Lichtmann's astral has not been round your house again for the further she keeps away, the better.

I think Mrs Horch's action about your garage is simply despicable — they

all seems to have fallen with a very heavy bump and the noise of it would do them any good!

My husbands knee is getting on slowly we walked nearly to our Garage yesterday but it ached more this morning however that is to be expected — it's uncomfortably weak. Mr. Chun had did something the same thing to his knee last year and it was not well for three months.

We shall enjoy the fruit — so much and the "Unusuals" fruit always seems better than from other places.

With very best wishes to all from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 68
Kulu
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July 10. 1936

Dear Mr. Shibayev

I am so sorry that I forgot to mention in my letter to Madame de Roerich that we were not able to send any papers but hope to have some soon. They come very irregularly in the hot weather and probably some are sent to the married people who are on leave.

With very best wishes

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 67

July 25. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

It was so kind of you to send us those books & flowers yesterday, thank you so much, and also for the books. I am very glad to have "The Decline of the West" again as I read it rather hurriedly when you lent it to me just before Christmas last year. I tried to get it from a library in Lahore but could not do so.

How were so very glad to see Dr. Roerich and Mr. Shibayev yesterday and hear all their news and I loved the story of the man who worked his way to America to see the

This morning we got a cable saying my sister's husband died yesterday, so I was probably with her that night.

He developed a terrible form of cancer after a bad motor accident and had a very severe operation last December and has been in a Nursing Home ever since.

I am so thankful he has gone and I am sure my sister will be too as he was being kept under morphia, but I wish I was with her now.

With very best wishes to all from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali
Kulu
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August 4. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so very much for the lovely fruit, but you really do spoil us! also for your book and the one from Dr. Roerich. It is most kind of you all to keep us so well supplied with books and the ones that we really want to read too. I am sorry I have not one of the others ready to send back but will do so soon.

I think some parts of Mrs Baileys book are so interesting but some things she says I certainly do not like at all.

I am sending the red shoes seed for

Dr. Roerich and hope there will be some good results but it was not quite ready when the monsoon broke so got more rain than it should have done. It is no good trying to separate the seed and the men here say it should be put in the sun for a day or two and then sown as it is. I have dried it as much as possible but nothing else satisfactorily here at present. Only the Khansamah can find the seed in it!

Please don't think of returning Mrs Merrick's books till you have all finished with it. My husband can take it. Labore to read — It is so long I mentioned it to Mr. Shibagers.

I do hope you are feeling better and not having those attacks now.

With very best wishes to all four of both and so very many thanks for the fruit and the books.

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mathon

Manali 70

Aug. 24. 1936

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My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the lovely print and interesting books which you sent yesterday, it was most kind of you.

We are just expecting the Machines from Jogindernaggar to lunch but as the lorry got through with the greatest difficulty yesterday, they may not come and if the telegraph wire is still broken they could not wire.

With very best wishes to all from
us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

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Sep. 16. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

We enjoyed our day with
you so very much and it was so hard
to see you all again but on the way
back my husband said it really worried
him that you should all stop your
work for a whole day and I felt the
same; we both thank you and
Professor de Roerich so much. I hope our
vibrations will stay raised for a long
time!

You really spoil us dreadfully giving
us such lovely vegetables and fruit, thank

you very much indeed; it is all beautiful and is such a help for our lunch to-day to Brigadier and Mrs & Miss Ross to-day, and I think they enjoy food more than anyone I know!!

I do hope you were not very tired after our long visit.

With very best wishes to all and we both thank you so much

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marhon

P.S.

I just want to tell you that I love the snow cold but is other cold that I don't like so I hope I'm not acting a "Black Cow"!

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Manali

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Sept 30. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

A Mrs Berthon (mother of a Captain Berthon + a Gurkha Regt, who we know) was lunching with us yesterday and told me her own case which was so much like Mr. Roerichs painful shoulder that- I think it- may interest you.

She was driving with a friend and the horse bolted and they were both thrown out and the only injury she received was on the back of her neck to one side.

Soon afterwards she felt- it- painful first thing in the morning, but- she only felt- it- at times, and she also sometimes ~~thing~~ felt- it- down her arm. She went to several doctors who said it- was nothing, and they did nothing for her.

Finally she went to an osteopath who examined it and found that a very small piece of cartilage was displaced and was pressing on a nerve which was causing the pain and it would never have got better without treatment. She had seven treatments and has never felt it since.

It was so slight that it would probably not have shown in an x ray photograph, but I wonder if Mr. Roerich has sent his x ray photographs to an osteopath or only to a surgeon? If only to a Surgeon, it might be worthwhile sending them to an osteopath.

The London osteopath Specialist who was shown the x ray photographs of my spine was not only able to tell that it was osteo arthritis but also that my left leg is slightly shorter than my right and also that I had ridden a great deal, which I don't think any surgeon would have seen.

I believe very few doctors or surgeons can read an X ray photograph – I mean that- in Archibald- Love cannot-, and he wisely refuses to look at them.

I do wish something could be done for Mr. Roerich as it is a long time since he hurt- his shoulder and it- must worry him.

I am quite- certain that- if my husband had been able to go to an osteopath his ~~back~~ knee would have been well long before this. It is quite- time a good one came to India.

I do hope you are feeling better and that- you have good news from

America.

With very best wishes to all from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Oct-24.1936

Manali 74
Kulu
(422)

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your and Professor de Roerich's very kind letter and my husband thanks you so much too for your kind enquiries.

Dr. Manuel asked me to write urgently for Dr. Teal yesterday and I am glad he did as he certainly could not have performed the operation that Dr. Teal did — Dr. Teal said it was a very severe abscess and he had to cut all round the tonsil very deeply — my husband said he thought the knife was coming out at the back of his neck!

He is very much better now and after Dr. Teal dressed it this morning (he stayed here all night) he says that now it will be quite better in a few

days but he says that it really is most necessary for my husband to have his tonsils out as there is danger of suffocation if this occurs.

He has certainly had a very bad time and was only able to sleep during one night since it started.

It was so kind of you to offer us your Car, thank you so much, but Dr. Teal came in the lorry.

Your memories in America are certainly feeling very nervous and it will be interesting to see what they do in November.

Someone passed my chair one night when my husband was very ill and thought he would suffocate, and I wondered if it was you helping him, but I think it was a man.

I am most grateful for all your thoughts for him. I had called to you.

With our very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali 75

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Oct 28.1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I was not able to answer yesterday as Major & Mrs Farwell and two of their friends came to enquire for my husband and I missed the Post.

My husband is very much better and though there is still some inflammation in his throat Dr Manuel says the places are healing up and there is no need for him to come to dress them every day.

Dr Teal is going to Lahore next month and I will ask him to see Colonel Dick as he can describe the seriousness of my husbands illness better than I can and what it was necessary for Dr Teal to do — I believe they never operate unless it is absolutely necessary — and Colonel Dick will

know what is best to be done when we see him in Lahore.

My husbands throat was cauterized in England. I enclose the address of the London Osteopath who read my x ray photographs, which I received by this Air Mail. My sister says he is the best reader of x ray photographs that she knows.

If you send Dr. Roenichs photographs it would be well to mention that you want them returned, if you do.

The address is —

Dr. Langmuir Watt
2 Queen Anne Street
London W. 1.

£ o o.
His fee is 3-3-0 (3 guineas)
I will enclose it separately, by Post.

With our very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali. 76

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Nov. 8. 1936

My Dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your very kind letter and the books which look most interesting — I have very much wanted to read Tertium Organum. I still have ~~two~~ three of your books and have had no time to read ~~to read~~ them lately but hope to be able to now.

Will you please thank Dr. Yalovenka very much for the throat paint — I wrote to him to-day also to you and to Mr. Roerich.

My husband had a very good night without a sleeping draught and is feeling much better and more cheerful now that he knows

definitely that it is not starting again.

His temperature was yesterday at 9.30 P.M. 98.2 and this morning at 8. A.M. 97. and is now 3 P.M. exactly normal.

He is obeying the doctor absolutely but with some difficulty, as he hates not being allowed to have all his windows open! We are both accustomed to have our bedroom windows wide open all night whatever the weather is like, but I quite understand it is better to be careful just now.

I do hope Professor de Rocnich and Dr. Rouch are better.

With our very best wishes to all and many many thanks - (I will keep the bottle carefully)

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 77

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Nov. 8. 1936

My dear Madame de Roerich

It was extremely kind of you to send the musk so yesterday, thank you so much but I did not all want to take it as I know how difficult it is to get good musk now.

My husband is feeling much better after Dr. Jabonkas and Mr. Roerich's visit yesterday also, and I am so grateful to them for coming.

He woke up just before they arrived feeling very much better for three hours sleep after having practically not for forty-eight hours. After they had gone Dr. Manuel wailed to me "I do wish they could have seen him last night and early this morning instead of what he just woke up looking pink and quite-

different".!! I think that being told that it was not starting again helped him a great deal too.

I was horrified when Dr. Manuel told me it was starting again the day before, as the throat had looked so much better than ever its normal appearance (it certainly should look better after all the treatment, than it does normally! but the appearance of fresh pus frightened the doctor. If it had not been for this I of course would not have troubled Dr. Jarvalenka to come over. He prevented Dr. Manuel from reopening one of the wounds which was what he intended to do, for which I am very glad

I do hope Professor de Roenich and Dr. Roenich are much better and will soon have quite recovered.

With very best wishes to all from both and thanks you so very much for all you have done for us.

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Nedous Hotel
Lahore 78

Feb. 10. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Yesterday Colonel Dick decided to take out my husbands tonsils on the 17th. (Wednesday) and it will be done I think between 8.30 and 10 o'clock or 10.30 that morning. Will you please think of him then; I shall feel much happier knowing that you and Professor de Roerich and your all are thinking of him, and also that night, as I think that will also be a bad time.

He is really anxious to get it over and get rid of his tonsils as they never stop aching. He is very well and extremely

cheerful and we have been seeing a lot of friends and some of his Regiment who are at Ferozepur.

The doctors have examined him very thoroughly and say everything is satisfactory.

I do hope you are feeling better now and that the Spring weather suits you.

With our very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

P.S. I hope the grape fruit will be satisfactory. The Indians one looked dried up and without juice and the man said they are not at all good this year.

Tedors Hotel
Lahore
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Feb. 17. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your very kind letter and promise of help.

The operation was at 9.45. instead of 8.30 as there was some delay & a very difficult operation first. I believe Colonel Dick took out many roots and he is most careful always. — the operation lasted nearly an hour. I haven't yet heard all about it.

I couldn't see my husband till the afternoon and then he looked as cheerful as ever in spite of difficulties and tried to talk though he had been firmly told he was not to do so! or to raise his head.

They hope there will be no more bleeding to-night but it is possible till after to-morrow, but he has two nurses and certainly the day nurse seems to be most efficient & every way. She is so nice to look at too and has lovely grey eyes and white curls!

I must send this to the Post-man to register it. I will write to Mr. Shibayer to-morrow I hope and will give him more details.

I do hope there will soon be more satisfactory news from America and that the care won't go on for thirty-six years!

With very best wishes to all and thanks for very very much — it is difficult to write all I could say

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

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March 20. 1937

Nedous Hotel (453)
Lahore

My dear Madame de Roerich

We are delighted to hear that we shall see Professor de Roerich and Mr. Roerich and Mr. Shibayev here so soon, though I am afraid they will have a hot and dusty journey to Karachi.

Will you please tell me what we can order here for them for dinner and for breakfast? I know Professor de Roerich does not take any kind of meat — also if we can order something for them to take on the train. The managers here are most obliging and will do anything they are asked. I thought of vegetable aspic, mushroom curry puffs etc. but you will be able to tell me what they really like, and I

might order something they do not like!

I do hope you are feeling much better now in spite of the terrible world currents. I think most people are feeling that though they do not understand what it is.

We were most amused to hear of Mrs. Horch putting out her tongue! She must have changed a good deal since we saw her if she is capable of that!

Her claim for your Garage now seems most pitiful.

With very best wishes to all from us both — perhaps Mr. Shibayev will let me know what I can order for you if there is anything at all I can do for Professor de Roerich

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

(456)

May 21. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

It is so very kind of you to send us the local cheese, thank you very much indeed. I am sure they are far better than Mr. Taylors! the fruit from your state always seems to be different in some way from that from other places.

How we are sorry to hear that you were feeling the heat already and do wish you could go somewhere to escape it.

What it was almost cold here some people who were at Hugh Barnes bungalow on the other side of the river told us that the

heat- there was quite unpleasant.

I am so delighted to have the photographs of Professor de Roerichs paintings which W. Shibayev has just sent me and I would have come up from Lahore specially to see "Compassion" — it is barely a small photo-graph and the picture must have been most beautiful. I think Professor de Roerich "remembered" it.

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope you will soon feel better — the Holy woman came to see us a few days ago and she talked of you and Professor de Roerich as the "Delta Log" which I liked!

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 82

(157)

May 30. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

We were wondering so much last evening how you were feeling and if our long visit had tired you very much.

We did so enjoy our visit, and it was so kind of you to lend me your dandy hut. I ought to have walked down as a thinning exercise!

We do wish we could help with the trouble in New York — I should like to go and hunt for valuable

sapphires for you, or do a big gamble.

I cannot bear you and Professor de Roerich to have so much trouble — it is terrible when you are doing so much for the world.

Mr. Holme (a Gunner) Mrs Pring's brother was here till 11.30 last night and now Mr. McCullagh and two Indians are coming to lunch and then I have to go to my (very black!) godson's birthday tea. He is two to-day — he is D? Manuel's son.

Such a different day to yesterday!

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope we shall hear that we did not do you any harm, but I know you were tired

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 83

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June 24. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

We heard from Mrs Merrick by this mail and she sent a message to you "Give them my warmest greetings and assure them of my continued admiration and loyal friendship".

She says she had seen Miss Grant and Mrs Campbell "two of the loveliest women I know".

"The Lichtman woman is either crazy I'd say or a perfect blackguard. Her object must be power and money."

"Wallace is a weakling — no one would pay much attention to him. In the long run things must go the Roerichs way. Right will prevail."

apparently Miss Grant told her all about the case — she was away when it came out in the papers which she never saw.

I do hope you are not feeling the heat very much — it is not at all too bad here.

Will you please thank Dr. Roerich so much for his letter to me (also for the one to my husband yesterday.) I asked my husband to thank for it — what he wrote to Mr. Shibayeff but he apparently forgot to do so.

I have not ever remembered the Syce since that night — perhaps he was passing through Kulu then as I am sure no Lahouli would stand the heat of Pathankote if he could get away.

We are seeing too many people and I am tired of them and would like to take a tent up to the Pass!

With our very best wishes to all and I do hope you are not very exhausted with the heat, Yours sincerely

F. A. Mateer

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Manali
Kulu (160)

July 5. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the beautiful apricots which arrived yesterday – they were in beautiful condition and not the least bruised or shaken. I have not seen such fine ones in Kulu.

I did not write yesterday as being Sunday, could not register the letter.

We so often think of you and wonder if the heat is exhausting you terribly. It has not been at all bad here and the nights are always very cool. I do hope

it is cooler & haggar after the rain.

The Gotleys are here now and are dining with us to-morrow night. The Taylors are coming to stay with them for two or three days from the 4th so we must ask them to lunch. I hear that Mrs Taylor has been told so repeatedly that Kyelang is a wonderful place that she thinks of going with Mr. Taylor. Please tell Dr. Roerich we will enlarge on its attractions to her!

Mr. Guiton of the Palampur Mission was having lunch with us a few days ago and told us he had been to the Roerich Museum and had admired Professor de Roerichs pictures so much, so I showed him ours, and he was very much struck with it. He has also written down the names of Professor de Roerichs books and Dr. Roerichs as he wishes to buy them. I believe he has a big library at Palampur and a very large [illegible] in Canada.

It is pleasant to meet people who are so interested and so many are not! I do hope you will soon have good news from America. I wonder if Professor de Roerich has seen Miss Lichtman again but I think not her Astral would be frightened not of coming near you!

With our very best wishes to all — Mr Roerich's little grey orchids are doing wonderfully and there are eight flowers on some heads —

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

Manali 86

July 15. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thanks you very much indeed for the box of fruit and cucumbers.

Henry Baron has just received three cups which his fruit won at the Show in Simla last year so we wonder if he visited your orchard.

Even the Taylors asked where our apricots came from and when I said you had sent them he said mediatatively "I believe they are larger and better than ours!"

I like Mrs Taylor so much as she is so natural and does not pretend to know what she doesn't know! I showed her the pictures

of Professor de Roerich & my rooms and she admired them but could only say "I don't understand them" — then she suddenly saw two very pretty cake covers Mrs McCullagh made me — pale green net with little flowers round them, and said with great relief & her voice "Oh those are pretty, I wonder how she makes them" I also like her so much because she absolutely refuses to ask any of you to meet people at her house who are anxious to meet you out of pure curiosity.

Kanwar Diljit Singh (Kapurthala) and his wife have one of Hugh Barnes houses and of course only a shed for their large Car though he advertised a garage — a few nights ago someone stole a lot of petrol and in order to do so quickly drove a large nail into the Tanks! — they also damaged the

Carburetor. As they have had a good deal of trouble with their landlord we are wondering ---!!

It seems much safer to be some way up the hill than in the Town of Manali.

I do hope you are having good news from America and that your friends there will be able to frustrate the wicked doings of the Three.

I can't bear to think of your books and Professor de Roerich's paintings being in danger through them.

I do hope you are feeling better and that Dr. Roerich has now quite recovered.

With very best wishes to all from us both

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Marton

Manali 88

(163)

July 27. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the basket of lovely fruit which arrived yesterday — you really do spoil us, and we are getting very fat on fruit!

I heard from Mrs Asboe a few days ago and I think she is much happier in Leh than in Ryelang though they see fewer Europeans. People have subscribed for a Radio for them which ought to cheer them up a great deal.

Mr. Peter who took Mr. Asboe's place came to

to see us a few days ago and I think he is far more suitable for the place than Mr. Osborn and that he will understand the people better.

He looks less like a missionary than anyone I have ever seen and is tall and very good looking also most interesting.

I wished I could steal his pony for Dr. Rouich! and (it is a grey so would be no use to him.

I do hope you are feeling better though I know the Rains do not suit you and it is always a trying time for you.

With our very best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Marhon

Manali 89

August-9.1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the plums and bael melons - I did not know they would grow so well here.

I think they will keep for some days which is fortunate as at present my husband is entirely on a milk diet- and has been in bed for two days with mild dysentery. He is better to-day but- if he still has pain to-morrow I shall send for the doctor though we have all the remedies.

The Khansamah has also been ill and not able to do any work for two days

and the orderly has had a milder attack, in fact a great many people are ill with it just now.

Thank you so much for the little rose plant which will be planted this evening; I am glad it did not arrive yesterday as half of the wall where it is to go to fell down last night with the very heavy rain and it might have been in that place!

We will send the American pillar rose over soon — we are getting some small ones from Major Barron. The ones we have, have grown too large to transplant — they are very fast growers.

I do hope you are feeling better now it is so much cooler, — at least it is here.

With our very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely
F. A. Mahon

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Manali

(172)

August 20. 1937.

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you so much for your very kind letter and treatment for my husband which he so much appreciates, and though I am not a good transmitter of psychic energy, he is certainly better this morning.

Dr. Jackson is treating him now but if her medicine is not effective I will certainly try the milk and magnesia.

I hear that the jelly made from the local seed Isaphgul is a wonderful remedy

but he always finds it difficult to get rid of an attack. I privately think he got a chill sunbathing when there was no sun! but the suggestion makes him most indignant.

I am so glad Dr Roerich is well again; I hope my husband will also get and keep his youthful figure — he really is quite thin now.

I was sure you would like the Dickens — she must have had a most terrible experience feeling the child die & her arms & the dark and heat and not being able to move.

I have met friends who were in the Quetta earthquake who now cannot sleep indoors.

We shall be so interested to hear of the enemies new attacks — I suppose it has taken them some time to go to the

lower regions to study your plans! but they must fail in the end.

I am reading some of your books thrice so will not ask for any more till I return there, soon I hope. Thanks you very much.

Will you please thank Dr. Roerich very much for his letter to my husband which he will answer soon.

I do hope you are feeling better now the weather is changing — it is almost cold here at night.

With very best wishes to all from us both and my husband sends his best thanks

for your treatment

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Munich 92

Aug. 30. 1937

(V73)

My dear Madame de Roerich

Ever since I wrote to you yesterday I have felt so worried and sorry that I mentioned the fact of the rose coming without earth and it is really much too kind of you to have sent two more — they have arrived in perfect condition and are being planted now.

The first one is still quite green though of course the leaves have come off as they usually do when they are moved.

The poor man was thankful to put the

Wilts down! Thanks you very much indeed for them also the basket of lovely apples.

If these rose trees do as well as the others you sent us and also the lilac trees, the wall will be a beautiful sight next year.

I am so sorry to hear that Dr. Roerich is still not quite fit — my husband had to go back to bed two days ago but is better this evening. I don't think he will be all right till the Monsoon is over.

With our very best wishes to all and I am truly sorry that I mentioned the rose

Yours very sincerely
F. A. Marson

Manali 93

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6-X 27. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thanks you so much for the basket of lovely apples which have just arrived.

We are so sorry to hear that Professor de Roerich has a return of the cold and do hope it will not last long.

We are delighted to have Mr. Shibayev's lovely colour photographs — our garden is a sad sight-to-day for this morning we had heavy snow for over an hour and a half and all our Cosmos and chrysanthemums are flat

on the ground and were covered with ice but the gladioli which are in full flower stood up wonderfully — my carnations are still in boxes under cover of the roof but perhaps they would not mind it.

Please tell Mr. Roerich that we are not sending up the Mimosa tree to-day as it is so cold and also the man who would take it up is not here — I suppose he did not like the snow!

We hope to go down the road in a few days and will take it down in the car and also the orchids — it will be less likely to be broken in that way.

With very best wishes to all from us both and I do hope you are keeping well

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali 94
Kulu

Dec. 23. 1937

My dear Madame de Roerich

I am sending you with my very best wishes for Christmas a piece of old embroidery which I think will make nice cushion covers or small table covers. It is genuine gold so you will not mind one or two places that are a little worn I hope.

I have not finished the strange translation of Agni Yoga yet but will return it in a few days — I think it is a mutilation of your books and although a few corrections are good a great many are

absolutely unnecessary and lose the original meaning entirely. Some are really funny.

I think if the Post had simply altered the bad transactions and left everything else as it was originally he would have done well, but he has meddled with nearly every sentence.

I hope the cake and chocolate have arrived safely and are better than those from Lorang — Davico is the best confectioner in Delhi and Simla.

With our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Christmas Day

Manali 95
Kulu
(84)

My dear Madame de Roerich

How very kind of you to send me that beautiful present - I like it so much and the colours are lovely, thank you very very much also for the beautiful cake and the fruit: will you please also thank Ludmilla & Raya so much for their most useful present (my husband is wearing his socks now.) and their card.

The cards which you all send us I always value so much.

The Holy Woman is now on her way up to see you - she arrived here unfortunately when

the money was practically finished however she overcame the difficulty by asking us to provide a garmentless Sadhu who is now hiring here, with wood!

We shall ~~shall~~ love to come and see you later when the road is better. At present no car can get up and yesterday Henry Bannon had to leave his at Bran and walk up.

With our very best wishes to you all and very renewed thanks

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Marlon

Manali

Feb. 18. 1941

My dear Madame de Roerich

I feel I must apologise and explain why I have kept your books so long — I was reading them with the greatest interest, and then found I could not concentrate at all as my mind was full of the present horrors; now I am all right again and am reading them every day and will return them directly I have finished them. I do hope you will forgive me for keeping them so long

It is lovely here as the snow is so beautiful.

I heard from Major Lowndes a few days ago — I think he once went up to see the Institute. He is now at the Senior Officers School at Belgaum but was in Lahore for a few days and saw the Exhibition which he loved. He would have very much liked to have bought two of the small pictures but they were beyond him.

I do hope you are all well and that Professor de Boerich is still taking Buckfast home.

With very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely

T. A. Marshon

Manali
Kulu

Feb. 22. 1941

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thanks you so much for your kind letter and we were so glad to hear that the Buckfast hine's doing Professor de Roerich so much good.

I am not taking it now as I really did not need it. but it certainly made me feel very strong!

The inclosed letters from Mr. Roerich arrived yesterday too late to send on as the Post had left. how did not get them till 4.30. Travancore will be warming up now.

There was no news on the Radio last night, nothing but talk, and we missed it this morning — but there may be some at 1.30.

I hear from home that no one living over in the country realises in the least what is happening in the big towns — for us it is a terrible cruel war and the fate of the thousands of prisoners of war taken at Dunkirk, and also of our Airmen does not bear thinking about. There was no devil at the head of Germany during the last war and now there are several with the most hideously cruel complexes.

We can realise a little what their vengeance will be like on our Airmen in particular. Goering has told the

Germans that- we pull the German Airmen's arms out and when they are taken prisoner they are terrified and expect that will be done to them. So we can guess the cruelty which goes on in the German concentration camps.

I asked Dr. Ziegler about the Jewish camps and he said "They are so terrible I can't tell you about them." He had to treat some of the mutilation cases.

Poor Dr. Ziegler has been in bed for six or seven days with high fever and Mrs. Ziegler is very much afraid it is enteric. She is terribly worried and is in

charge of the Hospital, which is full, besides a crowd of daily patients; and also has to nurse her husband. He was inoculated last June so if it is enteric it should be a mild case.

Please forgive such a long letter. With our very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

1.30.

There is no news of any kind.

Christmas Day

Manali

My dear Madame de Rocnich

We are sending these chocolates with our very best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas and the best of everything in the New year. I know you do not care for Christmas cake but hope you all will like these.

I do hope you are well and Professor de Rocnich too.

We are quite alone here now — a lot of Italians intended to come for skiing but

could not get the skis. Herbert Baron ordered fifty pairs of skis but could not get them — I think he hopes to have winter sports next year! so we must make the most of the peace of Manali this year as it may be the last.

With our best wishes to all

Yours very sincerely

T. A. Mahon

Christmas Day

My dear Madame de Roerich

Thank you very much indeed for the beautiful handkerchiefs – they are most welcome for I have nearly come to the end of my stock and it is so difficult to get more now.

Will you please thank Ludmilla and Raya so much for their card and the lovely cake also D? Yalovenko for his card. I am very sorry

that the lunch we ordered for him has not come.

The Gilberts are here and waiting for lunch as they are leaving at 4 o'clock, on their way to Peshawar, so please forgive such a hurried note.

With our very best wishes to all for a happy Christmas and so very many thanks, and also for the basket of fruit.

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

July 1. 1942

My dear Madame de Roerich

I am returning your book with so very many thanks — it was most kind of you to let us keep it so long. It is a beautiful book.

We are having a strenuous time changing servants — the Brahmin cook (he was with you once) wanted to leave as he never stays long with anyone so we sent for a cook to nurse as a Bearer we had engaged was coming from there. They both arrived yesterday and don't like

Nanaki as it is too far from the Bazaar etc. they must have higher wages if they are to live in a place like Kuku etc etc. So it is most unsatisfactory. The man we have had for years now demands 30 R. for doing Whitewashes instead of 25 R. which is more than enough for him and which we refuse to go beyond.

We hear that people are simply fighting for servants and the Americans are spoiling the prices everywhere. The Beaver who has arrived is extremely smart and a very nice little man but when his mistress gave him up when her husband went overseas people fought for him but he had promised my husband to come when he sent him in America so he reluctantly came!

We are going to lunch with the Legaris to-day we have had tea with her and

want to see her yesterday morning.

The baby is much nicer than most babies at that age! and at present is quite fair. When I first saw him he peered round the room and sighed heavily and you could almost hear him say "Oh dear! back again. how bored I am!"

Thanks you very much indeed for the book first. We shall probably live on it if this Khansamah goes at once!

With our very best wishes to all

Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

July 30. 1942

My dear Madame de Roerich

We were so very sorry to hear that Professor de Roerich had been so ill and know how anxious you must have been. I do hope he is really better now.

It was fortunate that Major Taylor was in Naggar — you couldn't have a nicer doctor and he is very clever too.

He apparently couldn't stand the sight of the cook house at Major Barnou's and left at once!

I have had raging tooth ache once a

day for nearly a month - part of the tooth broke off leaving the stopping intact but part of the root exposed.

Now I have to decide if our lady doctor (no 1 Glamour Girl according to my husband as she has a face like a horse!) or the Haggar doctor, is to pull it out. The Glamour Girl is quite clever and has done five years dental training in Edinburgh; the Haggar doctor is said to be a marvellous extractor.

I do hope you are not feeling any ill effects from so much rain.

Will you please ask Dr Roerich to let us know how Professor de Roerich is getting on.

With all my best wishes from us both

Yours very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Aug. 13. 1942

My dear Madame de Roerich

I could tell you how sorry I am and disappointed not to see you all to-day - visiting Naggar is like going into another world.

I have had a bad attack of Laryngitis and could not speak at all but hoped it would have quieted down by to-day but it is only a little better and my throat is very painful in spite of various treatments.

I am so thankful Major Taylor is seeing my husband - I have always

had great faith in him and I have not in the woman doctor here— she is altogether a very sick woman in mind. She keeps my husband for two hours in hospital doing all kinds of tests and now is anxious that he should see Major Taylor. The severe pains in his head don't stop and my own opinion is that they have something to do with the heavy fall he had last year and with the state of his eyes. They are not rheumatic.

His face never shows anything!

He is very worried about his two sisters as their town is being constantly bombed — a piece of iron went through their summer house where they had just been having tea and of course their house was badly damaged before. Their old servant died lately and they can't get another to come in even for a day and it is a large house and full of beautiful old China etc. and they can't look after

everything. Possessions are often a curse!

I do hope Professor de Roerich is really better now.

With very best wishes to all

Yours sincerely

F. A. Mahon

Manali

Oct-26.1946

My dear Madame de Roerich

We did so much enjoy our visit- yesterday and thank you all so much for a lovely day. The lunch was wonderful and I was very glad to see the dandy which had been sent down for me or I should have puffed painfully up the hill!

I don't think I thanked Mr. Roerich for sending his Car for us; it was very good of him and there was no trouble of any

kind. Your driver (I think) told Major Banon that there was a rumour that the Noons car had gone over the edge somewhere but I dont know if it is true. Major Banon told us that Jinnah has now offered 52,000 R. for the Grant Govans house so unless the Arya Samaj offers more I am afraid he will get it. If he does I think the Ruhu Elementals will wash it away! I am sure they are still powerful!

I do hope we did not tire you yesterday, it was really lovely seeing you all again, also those beautiful pictures.

With our very best wishes to all and many many thanks, and also for the basket of apples which we only saw when we got to the Car. Yrs very sincerely

F. A. Mahon

P.S. The room is squ sweet with the jonquils and Verbena.

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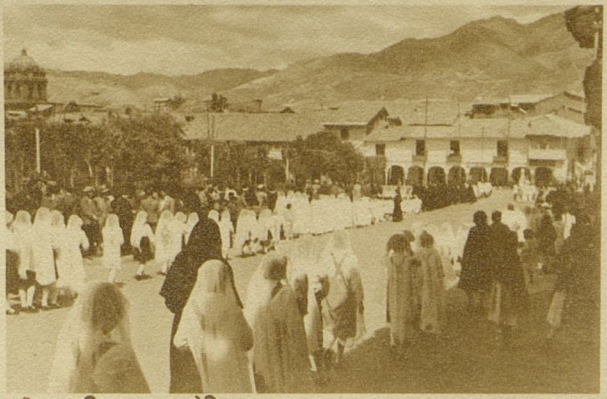

In Cuzco, Peru

The Season's Greetings

From the
Edgar Lee Hewetts

Manali

Sept. 3. 1947

My dear Mrs Roerich

Thank you so much for your note — I am afraid the flowers were not worth sending up after such a long delay — they are back here, some taller than I am!!

I do hope Professor de Roerich is really improving now —

we don't see the doctor as no one wants about more than they can help now.

Most terrible things have happened here — I could never have believed it, and two days ago on Beaver and his three brothers and old blind Father who had been in hiding for days went to the Bazaar & to give themselves

up and were chased down
the road and murdered.
The air war seems horrible
and polluted.

Our Ladakhi boy who we
liked so much and was
really reliable and honest left
yesterday morning and I hope is
on his way to Leh with
friends. A Mohammedan
friend of his who has was

fleeing into the forest stopped for a few moments and Baldwin gave him a cigarette which was seen by a Dungu woman so he was not safe and I think had been threatened.

I do hope you are all well and without trouble.

With very best wishes to all and my love

Yrs affectionately

T. A. Mahon

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P.S.

We will send you some Spheres and Punches in a few days but have not been able to unpack yet — my husband is sending you four note books.

sooner than he intended to
go! He doesn't seem to understand
that he must dress to suit the
temperature and feels the heat
very much though the real hot weather
had not started.

With our very best wishes to