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125 East Seventy Fourth Street

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Dear Mrs Roerich:

I wonder when my Christmas  
Greetings will reach you with  
seaways & skyways so disorganized.

I hope this finds you  
very well — you & yours.

I do not forget the pleasure  
I had in seeing you

△ The Roerich in Hagar —  
now so long ago.

Every wish for the health  
& happiness of you all.

Sincerely

Henriette Sands Roerich

The Castle  
16<sup>th</sup> 2

My dear Mrs Rarrick

I shall be delighted  
to come up to-morrow  
at eleven & to stay to  
lunch — I am so  
glad that you are  
well enough to see me.  
Thanks much for  
the fruit — which I love.

Yours most sincerely  
Henrietta Sands Rarrick

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My Madame de Roerich.  
I was happy to get yr. letter of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> just before sailing yesterday. I am sorry to think that very precious letters of yours to me went astray for I prize them.

Of course I know that you live also for very practical good in our 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension. But that is made possible by the 4<sup>th</sup> which you interpret for us in so many ways.

I do not recall who it was that mentioned a "shim" in the Roerich Museum in N.Y. I am inclined to think that it was Baron Staël Holstein one afternoon when I was admiring his Tibetan collection of lamas & Buddhas. They reminded me of yours & I mentioned you. I think it must have been he who said that there was a "shim"

through his pictures. I did not know that the spirit of  
the Himalayas could be captured until I saw them. I know  
some of his books. I have seen his home & have  
met you & his son. It would, I am sure, be impossible  
for anyone coming from such a milieu & living spiritually  
on such a high plane as his works prove, to work  
for anything but the good of his fellow men & the  
Utopia that is only impossible because men make  
it so.

I unfortunately do not know the aims of the Roerich  
Museum; or what the Culture is that is preached there.  
The world seems to need a ~~text~~ help for understanding.  
Would it not end all of the misunderstandings if  
Prof. Roerich would proclaim his faith - not only  
his spiritual faith but the dream of world order  
that he hopes for? I am so ignorant of what has  
been said & done. But has he ever clearly stated  
either in a public speech or over his signature  
that he is not affiliated with the Soviet Govt.

There were no details - tho' he mentions of  
a fact - & that he had seen in some  
newspaper. I have not seen a home<sup>4</sup>  
paper in 2 yrs. or any mention of Bro.  
Roerich so I am completely in the  
dark. I can only deplore that on  
top of Bro. Roerich's troubles on his  
journey all this else should fall  
upon him. Somehow I believe  
that his great wisdom & tolerance  
will give him to say: "They know not  
what they do." Here he has great  
less of a conspicuous figure; & did he  
belong to any other nationality he would  
be spared. But the world gives us too  
fine a spirit. Even Lindberg who  
has been all practical service is  
kept on the rack & has to expatriate  
himself.

I will be happy to meet those who  
loyally represent your interests &  
thought. Will you not when next  
you write them, tell Mrs Campbell & Mrs  
Grant that after Oct 15 next I will be  
at 1 Grace Sq. & be glad to meet them.  
I will not be in N.Y. much before  
then. You see I know Bro. Roerich only

of that so <sup>the</sup> victim<sup>ized</sup> term "Russian  
Propaganda" which to the world means  
the interference with the governments  
of other nations; the spread of unrest  
& socialism. For however good  
all that may be in Russia coming  
from under the heel of a Czar it  
is not necessarily good for every  
other country & all are in the  
grip of fear wherever Russia is  
ventured. Bolshevism is now a  
term applied to all of the new order.

It seems to me that Bro. Roerich  
is being made to suffer much  
oppression & much suspicion  
out of sheer ignorance of his  
true position. For myself I  
believe that whatever his belief  
it springs from the noblest  
spirit. But how could a Roerich  
Museum or a Roerich cult exist without  
the paintings & art objects he has loaned,  
with the withdrawal of all Roerich  
backing. How will there be only an  
apt. house & public hall left on her  
hands. But with all this <sup>can</sup> you not say  
that you have more than any other full  
measure & running over of all that counts most.  
With good wishes to you all & persisting happy  
memories — yours most sincerely  
H. S. Ferriss.