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Madame Helena Roerich,
Naggar,
Kulu, Punjab, British India.

Dear Madame Roerich:

I have been deeply moved by your beautiful letter, by its graceful expressions in regard to my slight service, and more than all by those profounder diapason notes so full of infinite sincerity and abstruse wisdom.

If for a brief period of extreme emergency a slender reed should have been made to appear a column of steel, one must attribute that utilitarian illusion to the magic of the inspiration of your great spirit and its purposes.

Also we must, you and I, give entire credit for certain agreeable happenings to our friend Leslie Grant Scott, who at the suggestion of your brilliant son, enlisted my none too intelligent interest in a dangerous problem, and by her intellectual and stranger faculties has contributed so much to the turning of the tide, which will now, I confidently believe, sweep on unvaryingly and irresistibly to its foreseen inevitable conclusions.

I am looking forward with greatest eagerness to the receipt of the token from you which I sought, though somewhat confused for adequate expression by the princely gift which you and Professor Roerich propose at a time so materially urgent and unpleasant for both of you.

Your charming and devoted allies have provided me with the three books I had not read, which I shall absorb at such times as a stupidly busy life will afford. May I say that I am sorry for your enemies - a thesis which I find difficult of acceptance by your anxious friends.

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Your conviction that we should meet, though perhaps not in my country, fascinated me. As to the subtler portions of your graceful message there are no words, and hence there must be silence - a silence full of the unheard beat of wings.

Regarding the immediate future - if I seem to fail in comprehension or to indulge in variations in respect of method which seem unnecessarily obscure, please advise me.

I am often conscious of your gracious presence, though perhaps, by reason of my obvious limitations, not often enough.

There are, of course, a million questions, which had best await the leisure of attainment - at which time both questions and leisure will probably prove to be negligible.

Finally, let me pay tribute to the love and loyalty of your little Committee of Defense here - in itself an inspiration.

With deepest respect

Yours

