

4
New York City,
February 6th, 1935.

Dear Mme. Roerich;

Your recent letter to me is a treasure beyond earthly values. It is as an important rung of a ladder, which I eagerly and gratefully grasp. Does not your wonderful message through Mrs. Lichtmann mean that in striving to be ever increasingly identified with this Great Work, I will know you more closely, and will meet you in this life? At the same time I received an encouraging message from Professor Roerich. The door to the great future seems to be opening, - where many wonderful things will be known to me, and where dreams and high aspirations may be realized. I shall be patient. I am grateful to Him Whose mighty strength continues to hold open the door of Possibility against the storm which preceeds me of faults and their consequences and realization.

Please accept a very personal heartfelt thanks for your card to my brother. It came at just the right moment, and he was greatly touched, - and so was I. I pray for guidance as to how to help his growth.

It is a joy to state that I have consecrated my life to the Great Service. I shall try to apply co-measurement in the actual use of all of which I find myself, so to speak, the executor for the Lord. Believe me, I will appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

Dudley Fosdick

2

New York City,
April 19th, 1935.

My dear Madame Roerich;

First let me thank you for the beautiful crystals and incense burner. I am one who likes crystals, and am especially happy to have some from Kulu. The incense burner completes a veritable shrine which I now have in my room of gifts received recently.

On March 24th I began this letter, and have been striving since then to put into words the answer of my heart (which was immediate and without difficulty) to your message, through Sina, of such a wonderful welcome to my spirit. However, I have realized that words in this case are not important since you know truly the quality of thought. Indeed, my life is very happy at present. But beyond the small details of my own life I have found that which is so vast and marvelous - and I am growing in it! This realization has been especially strong these few days on the great occasion of signing of the Roerich Pact, and my heart is full. When I echo the words - "I love Thee, Lord, and I reverence Thee, Teacher" - my spirit strives to the Highest, and, with an understanding of the principle of Hierarchy, I am also both grateful and joyful to be able now to direct this thought without reservation to you.

Today, after I had this letter prepared to copy, I received still another message through Sina. The shower of benevolence continues! I can only express again my deep gratitude for your advice about sleeping longer, and for the very breath of the wondrous future which your words carry.

And now, before I could send this much gratitude for all your precious sendings, came the greatest gift of all, - Sina has just shown

New York City,
August 27th, 1935.

My dear Mme. Roerich;

I am so glad that you wrote the very kind letter to my brother. He was deeply moved by your encouragement. You were also most kind to send me the sprig of morua, which is in perfect condition to keep. I have always liked to send and receive such leaves or flowers, but this is of course a rarity of special significance and value to me.

It is with a special deep joy that I send to you at this time all my heartiest thoughts of devotion and gratitude. These are trying times - in great and small - and I feel it in many ways. I am glad to participate in a larger life, which brings shadows to be shared with others, and at the same time a rainbow of promise. This larger life was opened to me by you and Prof. Roerich, and I wish to re-affirm my gratitude for the knowledge which reveals both the good and the evil, - the happiness and the difficulties.

Mrs. Lichtmann is reading to us from the books you mentioned, showing the terrible troubles faced by those working for the Forces of Light in the past, and I welcome the opportunity to help under similar conditions now, in loyalty to the Hierarchy.

4

New York City,
October 30th, 1935

Beloved Tara;

When I received your letter enclosing the Sacred Gift my first thought was - "Never has anyone received a more precious envelope, - it is worth waiting for through a thousand lives." And no doubt I have indeed died a thousand deaths to reach this point on the path of evolution. But this moment of realization and affirmation is worth all those lives and deaths.

I do not believe that any pupil could ever receive from his Teacher a more wise, beautiful, and generous letter. My soul has received its special answer to unknown years of silent search. I am proceeding on the glorious path of discipleship. "...your chosen path...", what a joy to read these lines! I believe that this choice was made long before the present calendar date as an act of spirit, - a recognized necessity in the ascension toward self-perfection. The decision having received affirmation from Above, I spent years in this present life as a very battle-ground, whereon the forces of earthly logic, fear, and mortal desires fought to enslave me to the service of self, in opposition to the inexorable Destiny toward which my spirit was drawn by coordination with the Higher Forces. In this battle I feel that a great wealth of natural talent and worldly possibilities have been sacrificed, being bound to ignorance, limitation, and mortality, and that my former strength and ability have fallen from me. Nevertheless, now that I have become conscious of the true desire of my spirit, I have again received in like measure the affirmation from Above. Thus the Destiny which hovered in the World of Spirit enters now into earthly life, and I am truly happy to know that all strength and ability even in an earthly sense are returning, and will be multiplied, in service to the Lord and His Messengers.

I know the Higher Joy which is preferable to all earthly treasures, and it will always be my rainbow. It shines brightly at this moment of conscious realization of the path to the goal of my striving. No matter how many lives and troubles I have traversed in blind search, all is redeemed when I find myself now, with firm footing on this path. It is the path of Discipleship, and I know Whom I serve. I will consider my Guru, my Tara, and my Master as Three in One, the source of Light and Teaching for me, and the goal of striving. I already know Professor Roerich as my Master, and no other but my true Spiritual Teacher could so speak to my inner heart as you have. And now that I am privileged to hold the Great Image of Him Who is Master of all, it only remains for me to approach more closely to your United Consciousness, as I am guided.

Therefore, although it happens to be at a time when all that is precious and sacred is so attacked that one is fairly staggered, yet in the midst of the storm I cannot deny that I am happy. Your letter has brought such a deep joy that it is impossible to imagine how it could ever be uprooted. There may be spread on the surface of my life changing layers of events, circumstances, moods, joys and sorrows, but the foundation is firm. This Sacred Gift is my corner stone.

I know that there are difficulties to be expected on the Path of Service and I am prepared to try and strengthen my spirit by them. I consider it also a great privilege to be at this time witness to an historic example of how a true disciple acts under fire. I know something of the terrible individual difficulties which are suffered just now by especially three loyal co-workers. Please allow me to say that my closest friend, Sina Lichtmann, whose solicitous heart and strong helping hand have been invaluable to me, is a constant heroic inspiration in this battle. I shall never forget that the intensity of the fire of her devotion saved me at the time of my own "darkest hour" a couple of years ago. But I know that all individual burdens are only part of the whole stress and strain of this time. And to You, who experience the entire magnified tension, we can only continue to send heartiest expressions of love and gratitude.

With all my heart,

Dudley Fosdick

P.S. I wanted to have some friends also read parts of your letter, and am enclosing a selected portion which I might give to my brother and his wife if you approve. So far, no one knows even that I received a letter except the three co-workers mentioned above, - and no one has read it except Mrs. Lichtmann.

Although a number of days have passed since I received your letter, it seems in one sense a single moment during which I have written this letter. Moreover, I have been wishing that it could arrive there on November 17th, as I would like my thoughts to reach you in this most tangible way on Founder's Day, as I shall also be with you in spirit.

6

New York City,
January 31st, 1936

Beloved Tara;

Sina has transmitted your recent messages to me, and I can only say again that they are very precious. I feel that my heart is thus nourished continuously through this significant period. It is a joy to hope that I can also be of help to you by sending at this time all the love of my heart, which is inspired by the real warmth of your hand, extended constantly at a time which I know is difficult. It is my secret dream to be with you sometime in future.

I am more and more realizing with what broadness of vision the letters, words, and messages have been given to me since I approached the Teaching. I have been encouraged, warned, and prepared - always far in advance of occurrences, and below the surface of appearances. I am happy to tell you that I am again working and can contribute to the work of the Lord. I will discuss it with Sina. My brother, who I feel strives with the heart and is guided, has worked very hard to make the present position possible for us both.

Throughout the past several months I have witnessed the fruition of all the treason spoken of before-hand in the Teaching. It is very painful to realize that you two are so wounded, who deserve only love. My brother and I have been working with Mr. and Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant, and I will write a letter to you and Professor Roerich expressing my feelings and thoughts fully. I protest most strongly, ^{against this treason} I am certainly not afraid, and I know I am not alone.

With much love,

Dudley Fosdick

7

New York City
February 5, 1936

At this time when treachery, hatred and destruction are so much in evidence, I feel that it is my duty to speak my thoughts and feelings of protest. I have pledged my entire life to this work, and I certainly am not going to stand silent while it is being maliciously destroyed.

I came as a free person to this Institution. I saw great art and evidence of great knowledge. I read Professor Roerich's books. They are as spotlessly pure in humanitarianism as his paintings are perfect. I saw cultural activities of a broad scope carried out in a variety of affiliated institutions by workers who were so heartily devoted to the Founders, Prof. and Mme. Roerich, that individual personal lives were completely sacrificed to a common altruistic work under their guidance.

I learned that the co-workers each had special talents and experience, and directed different phases of the work accordingly. I never asked who were stockholders, or which one was 1st Vice-President and which one merely 2nd Vice-President, - I never thought of it as a corporation at all. I knew that one member had given a majority of the money, for the building etc., and I considered it a striking additional proof of the unique constructive value of this group, which contained not only scientists, artists, writers and teachers, but even a man with money. But I certainly thought that the most praiseworthy consideration in regard to this member was not his original gift of a sum of money previously amassed in Wall Street, but rather his continued service in the capacity of legal and financial manager. I happened to come here at a time when the difficulties of the receivership were causing great concern, and I respected this man's activity as being just as self-sacrificing as the cooperative work of the other members, who trusted him implicitly in these matters. Then, when he returned to his former Wall Street activities in the midst of his cares and duties at the Roerich Museum, I thought this was the greatest sacrifice of all, - that he was exerting every effort to aid the Institution in its difficulty. I took it for granted that he desired nothing for himself, since I had had ample opportunity to be assured of such altruism on the part of other members.

I had already voiced a desire to join the work under Prof. and Mme. Roerich, and had given money in small amounts for varied purposes. Now I wished to give my entire savings to this member, Mr. Horch, without any receipt or red tape whatever, but was prevented by the member who introduced me to the work, Mrs. Lichtmann, who explained that I should learn to carry the responsibility of my money and stipulate just where it should go, at first to loan a smaller amount and gradually to donate sums specifically. This I did, giving my check for \$800.- with the understanding that it was a loan to help rescue the Institution from financial distress and would be repaid monthly following consummation of reorganization. These payments then I decided would be donated consecutively to another department with which I was closely associated, namely, Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute.

This arrangement proceeded as above for two months with the exception that Mr. Horch requested that I accept \$50.- monthly, instead of \$100.- as originally agreed. Mr. Horch thanked me on two different occasions in person, but did not acknowledge the loan in any way on paper to me. After two months the payments ceased, and at about the same time I became unemployed. Nevertheless I sent the next monthly amount to Urusvati Institute out of the remainder of my savings, intending to continue my part of the plan, and never doubting that the loan was used in good faith in the interests of Roerich Museum. However, the Urusvati Institute declined to accept further sums from me while I was unemployed. During the next several months, while I continued unsuccessfully to seek employment, I heard nothing whatever from Mr. Horch, neither written nor spoken, except that I received late in August his personal check for \$50.-, with no accompanying note or word. About a month later I wrote him a note of inquiry.

In the meantime I learned gradually about the sudden vicious attack of the three members, Mr. and Mrs. Horch and Miss E.J. Lichtmann, upon the founders, Prof. and Mme. Roerich and the three original trustees, Mr. and Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant. The name plate at the building entrance was changed, the lettering on the stationery was changed, the towel markings were changed. At first it was supposed to be in furtherance of the reorganization technicalities, and plans for tax exemption. But it soon became suspicious. I questioned Mrs. Lichtmann and received startling explanations bit by bit, until it became apparent that it was complete treason.

I recently had made a trip west and had taken every occasion to visit friends and museums and schools and newspapers, trying to spread knowledge of the Roerich Museum and the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace. I now demanded to know what was being done in furtherance of these great ideals. It is now plain that I must direct my question to Mr. Horch and his associates.

In answer to my notes regarding the loan I received curt refusals. There were insinuations which were insulting to my intelligence and independence of mind, and extraneous references, and were I not restrained by respect for the larger issue I would have sought settlement immediately. However, not wishing to complicate the work of the loyal defenders with whom I desired to cooperate, I postponed action.

This man and his two associates deliberately took money from me under false pretenses, and used it to attempt to destroy that to which I have consecrated my whole life. They have similarly taken years of self-sacrificing labor and constructive effort along many lines from their co-workers who trusted them. They are attempting to steal the fruits of the creative spirit of the Founders, - which was also made possible only by the constant guidance of the latter through these years, - and to destroy the greater part, retaining only that which is of financial benefit to them personally. If law does not permit suing for the taking of talent, time, creative genius, and labor, under false pretenses, it does permit suing for accepting money under false pretenses. Therefore I am going to sue this criminal for \$650.- and I will not accept six thousand and fifty dollars out of court, but I demand that the law reveal to the public his motives.

Why do these three people think I gave any money at all to this Institution? Did I not affirm that I wish to devote my entire life to this work? Was it because I have nothing else to do? Do I make it a habit to lightly pledge myself every so often to one movement or another? Have I no strength nor ability in the world of affairs to occupy myself seeking ordinary success? Or am I just crazy?

No, but I wish to serve a great cause for the benefit of humanity instead of myself alone.

Great men are very, very rare, and when I have found one, and begun constructive work towards possibilities pointed out by him, I will not have him slandered viciously by any madman without protest.

Dudley Fosdick
Dudley Fosdick.

10

New York, February 13, 1945

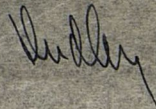
Beloved Mme. Roerich,

I wish to send my loving greetings also on this day, ---and to add a special note of gratitude for the wonderful message to me in your recent letter. My joy is deep and calm. Outwardly I am almost incredulous, because I have done so little in the work of the Institutions, which Sina carries so heroically, and because my orchestra work, in which I am so immersed, seems so far removed from the spiritual. But inwardly there is only a grateful peace and assurance. I am a little astonished at myself, but myself simply answers quietly, "Yes, of course. It is glorious but it could not be different. It must be." That means I'll be patient, I hope, as the marvelous future approaches.

I have written several letters during these past months, but balked at mailing them each time -- in a futile rebellion against censorship. I am glad Sina and I have solved all questions of detail in the work here without worrying you too greatly.

My love to you and to Prof. Roerich,

As always,



11
New York, Jan. 8, 1948

Beloved Tara:

First let me tell you of a dream I had shortly after receiving the news of beloved Prof. Roerich's departure:

I was in a large mansion, on the ground floor, in a big main room, in the center. I was quite at ease, and spoke occasionally without looking at any particular companion. I was interested in the mansion, as if being "shown about". Although I did not look straight up, it seemed that if there were any ceiling at all directly overhead it was so high as to be out of sight anyway. There were many floors, rising one above the other in front of me like galleries in an opera house, extending upward into infinity. There was no furniture, but a wealth of draperies. They hung from various heights, in most intricate, curving lines of light and shadow - no color - like silver and white silks of various weights and weaves. I was so attracted to these hangings that I exclaimed at their beauty and longed to examine the texture. Immediately I somehow was transported to the first floor, and touched the material. I was enraptured with this contact, and caressed the folds. Then my attention was drawn upward and outward again, to a sort of window or opening. The significant point was that it was curved on top - in other words, an archway. Through this arch I saw un-ending worlds of filmy white and silver. Lacy lines and forms - and silent, like a snow-laden forest. I was breathless at a beauty which I realized frankly, without sadness, was beyond my reach. I awoke with the feeling that Prof. Roerich had passed through his beloved archway and, temporarily at least, had gone where I could not follow. I found myself staring directly at a small photograph of him on the opposite wall, which never before had been precisely focused in my gaze upon awakening.

No comment is needed, I suppose, but I want to say that I did realize I had no right to send any grief or lonesomeness trailing after him; and that I did not try to imagine that I felt his presence comforting me. I felt definitely separated, but I refused to believe that it could be a permanent separation. For the first week or so perhaps I did not succeed 100% in my resolve not to disturb him or call to him so soon, but in press statements and letters I wrote I emphasized that we should honor him and his glorious life of achievement.

Nevertheless, the world seemed awfully cold and ugly for many days, as I worried about not having any communication from you since summer except the Dec. 16th cable. But now, having your last cable - mentioning Delhi - which was like a life-line thrown to us from the shore, all my striving is concentrated toward reaching you.

All these years my heart had its goal, beautifully affirmed by you, and daily difficulties here and the time itself meanwhile meant relatively little. But I prided myself that my mind also was making good progress toward understanding the works and plans of Hierarchy and various details of our own work as the current of world events twisted and boiled on its stormy way. And now my heart is troubled and my mind is not clear as to how to maintain the actual link of communication necessary to wise continuance of Master's Work if suddenly there should be no more letters and cables coming to us.

I guess I am practically repeating the substance of my letter of August 14th - and I do not want to cover the same ground already covered in Sina's letters (which I am very glad to have signed also), relative to our coming to visit you as soon as possible. (For our part we would not allow any earthly difficulties to deter us, and as a matter of fact we are in a better position financially than ever before, and in the orchestra work the time is propitious also, as we just finished a heavy season of advance recordings and are relatively inactive now and possibly for the next six months or a year, depending on musician's union negotiations). The only thing I might add is that it would be a great help to me for future work on the Books of the Teaching if we could talk with you directly about some general considerations which would cover

many oft-recurring similarities. Another important possibility is that of our collecting, compiling and editing the unpublished works of Prof. Roerich, and planning future publications altogether. By the way, it seems to us that the book "Himavat" suffered greatly from lack of proper editing and publishing. In many ways and many obvious places it is faulty, and this is so regrettable in a work of such high caliber in actual content.

I do not want this letter to be too long - but there is so much to say. I understand that my beloved Guru has gone to the Ashram - that his passing was not like a million ordinary departures, but was a hallowed advent. There are points of difference which must be explainable in scientific detail, such as the extent of retention or continuity of consciousness, of personality, of even matter itself. We know that matter is a relative term - embracing successive degrees of refinement. I am eager to hear directly from you, my beloved Tara, just what happened in reality on December 13th.

All my love from the heart

Dudley

P.S. Our relations with Gene and Janet are fine, as before. Everyone seems to feel there has been some misunderstanding which must be forgotten.

March 26, 1948

13

Our Beloved One,

Sina has enclosed a copy of my special Treasurer's Statement, prepared after the last meeting, supposedly for presentation at the next meeting. However, it may never be used - or may be considerably changed. I have already taken out from the original draft some sentences and expressions that seemed too strong, such as "Yankee trading with Hiera" "using the Society to elevate oneself instead of helping others through the Society", etc.

I am leaving on orchestra tour again, and it is rather a "dark hour". Sina will be over-burdened here for $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. We begin to wish for some miraculous change or development that would enable us to meet you someplace during 1948 - or as soon as possible.

We also have, however, good signs and daily events to support us. People continue to come to see the paintings and seek reproductions, voicing great admiration for Prof. Roerich's art. Today was no exception. We also received today another hearty letter from an A. Y. Associate who wrote to his home town paper in defense of Prof. Roerich and denunciation of Pigler. He affirmed warmly his steadfast adherence to the Teaching and his gratitude.

I sympathize greatly with Gene and wish I could help him.

With love,

D. B. Bay

14

The Lord does not bow to Moloch.

In the country ruled by gold, the one who demands that work be performed first and condescends to pay afterward is boss. But the Lord does not come begging to such a boss for opportunity to manifest His Works in such a country. If citizens of the country come to the Lord, however, asking that His Works be expanded there, let them remove Moloch's restrictions and provide the means first - then workers will be assigned and Work Indicated.

To the extent that the chains of gold are broken and returned to Moloch will the citizens and the Work be free to progress.

14
15
I have one answer for all the too numerous Americans who seem to stand in awe of one W. Pegler:

In the last days of any one of humanity's revered saints and heros of many lands, doubtless somewhere within a radius of 10,000 miles there howled a hyena of which history makes no note at all.

Dudley Fosdick

Los Angeles Time

March 28, 1948.

ART OF ROERICH, DECEASED RUSSIAN PAINTER,
SHOWN

Nicholas Roerich, late Russian painter, explorer and Himalayan mystic, is represented by 36 tempera paintings through Thursday at Hall of Art, Beverly Hills. They depict medieval Russian cities and castles.

Roerich, for whom the Roerich Institute, New York now the Riverside Museum, was built, was a contemporary of Leon Bakst and, like him, designed settings for Diagheleff's Russian Ballet -- among them the originals for Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring."

Ведая твоего, мы неведая - это его лепс.

I

Now we may begin the approach to the Fiery World, affirming the empyreal signs. The Teaching always proceeds along two currents, which, when united, form the complete stream of attainment. We have repeatedly pointed out the urgent necessity of developing certain earthly qualities. Since these earthly qualities are elusive, the super-earthly conditions may appear to be abstract; but they are an existing reality. He who is accustomed to think on a planetary scale knows how real is the life in the World of Fire, in the World of Radiance, in the World of Attainment.

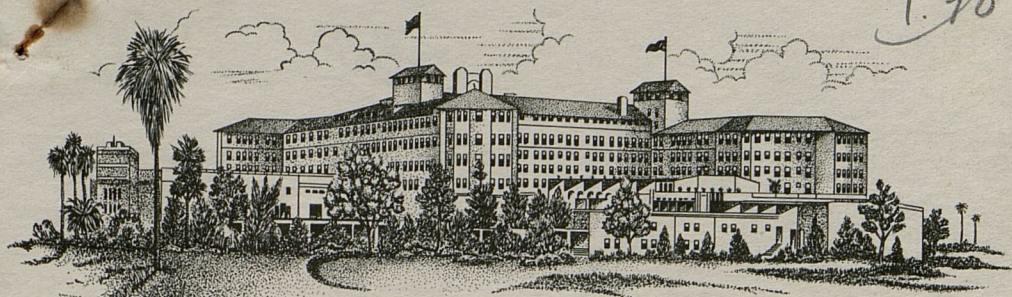
difficult
to know

Thus, let us begin the third part of Fiery World.

Эта лепс неведая твоего, согласно с опущением

II

1.18



THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

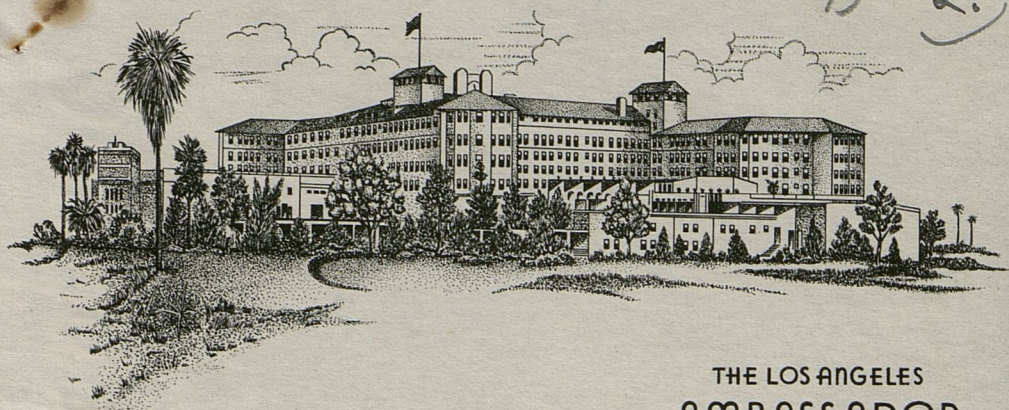
May 7, 1948

Beloved Mme. Boerich-

Greetings from
across the Pacific! I have been
here a few weeks with the orchestra,
and will leave soon for San Fran-
cisco, and other cities through the West,
returning to New York early in June.

Lina translated and sent to me
your recent letter, which I appreciate
very much. I am eternally

19 2.

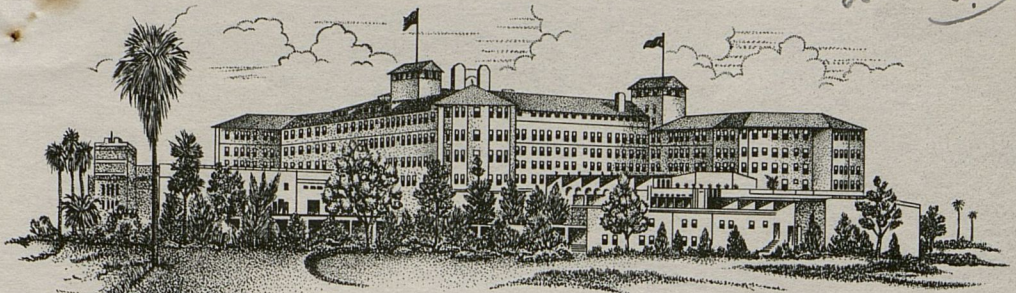


THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

grateful for all your care and thoughts.

This is an earthquake region, and the shaky, unhealthy structure underneath may partly account for the fact that I have not been feeling very well out here. Anyway, I am rather anxiously clinging to the possibility, which you express again, of our being with you later on somewhere. I was thinking that even though I am far from N.Y. and the established

20 3.



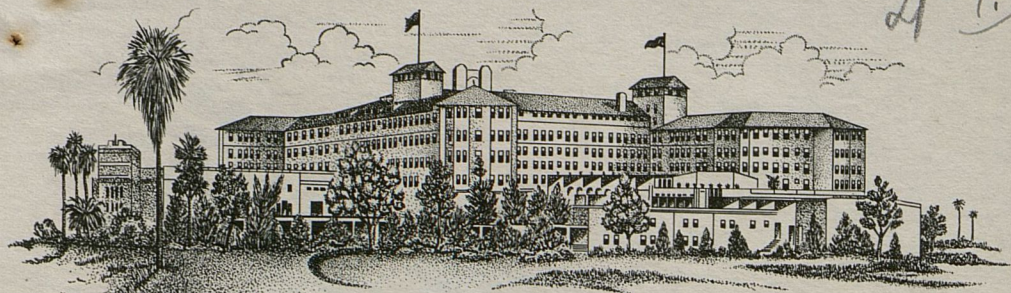
THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

current there, I am at least closer to you, in miles. But as I think of your present life and movements there, I ask myself - will the boat now take you farther away in reality?

This is the outer edge of the so-called Western World. In Columbus' day it was the "New World", and the shore of the Pacific was as far as one could go. So this is the end of the old new world.

I found an opportunity the other

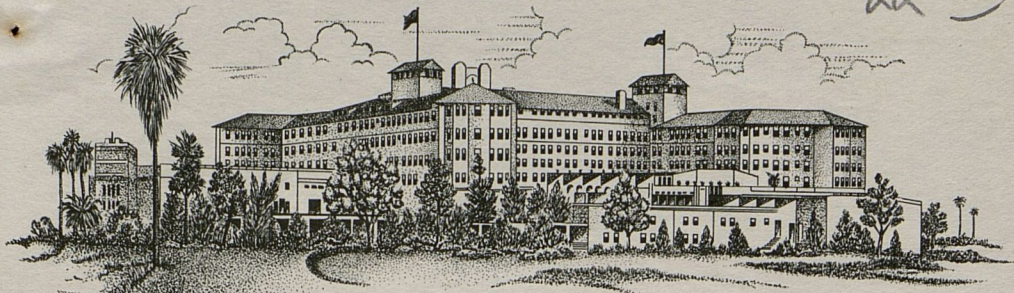
21 4.



THE LOS ANGELES
 AMBASSADOR
 CALIFORNIA
 ZONE 5

day to be alone on a mountain
 top here at sunset, and sought
 to come closer to the Great Ones
 and my beloved Quorn and Tara
 in an appropriate setting. There
 were very beautiful glowing clouds,
 gradually changing color, and
 one large bright star. It was
 much like the feeling of Prof.
 Roerich's paintings, and as I
 repeated "Beauty, Beauty" and
 called the name "Roerich, Roerich,"

22 5.

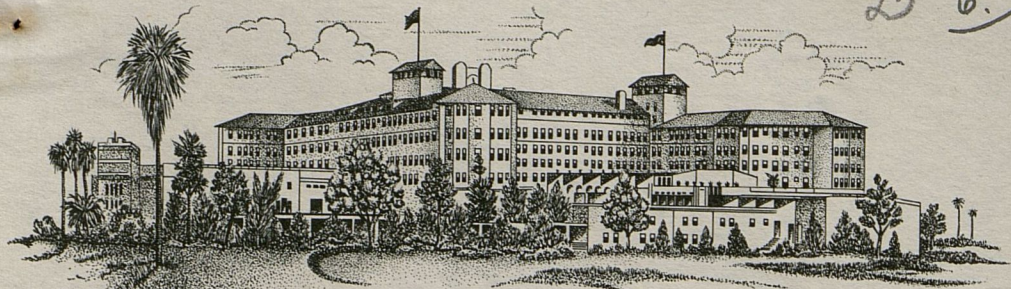


THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

and then the "Banner of Peace", and thought of the plight of the world now, - suddenly, instead of sending joyful greetings to the world of spirit, I found myself in tears, saying goodbye to earthly forms and dreams - to Prof. Roerich, my beloved teacher and friend, and even to Kuhn.

Will it really be 100 years before your beautiful Work can bloom again? The time itself

23 6.



THE LOS ANGELES
 AMBASSADOR
 CALIFORNIA
 ZONE 5

doesn't actually seem so very long
 to me - but it is hard to think
 one must be born again in order
 to rejoin you both in that Current.
 And does it mean that the thread
 of conscious realization of this
 life will be broken and no re-
 membrance carried over?

I am working on Fairy World III
 now, and am not happy in realizing
 that the masses will not take it -
 not at present, anyway. I have
 been all over this country, and

24 7.

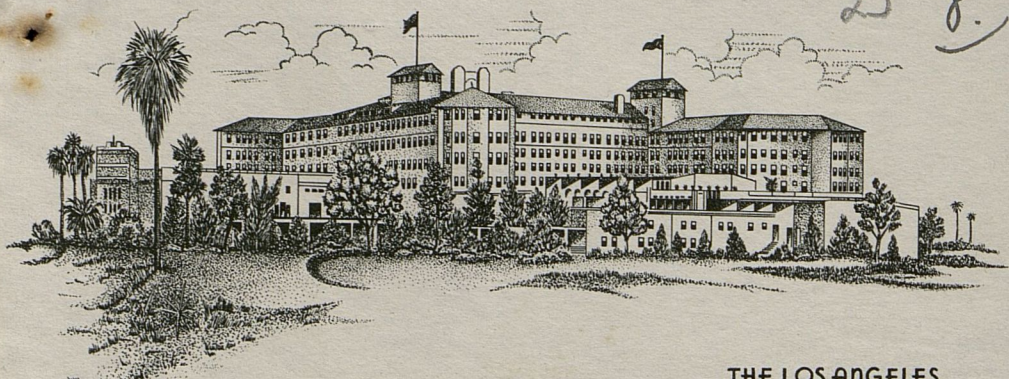


THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

feel the public consciousness is on the same level everywhere, in this respect. This book is real science of the future — only for students, who can think differently and read new thoughts into old, over-worked words.

I do hope our correspondence will not be broken for too long a period. I am sending constantly thoughts of support, assistance and success to you in your heavy tasks and purposes at

25 8.



THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA
ZONE 5

present, and if the boat takes
you away from India before
I write again, all my love
goes with you.

Your

Didnei

New York, July 22, 1948

Beloved Tara:

Since I wrote my P.S. to Sina's last letter I have been greatly encouraged about her health. I spoke at length with the doctor, who had just given her a thorough examination (the next day after we mailed the letter to you) - and he convinced me there is nothing organically wrong, or anything that cannot be cured easily by relaxation and a few weeks in the country. She had a choking spell in the restaurant which frightened me at the moment and worried me still more later when she said she had not choked on food, as I had thought. However, the doctor said any tiny particle could have caused it - even from the air - but that she had developed a bit of a nervous condition from over-work and tension. He gave some sort of sedative pills for the next week or two before our vacation to gradually help her ease up a bit.

I am sorry Sina apparently alarmed you unduly about the sunburn. It is now completely healed, although the swelling in one foot persisted for over two weeks. I evidently had a toxic condition which contributed to it, and which also caused my illness in California, including trouble with one ear for about a month. I saw several ear specialists while travelling, but finally the root of trouble was revealed in a very sore tooth. Two different dentists declined to extract it, advising treatments to try to save it, which was agreeable to me. So I suffered with it for about three weeks, and finally was definitely advised to have it taken out together with the one next to it which had been dead for years but full of gold and showing no decay. I had wanted the dead one out for a long time but X-rays did not indicate danger. Dentists now say I had been absorbing poison from it for years. It was a very deep-seated infection, and turned out to be a rather severe extraction. I applied an ice bag hourly for 3 days and took a bottle of prescribed penicillin tablets. The orchestra work was very trying throughout all three ailments. But I am grateful that the trouble finally settled in the teeth rather than ear, or leg. I am going to the dentist this afternoon to find out how the healing progresses and what should be done next. No more pain now.

Although we have been somewhat reassured by a recent letter from Carpani, the dark "signs of the times" are still reflected from over there also. Sina and I have some ideas about who could conceivably be the power behind this apparently "global" anti-cultural assault. A newspaper may want to make money by sensational slander - a columnist may just naturally be small, ignorant and mean - there may be some distortion of the public mind for political reasons -- but all this is applicable only on a local, or at most, national, scale.

Shall we ask Svetoslav to take over permanent Chairmanship of the Banner of Peace Committee upon his arrival here? I have already expressed my opinion that the Chairman should be one of more prominence, influence and wealth than I. We would like to have Dr. George Roerich on our Committee also. Would he accept now? Sina is going to write him a letter anyway, as we have spoken of him so often in recent months but have not written for some time.

In the list of names you suggest in case of incorporation, I notice omission of Dr. Fogel, M. Lehrer, and Gene and Janet. Dr. Fogel prepared the Booklet - our initial work and major accomplishment so far. Magdalene gave us the first donation, which provided stationery and carried us through the first year. Gene is a whole "chapter" which I am still hoping to discuss at length personally some time. I feel it is not goal-fitting to burden you at this time. On the other hand, perhaps now, while a letter can still reach you, I should ask for just a word from you which would be of inestimable value to Gene, because if he is in real torment on the Path and I do not speak for him, who will? I have always had Sina to speak for me, to you.

Even if he is wrong, he then needs help all the more. I have tried at times to assure him that if he cannot be in New York his Red Cross work can be "the Work" too - for him - and I believe he thinks so, but I fear there may be some painful confusion in his mind about his present relation to you and Prof. Roerich and the Museum and Sina and I. In your message to Mr. W. you say, "At this time... it takes all devotion, all steadfastness, to remain on the Path".

(Over)

How would one who is out of communication with his Guru, or Gurus, be sure he is still on the Path? How will one then know if he is progressing or falling? If one is in danger in this respect, how is he to know it, and how to meet it? Gene is not here with us, while I am carried along by the physical pressure of daily work with Sina. But would it be fair to say he is therefore shut out of the House of the Lord while I can enter on the shoulder, or in the shadow, of an invited guest, as it were?

I think Sina's article is perfectly wonderful. It brought tears of reverence to my eyes. This is the beautiful story that is the most precious of all to me, too, and it is told so simply and honestly. It immediately brought to mind a little book by Vivekananda, and Krishnamurti's "At the Feet of the Master", and I thought that this, as a separate little booklet, should take its place with them for future seekers. I would like to write a similar piece some time, and also I believe that Sina and I should collaborate in recording the whole story, joy and sorrow, of the Museum - in a full-length book.

I re-hung our exhibition of Prof. Roerich's reproductions in the studio the other day - and felt as strongly as ever the same joy and gratitude for the Beauty and message of the paintings, and the eternal living presence of Prof. Roerich. But - I do not seem to feel a possibility of direct communication. May I look forward to indirect communication, through you? How shall I picture him now, in anticipation of our next meeting - I presume upon my crossing to the next world in the natural course of events?

I am sending thoughts from the heart for your recovery, and am constantly dreaming to be with you, no matter where it may be, and receive direct instruction in so many things.

All my love,

Dienu

Granville, N.Y. 27
Aug. 16, 1948

Beloved Tara -

Your wonderful letter is as bread to a starving man. I am happy - really deeply happy, for the first time in over a year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart - and especially I appreciate your taking the pains to write it all by hand, and in English, as I know you are far from well. I am now ashamed, as well as regretful, that I cannot write to you in Russian. But I still hope to be able someday.

"Today is a great day!" We rejoice with you. The tremendous news that India has endorsed the Pact is tremendously good news to me. Sina is writing our united thoughts about it, and we will send you a cable as soon as we receive your confirmation and inform the press here. We had just been talking about it the night before your letter came. I was, you of course understand, not thinking of any sudden arbitrary abandonment of Pact, but I am very glad to receive your reassurances.

You are providing for me a marvelous new

gest for life when you speak of new and wider activity
somewhere when the time comes, and, most electrifying of all,
about a "magnetic link". A good chance for me to practice patience.

Your wonderful answer about our beloved Gunn, and "com-
munications" and spiritual possibilities and ways, is perfectly
understood. I know that is the way it should be - but
it seems I just had to have such reassurance or affirm-
-ation from you - at least this time.

I am also happy about, and grateful for, all you have
to say about Gene. It seems I have not been wrong
all this time in my letters to him, and in speaking
and general attitude. It is remarkable that just
last night I had a significant dream about Gene, and
your letter came today. I saw him "take off" on a new
type of flying motorcycle, in a sort of demonstration flight.
But I suddenly saw that the steering apparatus was twisted,
and as soon as he started up in the air a big cloud enveloped
him so that he could not see that it was turning over. I
exclaimed about it to the people around me, but nothing
could prevent his crashing to the ground. But he sur-
vived. I did not see any scenes of the crash itself, but
just knew he had gone to a hospital afterward and later
recovered - then I saw him, up and about as usual.

Sina and I both are greatly improved in health and strength,
and are storing up reserves for our return to N.Y. Very
satisfactory progress has been made up here on F.W.III,
and it will be ready for publication soon.

I pray you are feeling much, much better and ²⁸
will soon be entirely well.

After this letter from you, of course, joy is with
me, to stay. I wish to stress, with deep humil-
ity as well as joy, that I shall not forget the
paragraph about "going back into centuries!"

All love and gratitude,

Dudley

Aug. 21 '48

29

Beloved Mrs. Roerich -

Day before yesterday I mailed my answer to your previous hand-written letter, but now I want to add that I am again very grateful for your thoughts of love and encouragement in your letter just received, and also for the privilege of knowing this precious farewell message. We were both very much moved by it.

All love and gratitude -

Hedren

Uy.C.
Aug. 31, 1948

Belond Lara -

In my P.S. to Sina's recent letter (from Granville) I mentioned our urgent desire to learn all details of India's official acceptance.

I believe that we could plan a Convention in Italy by simply following the procedure of the 1933 Convention in Washington. We could invite all nations, including South America, and if even only a few European countries, and we, and perhaps Argentina, finally participated, we would have a strong chance that soon afterward Italy, at least, would act upon the resolution which would be signed by its delegate at the Convention. We would tell Carpani the steps taken by India, in detail, so that he could nurse the project through to completion, officially, by the Italian Government after the Convention. However, if we propose the Convention in South America I am afraid de Lara will first of all want to know where the various South American Governments stand at present, and we would be in an awkward position if we answered that we do not know. We have made claim in general that all Pan-American Republics endorsed the Pact, but that endorsement was only by the delegates to the 1935 Ceremony. Final individual Governmental action was to follow afterward presumably, and we do not even have files of subsequent correspondence about it. Perhaps the Pact was ratified in some countries and delayed in others etc. It seems to me that we must try to find out about this. We might inquire about all countries together through the Pan-American Union, or, if we wish to avoid the latter, we could ask de Lara to make separate inquiries in these countries through his channels. It seems that we must either take up the work where the original "Permanent Committee" left off, or ignore previous steps taken in the formal business of the international adoption of the Pact and avoid the channels through which that Committee worked. But there may be some friends still among the names of delegates as we have them in the various publications. Perhaps de Lara could bring them to life. But Sina seems to be averse to letting de Lara know that we have no papers or files in our hands and are out of touch with the people who worked for the Pact previously.

To save time perhaps I can resolve our problem into alternatives, so that you could advise us by cable. Our first plan would be to write de Lara proposing that he organize there a Convention, working through his channels in South America. We would promise to contact other countries outside of South America, but we would not refer to previous Conventions, nor attempt to stir up delegates of the past. However, for our own information we could ask Gene to find out what he can from the Pan-American Union in Washington, although I would have preferred to postpone any such research or pressure until we are incorporated. Under this plan we must be prepared to answer de Lara if he immediately asks us what happened in the various South American countries officially after 1935. In this case, would it be better to say that war disrupted the work and files were lost etc., and we decided to begin all over again; or that Horch and Wallace turned traitor and kept possession of the files? The latter would be unpleasant but the former would be more than vague and evasive.

1933 and

The alternative plan would be to ask Gene first to visit Pan-American Union in Washington and at the same time ask de Lara to investigate the present status of the various South American countries in relation to the Pact and also the present attitude of the individual delegates of 1935. After this preliminary action we could decide whether to propose the South American Convention to de Lara.

Second alternative would be to drop South American plan and propose to Carpani the Convention in Italy, as outlined at the beginning of this letter.

A third alternative would be to propose to Carpani the Convention in Italy and simultaneously write de Lara according to the first plan, and let the future decide between the two.

I would like to talk to Svetoslav and clear up many things connected with our future plans. For instance, we have been hoping he would stop in Paris and see Chklaver, who may also have many important documents. We also have discussed, somewhat hazily, possibility of court procedure, after incorporation, to recover the files of the original "Permanent Committee".

the
With all love and devotion

Wled ren

P.S. I had to finish as is, because I want it to go together with Linak's letter now. We shall await your cable, but in the meantime we shall prepare in advance the letter to de Lara suggesting the idea of a Convention there next summer following the general procedure of the 1933 Convention in Washington and emphasizing primarily the spreading among the nations and people themselves the whole idea - instead of worrying exclusively about governmental "red-tape".

N.Y. Oct. 3, 1948 31

Beloved Lara-

We feel here the great shifting tensions, and therefore are especially grateful to be able to face the prospect of a long life to come without a heavy, burdensome feeling but with the same joy of the future - of continuing our work with you.

We have finished the alterations in the manuscript of "Fiery World" 3 and are checking over the final typed copy for the printer.

We are awaiting an answer from de Lara to our letter proposing the Convention, of which Sina sent you a copy. Carpani has not yet answered Sina's long letter explaining the Museum's tragedy and subsequent events and relations etc. In the meantime I wrote him a friendly letter informing him of my return to New York.

We appreciate greatly your sending us the text of the Pact as ratified by India. Our fundamental attitude toward future work of the Committee, I believe, has somewhat altered. I understand better now that each country naturally must have a different approach to the whole idea and project. There are broad differences in psychology, customs, methods and Governmental machinery.

The signing of the Pact in Washington in 1935 by the nations of the Pan-American Union was official Governmental action, and it is just as binding on these nations as any other treaty. It is an accomplished fact and a matter of record, and we must continue to proclaim it as such.

I rejoiced particularly to see that India made use of the paragraph about "unilateral, bilateral and multilateral action" from the Proceedings of the Washington Convention of 1933. My first draft of the letter to de Lara included the following:

"The Washington Convention of 1933 passed an unanimous resolution to "Recommend the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace to the Governments of all nations for ~~the~~ adoption or adhesion by unilateral action, through proclamation of the Executive; by bilateral action, through international agreements; and by multilateral action, through declaration of international conferences". The Ceremony of the Signing of the Roerich Pact, in Washington in 1935, was an example of action through international agreement. The recent adoption of the Pact by India was an example of unilateral action. It remains for us to provide further examples of multilateral action through declaration of international conferences".

This was deleted when the letter began to be too long and I decided to save it for follow-up correspondence. India's official acceptance provides a fine example of "unilateral action" - the first - and it is

over

most significant, as it shows the way for any nation to adopt this noble project immediately without worry about the present dubious state of international affairs. We were most happy to see that in the text itself India voluntarily assumes obligation, as a nation, ^{to} "implement its acceptance by suitable legislation and by the creation of a body to supervise the practical application and working of the Pact". This same current of thought is already to be found in our letter to de Lara, but I had not dared to hope that any Government would take it upon itself to actually bring the Banner of Peace into life. I rather expected this would be a matter for private initiative and that the work would devolve upon our Committees. We pray that India can prove that a nation, as such, can act for Peace through Culture.

I am writing George today on behalf of the Committee, confirming his joining us.

We are impatiently awaiting the arrival of Svetoslav and Devika so that we can ~~put~~ ^{bring} together our thoughts and understanding about all our work.

Sina has written all about our moving problem, which also continues to be uppermost in our thoughts at present.

We especially rejoice to hear that your health improves steadily. Sina and I are quite well.

With all love,

Didakt

32
New York, Nov. 16, 1948

Beloved Tara:

You must know how grateful I am for all the solicitude about my health and the definite Help which, when Advice was followed, immediately confirmed all that was in your letter. X-rays showed remarkably clearly the gall stones, which the doctor said was the source of recent trouble in the stomach region. But he also said that it was nothing to worry about at present and, as was advised in your letter, I should continue normally but not worry nor get excited, if possible, and watch carefully for one month (with some special medicine as extra precaution). After a month I am to report to the doctor again, and if I have had no trouble meanwhile I can then stop the medicine and proceed as if nothing had ever happened. He said that I probably had had them for a long time, and that people often do have them all their lives without even knowing it. My "attacks" were few and not very severe and perhaps will never occur again. This all leads to the same conclusion as in your letter - I should be careful with diet and eat lightly for awhile (although the doctor did not as yet prescribe any specific diet) and be ready for trouble if it strikes again.

I was downcast when I first learned the results of X-ray, because I already was feeling quite well and was in hopes that whatever trouble I had had was completely gone. But then I made myself think of the letter and about future work and it became clear that whatever was necessary to be done would be successful, as it is not just a personal issue. As a matter of fact I began at that time my lighter diet (S.M. cooks kasha etc.) and have been feeling remarkably well ever since - especially in the region of former pain. I almost feel as if the stones had disappeared. I would probably forget all about it were it not for the fact that I have these medicines to take regularly for one month. But I already felt cured before I started taking medicine - in fact the next day after X-rays were taken.

The thought of being really needed for future work of a certain kind brings a feeling of responsibility to which I suppose I am not sufficiently adjusted and which has a somewhat sobering effect - although I am deeply grateful for the sense of inner security accompanying it. I am afraid I am expected to be happier, but perhaps I am just slow. So much is happening these days - so much that is of a weighty nature. But I am grateful for the real, ineradicable, growing knowledge - ability to see beneath the surface of world events. Just as it is unpleasant to watch a huge serpent writhing in death agony, still it is better than to be small and unaware of it and be crushed by it.

We are in a quandary about the new quarters, as we are at a cross roads, in a way. Our lease expires Jan. 1st, and at that time we recruit again our yearly budget. S. and I are wondering how we can plan to "go" and at the same time plan to "stay". If it is to "go", and soon, it seems only fair that in the interim period S. and I and S.M. should move together somewhere apart from the institutions and not solicit funds for the latter but let support for them manifest freely and independently, whether it turns out to be more or less or none at all. But if it is to "stay", how can we explain, to Mr. B. for instance, that we do not want to buy a house? And how can we afford an apartment, during this inflation, in any location which will not either sacrifice the prestige of the institutions or, at best, make them inaccessible? I find it hard to imagine that we should put the institutions "on the shelf", even for a short time. However, I do feel that I am strong enough now personally to weather the storm. If it is "time for everyone to seek his homeland", I have no fear for myself, my understanding, faith, and future. If, for instance I should find myself travelling with the orchestra and separated from everything for a while, and unable to communicate with S. even by mail or phone, I would not worry but would be patient until all is reestablished.

The letter to Carpani illustrates the kind of responsibility that is rather heavy for me. S. sketched out a draft, and I altered it and consulted her again and we finally arrived at the enclosed by "teamwork".

We hope it will serve the purpose. The same method was followed in the letter to Delara, to which, however, Mr. W. contributed also.

I was very glad that we all three could go to Washington Sunday. We spent a very pleasant day. S. is recovering from a cold, and we hope you are well.

With love and gratitude,

Didne

P.S. Your letter of 8/11 just arrived, and I now might add something to my above paragraph about whether to "go" or "stay". Although, as I said above, I do not like to think of any, even temporary, suspension of our work, I am trying to examine all possible sides of the present problem. If S. and I should assume that for the next year or so we are to carry with us the institutions in name and address only, in our living quarters, just to preserve them for future, and that there will be no practical results or response that would justify normal public activity meanwhile, then, in view of rental problems here, perhaps we should think of moving out of N.Y. But even for separate small living quarters, moving uptown does not mean lower rent unless one considers almost slums districts. The only other possibility is a very tiny room in a small but clean and quite pleasant hotel on 97th street - inexpensive. We could put everything in storage and move there, but if S.M. also took a room there it would probably be very discouraging for her.

I own some prairie land in the midwest (South Dakota) - very poor for farming and a great distance from any settled areas - and also two rather desirable building lots in Detroit. For the same amount of money Mr. B. or anyone would have to pay for anything permanent (or even for only a few years) in N.Y. we could probably build something new - and I would gladly donate the land. Or S. and I alone could buy a very good house next door to my mother's house now for 13,000 or 14,000, which would mean a reasonable cash down payment and very little expense thereafter. I am ready to do anything I can in this way, not only because I am devoted to the Teaching but because I am a conscientious citizen of my country and I know that the institutions are necessary for the welfare of this country. But apparently this country has rejected the institutions - perhaps a certain time limit, esoterically, had to expire - and it is no longer goal-fitting for one or two individuals to keep on "holding the door open". Still, if another citizen, not I, should come forth with a similar offer to help but on a larger scale, might it not mean a way for the country's working out of Karma, or a possibility for a step toward achieving the higher destiny of the country? If Mr. B. should write a letter expressing such motives couldn't his offer be accepted for the sake of his country and fellow countrymen? This is the only basis, of course, upon which I have accepted so far the support of friends for our work and have handled the funds of various institutions.

We have just received a nice letter of acceptance from George, joining us in the Banner of Peace Committee, and I am still looking forward to talking with Svetoslav personally about the Committee especially.

Love,

P.S. We sent you a cable day before yesterday about the 94th St. house as the most desirable of all we have seen thus far. It may be rented for 5500 a year with 3 year lease, which is within our reach if Weed and Bolling will share with us in our yearly budget as they did last year. This would not mean a crushing financial obligation to B. such as if he were to buy a house or advance a huge loan. It would mean only that we, as three partners, would pledge 5500 each within 3 years and give now 3500 each to cover the whole budget for 1949. The house is in excellent condition and suitable for quite dignified presentation of the institutions (although no very large rooms or lecture halls) - fine location. East 94th St. is the highest point in N.Y. and from there on uptown it slopes down. We have not found thus far anything suitable for living and institutions anywhere on 97th street - east and west. But of course if this is the street, we shall continue the search. Mailing this on the 17th - our Sacred day - All love and thoughts are with you and our Beloved One.

December 21, 1948

Beloved Tara:

Just a few words about my health. I have had no recurrence of the pain, and am evidently quite all right except for a slight cold. But I have had difficulty with the most important prescription, i.e. - calmness. I know this is my fault and of course it seems to me that I am trying hard, as I am conscious of the danger to my health, and I want to be worthy of the Help extended. I am trying to be ready and receptive, and perhaps this is the hardest time - just before cure - because I seem to be conscious of a great deal of impurity, and this condition naturally must be improved first. It is not all on the solid material plane, of course, but the physical aspect is very apparent. I am impatient to start with penicillin. I am taking the other medicines systematically, and eating carefully.

It is also especially difficult now for Sina, taking care of her mother (whose attitude in general I must say is very fine), and it seems somehow strange for me to try to be cheerful and talk about getting healthy etc.

I have nothing further just now to add to Sina's letter regarding the new quarters, as we are awaiting your letter of the 14th.

I send thoughts from the heart for your health.

With all love and gratitude,

Dudley

1158 Fifth Avenue, NYC
March 17, 1949

34

Beloved Tara:

Although I am sorry this letter was so long postponed, my heart rejoices that now when I am at last sending these thoughts to you you will receive them in your beloved Himalayas in surroundings of peace and beauty. Sina and I feel even more closely drawn to you now.

I have been these past weeks sending my gratitude for this sort of "sabbatical" that has been granted me, the salutary effects of which are immediately apparent. I would feel buoyant in contemplation of my personal future, but am restrained by the ever-present realization of the sad plight of others - many others as a mass and a certain few others closer to me. It is a beautiful day today, and if everything remains more or less as it is in the outer world - no disasters occur - Sina and I will greatly rejoice because, while we ourselves may "lose face" to such an extent that we may find it almost impossible, physically, to remain here, we will be happy that so many others are spared great hardships, and will know that, as disciples, being abandoned by others we have found high approbation and rare opportunity, and will eagerly await further indications, as we do now.

If this is the closing of a whole chapter of my life, that chapter spent as a professional musician, I am especially grateful that it could be accomplished at a time when I enjoy a maximum of respect as to my work and also the personal esteem of all my associates.

The same may be said of my brother, Gene, who left his position with the Red Cross and moved his whole family and furniture from Washington to Liberty March 1st. I am quite concerned, however, about his health and mental outlook. I am afraid he does not understand correctly many things, and that at present he is far from possessing what is known as "peace of mind". I had previously written out in detail many thoughts about this but hesitated to bother you with it. However, I am enclosing it herewith now.

As to the "share plan" for the new house, I believe Sina has already described to you my idea in general, and I am not so sure now that it would prove practicable. But my original thought is enclosed herewith.

Perhaps I should not add anything now about the question of my return to the orchestra, as I suppose it will be settled before any answer could be received. Sina wrote you all about it and we just now sent a cable. The reason is that the conductor is telephoning often and pressing for a decision, saying that if I intend ever to come back he must know now, as it will affect his decision on whom to employ in my place. I would be happy to continue studying accounting and working with Sina in the Institutions, but 2 new factors have arisen since I resigned-- 1. the conductor's surprisingly strong desire to retain my services and willingness to make concessions in the way of "vacation" etc. and - 2. the dubious status of our plan for Institutions in the so-called "new house", if "nothing happens" in March, as you can understand from our cable. If Mr. B. does not renovate the house and allow the Institutions to move in there, we may be forced into inactivity for a year or even two years, the term of the lease with Mr. B., which was signed personally only - by S.F. and D.F. - and is restricted to residential purposes. But if I resume wage-earning S and I alone could continue the work, paying separate rent for studio or office space down town and continuing to employ a secretary etc., although the work would suffer greatly, especially Banner of Peace, as it needs precisely decent quarters, recognition, and prestige at this time.

If we take the optimistic view, on the other hand, and continue to look toward moving into the new house during the summer, I would like to take a course in accounting at Columbia University, which is nearby. But for how long a term could I enroll? The shortest course may be 2 years. If this is inadvisable I will continue studying myself as at

(over)

present. I have very good books, sent by Mr. B's son at college, who is studying the same thing now. I shall await your answer as to Columbia.

We have been rather anxious not having had a letter from you since the one of Feb. 11th. But we will hope to receive answer to our cable to Kalimpong soon. Best wishes to George and everyone.

With love,

Dudley

P.S. Your letter just came - as I was going to mail this. Very happy to receive it. Will send this anyway to new address.

Mar 18th

Sina persuaded me to wait until today, to add the following: She immediately contacted our friends W and B and imparted to them a great deal from your letter. So now all has been told them, and if they were in any doubt during the last 2 weeks, we hope that they will become strong again in their faith and understanding now.

Also, from this letter it seems clear to me that I should not plan to go back with the orchestra. I shall therefore act accordingly - unless advice to the contrary should come from you in answer to our cable.

We are grateful for the advice to write to Washington about the Pact. Svetoslav gave us a correct suggestion for inquiry to the State Dept., and we received most valuable official printed documents, papers, pamphlets, recording exactly the procedure through Congress and the President to final ratification and proclamation. From the Pan American Union we received also the most detailed and cooperative letter as well as important, impressive documents recording the story of the official acceptance of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace and including the entire text. The final Senate pamphlet, Treaty Series 899, carries a full page reproduction of the Banner of Peace in color. We are taking steps to secure a sufficient quantity of all this material.

Re my brother

Sometimes I begin to feel that G is crushed with an idea that I have wronged him in asserting my right to a share in the estate of my father and mother, in Liberty. G spent 8 or 9 years working in the business out there while I was still traveling with orchestra.

Perhaps he intended always that I should be fairly treated, but believes that I did him an injustice over a year ago when I myself asked my mother directly at that time to give me the house (G has a different house) and a share in the business, without waiting for him to divide things as he thought best.

If he does feel this way, I would like very much to give back legally all that which was given me then on paper, by my mother at my request, and ask him to decide and do as he thinks best. Sina is of the opinion still that my action was right and that everything should remain as at present. But I have not been at ease ever since, and I could not ask Prof. R. about it when he was ill and for the past year I have been reluctant to burden you with it.

My heart tells me that, while the action taken at that time may have been right and even necessary for all concerned, the best way now to make everyone happy again, myself included, is to undo those legal actions and transfer everything back as it was before, thus giving my brother and my mother a chance to do as they think best. I am sure they will deal fairly with me.

Perhaps you know that my direct request for the house and shares at that time was prompted by Indications through S.M., but I naturally did not reveal this to my mother or G. I accepted the Indications and acted accordingly, and was grateful - I could not do otherwise. But it seems to me that a great deal of unhappiness has resulted.

Who is wrong?

May I give back the shares and the house?

36

Plan For New House

Incorporate Roerich Foundation, or Roerich Associates, or Roerich Institute, as a business corporation, or holding company. Issue as many shares as there are directly interested individuals. For instance, one could name at present: Mme. Roerich, Dr. Geo. Roerich, Svetoslav Roerich, J. Weed, B. Bolling, K. Campbell, I. Fritschie, D. Fogel, Gene Fosdick, I. Mourontzeff, M. Lehrer, S. Fosdick, D. Fosdick - 13 in all. At \$3,000.- a share this would amount to \$39,000.- approximately the cost of the house.

Offer to sell one share to each of the above individuals. Some may decline, some may pay \$3,000.- in cash, some may offer the equivalent in paintings or other things, some may offer part cash and part paintings. It is probable that only a few shares would be bought and Mr. B. could buy the rest.

The corporation might then have, let us say for purposes of illustration, perhaps \$10,000 worth of paintings; \$21,000 cash received from Mr. B.; and \$8,000 cash from others. The corp. would then take ownership of the house by paying B. this \$39,000. (Most of the cash would be his own coming back to him and the rest would be partly in paintings etc.)

B. could then put the paintings on permanent loan (known as the Bolling Collection) to one of the Institutions - not to the corporation, which should remain a legal entity, without publicity, owning the house only.

Those of the individuals named above who declined to purchase a share would thenceforth have no right or claim in the house, but could remain on same status as before in respect to the Institutions. Some of them, however, would also have one share each in the corporation which owns the house. B. is the only one who would have more than one share, and he would have 7, more than all the others put together, giving him a controlling interest in the corporation. The corp., however, would not control the Institutions but would act as a beneficent landlord, leasing the house to the Inst. for \$1 a year or whatever they are able to pay.

Going back to the illustrative figures above, perhaps it would be better if B. finally purchased only 6 shares instead of 7, and seven others should own one share each. While at least 7 are needed for a majority to avoid absolute one-man control, there are easily 8 or 9 possibilities of acceptance, for instance: Mme. R. - \$3,000 worth of paintings; Geo. - same basis; Svet. - \$3,000 worth of his own paintings; J.W. - cash; Sina - cash; and K, Inge and I on a special basis as follows:

The so-called "3 friends Agreement" is a legal paper representing around \$8,000 in cash paid for certain rights, and those rights in turn represent a greater value which would be hard to estimate. K, Inge and I each at present hold one-third interest in these rights, and it would be fair to set a value on the whole of at least \$6,000, or \$2,000 for each 1/3 interest. We three could turn over to the corp. our interests in this Agreement, and each add \$1,000 cash, or paintings, to purchase our shares. In this way B would become sole owner of the rights covered in the "3 Friends Agreement".

The Institutions should continue on present basis as separate, non-profit, cultural organizations, to be publicized, grow, receive donations, function in specifically allotted space. An exception could be the Academy, which could remain on business basis, eventually paying a fair rent to the corp. A.Y. could pay more rent as soon as sales increase and it becomes more self-supporting.

K. could give her ^{own} collection on loan, just as B, and the rest of the paintings we have here would be the Helena Roerich Collection, also on loan.

Perhaps the corp. could be called "Roerich Paintings Holding Company". We might then draw out the old will-o-the-wisp "Nicholas Roerich Paintings and Holdings Corporation" into legal battle, to our ultimate advantage.

(over)

* (re: M.R. Paintings & Holdings Corp.)

If all this proves not feasible or unacceptable, perhaps we can consider offering shares to an exclusive group beyond our immediate circle. For instance, Dudley Crafts Watson, Norman Flook etc. Or we might offer a larger number of shares at a lower price to the general public.

It is obvious that if Mr. B. were to accept such a plan as this one above outlined it would be only on a spiritual basis, as it does not appear equitable in a business sense.

New York, April 9, 1949

Beloved Tara:

I am sorry I wrote the sentence about "losing face" in my last letter. I realize that it did not convey the thoughts correctly. It was really an attempt to "boil down" something which Sina took several pages to express fully in her letter of Mar 30, which you probably have by now.

At present it seems to me that the situation remains critical here in this respect. I suppose that during this period we are all being tested in different ways, and it would be better for me not to worry about how others may meet the tests but see that I do not fail in my own.

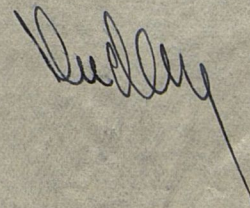
I am told to proceed calmly absorbing knowledge in a new field. This is a joy, and not difficult so far - except for the word "calmly". This apparently is my own special difficulty.

How can one conceal or suppress strong feeling, tension, agitation, when one is confronted with injustice, or misunderstanding, or all kinds of wrong thinking and acting?

I was happy to write a letter of final resignation to the orchestra after receiving your letter of March 15th. That episode has drifted easily into the past.

We are well, and always grateful.

With love,



1158 Fifth Avenue
New York City
May 2, 1949

38

Beloved Tara:

Sina has expressed our thoughts and considerations about my business studies, but I might add that I am well pleased with the work I have done already in home study and with the clear-cut possibilities in continuing alone with the text books available. However, it does take a lot of time, and this period we are in just now allows me to spend that time in study, but how long will this situation last? I became ambitious to complete the one year needed for my degree at Columbia and another year for completion of the regular 2-year business course, and including Russian language both years, but I soon realized that it would require too much time, for too long, if we are to expect full-scale activities in the new house soon.

If I take the business course in Columbia for the summer session it will be quite intensive, but it will end early in August. I could make a journey to Liberty for 2 or 3 weeks either in June or August, and could look into the accounting system there for practical experience. I don't think Sina could go with me, as she cannot leave her mother now.

I have always boasted of a healthy hatred of business, and never dreamed I would ever spend a minute studying about it, but that hated business was business for profits and now I know it is possible to learn business for service. I do not believe the latter type has ever been put into practice, although there are many hypocritical assertions to that effect, but I am in favor of not only reading about ~~Utopia~~ but preparing for it. Nobody could be against the principle of organization. It is of course good to bring order out of chaos. The satisfaction to be derived in dealing with figures themselves is worthy so long as the motive is scientific instead of mean, sly, crafty and cruel.

I have felt a little discomfort in the stomach a couple of times lately which I attributed partly to lack of calmness and partly to incorrect eating. I am eating matzos now instead of bread, but they are made from white flour - not whole-wheat. The same is true of spaghetti. I also eat graham crackers, which is whole-wheat. The rice we eat is polished white rice, which I have heard is not as healthful as natural brown rice. I believe the slight trouble I had recently was from sweets, and I am now almost entirely eliminating sugar. I take no medicine now, but Sina and I have valerian tea every night. Sina usually reads for me some paragraphs from Supermundane, which is marvelous. It is specifically about Brotherhood and I always wondered why the title was to be changed, but now I understand this is not to be published.

I treasure the privilege of continuous correspondence with you, even when it consists largely of signing my name to Sina's Russian letters. I pray many of my failings will disappear in time so that I may still actually come closer.

With love and gratitude,

Rudley

P.S. We are not far from the Metropolitan Museum, and I have been wondering whether you could suggest certain historic periods and places that might be of special interest to me, but perhaps I had better postpone such research until I learn accounting and calmness.

★ New World

May 26, 1949

38

Beloved Tara:

Just a note to say that your kind words about my family problem are comforting and greatly appreciated. I am still debating in my mind the question of going to Liberty at this time, and perhaps will try to postpone everything until after the summer session at Columbia where I plan to take a less intensive course in accounting in order to combine with it a lecture course in business organization and management. Then I could go to Liberty in August.

I have always thought that freeing oneself from personal karma should be like freeing one's fingers from fly-paper. That is, the more positive and forceful the action, the more the fly-paper clings. Are not patience, care, and gentleness needed, and the moment of final separation the gentlest of all? If people are to part, the same rule would seem to apply as when they are to be together; that is, it should be with good feelings, not with bad feelings or misunderstanding.

I want to express more and more gratitude for the special help and care about my health. Without it I would have been quite ill, and probably with continuing complications, whereas I now believe I am well. No bread, no sugar, and much walking - this has been very beneficial.

I am serving on jury duty again this week, and there is nothing more for me to add to the current developments as Sina has written in her letter.

With love,

Dudley

40

I must thank you myself for the recent benevolent sending - and also on behalf of Gene and family. Everything goes smoothly, and all is well and good with S and me lately. (The minimum Liberty income predicted, although very small, still continues.) In general, when things begin to be too pleasant, I sometimes begin to be puzzled and to worry whether I have done things wrong, and when and how, but S. says, "He Tunes." I am continuously grateful in regard to my health. I wear the special shoes without the slightest trouble, or even a thought about it. I eat everything as usual and feel very well, and take nunk regularly. S. seems quite well also.

I appreciate especially the privilege of working with you on "Infinity". We feel your presence more closely, in spite of the separation of so many miles, and the fact that I do not yet know Russian. However, we strive toward the future.

Best greetings to George and Svetoslav, and Devika

With love,
Dudley

New York, Sep 18, 1949 41

Beloved Tara:

While Sina was away this morning, teaching, Mr. B. phoned. I tried to be cordial and sound as if nothing is wrong between us, and I believe the results on the whole were good. This is the first time either S. or I have spoken to him since the last time he came to N.Y., in July.

He wrote one letter, Aug 29, rather vague but showing willingness to continue with us. The one sentence about "hoping that everything proceeds satisfactorily in the house" was such a meager reference under the circumstances that one would almost have to consider it evasive. However, in this letter he said that if we received anything for him from you he would like to come to N.Y. for it. We ~~then~~ wrote him two letters (the first one crossed with his in the mail), saying that we had received communications from you which we wanted to discuss with him, and were hoping he could come here as soon as possible, but the only specific thing we conveyed to him was again on the same point of moving the Institutions into the house on or before Oct. 1st. To this letter he answered with a short, very distant-sounding note, about his business affairs requiring his visit elsewhere the following week, and a vague suggestion that he might try to arrange to come to N.Y. later on - not a word about your communications or the house. For a defensive stand against this deadlock, we were on the point of sending you a worried cable (although we were trying to avoid this until the last possible moment) asking for some alternative, such as continuing at the present address by ourselves for one more year without any co-directors (relying on some salaried position for me somewhere) - or putting everything in storage and moving out of N.Y. to a less expensive place to await changes, or something else to do if we finally found the way blocked to the indicated new quarters. But suddenly the architect, who had also been silent all these weeks, phoned us, and he acted as if all was supposed to be proceeding as planned. We went with him to the house, and found quite good active work being done, but of course nothing toward our own living quarters. He said he had not discussed with Bolling anything further than what was apparently decided on B's last visit to N.Y. But at least it appeared that preparations were being made for the Institutions. We then waited a week and a half for Mr. B to fulfill his promise to let us know, upon his return from his business trip, about a possible trip to N.Y., and then we wrote him again, urging him in friendly manner to come to talk over many things. In this letter we spoke of Dr. Roos' offer to secure, and pay for, a lawyer for incorporation of the Pact Committee, but we said we were planning to delay the interview until he came, so we could meet the lawyer together. Mr. B. apparently received this letter yesterday (Sat) and decided to telephone.

At first he sounded quite cool and distant, but warmed up as I showed the most natural, friendly but somewhat worried attitude. He said not a word about the house, nor did I. He began with the same strange postponing of any trip to N.Y., in a manner as if it were not so very important anyway, talking of another business trip to Chicago next week etc. Then he spoke, with definite reproach, about our consideration of Dr. Roos' lawyer, mentioning a meeting with S. and I and Mr. Weed a year ago at which time we spoke of incorporating with the four of us as a nucleus of a new group. He said he had understood that we would move from that time on in conformity with Indications, implying that this move to consider a new lawyer was something wrong and in some mysterious way an injury to him. I did not reveal that I caught the implication at all - I only said, "Yes, yes of course - well, Mr. B, as we wrote you, we are postponing this meeting until you come, and we have now precisely some Indications which we are anxious to impart to you and that is why we are so hopeful that you can come soon", etc. He then said, "Was there anything for me, myself?" And I answered in the affirmative, most emphatically and definitely, and he began to feel better, or, shall I say, he began to sound more normal, saying he would try to come to N.Y. the week following his trip to Chicago.

Then came the most significant point: He said, "That's strange that Mme. Roerich should give you specific messages for me, because she did not answer my letter at all! I wrote about certain important things and considerations that I understood she would be interested in - and I never heard anything from her at all!" Of course I immediately said how surprised I was because we had heard the opposite from you - that you were waiting a long time for an answer from him to your letter. He, in turn, expressed great surprise, and we began building sympathetic good relations on the basis that perhaps a simple loss of mail in transit would explain many recently disturbing complications in our affairs. I consciously accepted this possibility for its constructive value, but I frankly doubt that he was telling the truth. Perhaps some time ago he wrote to you some unacceptable propositions for the Institutions etc. and the letter he received recently from you did not at all contain what he wanted and expected. However, he has already taken such steps with the house as would seem to require continuance with the original plan, at least for the present, and he does have a thread of desire to save his relationship with us. It all seemed so desirable to him a short time ago, and he is reluctant to lose it. So I seized this thread and talked only of his coming the week of the 26th, and said nothing else. He shot a quick question at me in the midst of something else earlier in the conversation, by the way. He said suddenly, "Are you working?" I was prepared, long ago for such a question, and I answered most openly that I was investigating certain possibilities but felt myself in a difficult position. I said, "Just as you said a moment ago, Mr. B, we must try to fashion our lives in accordance with Indications, and at present I find it difficult to interpret just what is expected of me." Mr. B sounded sincere when he assured me immediately that he could understand my position in this.

I have had some adjustments made on my instrument, and am beginning to practise a little, incase I find I must take up the music work again. At the same time, S. has arranged for me a couple of interviews for next week with business people who might be able to help me get a job in the business line. I am ready to accept whatever chance develops. I am still studying the accounting, and although I have almost finished the one text book, with practise problem material, I feel that I have a long way to go before I could step into a regular commercial organization and take over the office at a moment's notice. To understand a text book and do the prescribed work assigned the student is one thing, but to plunge suddenly into a business already going at high speed and complexity would be something else again. And to present myself to an experienced executive one of these days and actually ask for such a position is still something I could do only by sheer will power. I could not truthfully say I've had the necessary experience, nor am I holding a school diploma. We shall see what happens. I would like to know whether I am to concentrate now more on the music (perhaps recording or radio) or the accounting position. That one particular possibility to make records, about which we wrote some time ago, has vanished apparently since then.

(Mr. B.) In the meantime I believe S and I are agreed to "swallow our pride", as the saying goes, and, for the sake of the Work, to "treat him with kid gloves", and try to get him to N.Y. to discuss everything and settle all mysterious difficulties and perhaps misunderstandings.

My own feeling is as follows: each one of us is 2 persons - the spiritual (with past and future extending beyond cradle and grave) and the earthly (with differing personal characters). On the earthly side I am almost violently independent - like to be obligated to no one. On the spiritual side I want to do whatever Master wants me to, even if it conflicts with my earthly nature. As a matter of principle, it seems to me that if money is required to accomplish a definite material move such as establishing the Institutions in new quarters, it may be only

asked for, or accepted when offered; it should not be demanded. And if delay, wavering, even volt-face, is encountered in the one who offers money, one cannot adopt firmness, logic, justice, or any such rightful stand - one can only bow if one is dependent. On the other hand, if one is not to be dependent on the one who offers money, one must have an independent line of action ready as an alternative to the action requiring the money. The only way we, for instance, could justifiably adopt firmness toward Mr. B at present would be to tell him frankly that if he now does not want to provide quarters for the Institutions we must know it at once so that we may proceed with other plans. But first we ourselves must know what those "other plans" are. If we must go to the new house, we are dependent on Mr. B as matters stand now. It is a very intolerable situation. I suspect that Mr. B intends to proclaim that he has fulfilled everything (and at great cost) even if the house is not ready until Nov. or Dec. or later, and even if only 2 floors are available and no special museum type of renovations, and no mention made of where S and I are to live, and no mention of any financial or legal basis upon which the Institutions are to occupy the quarters. But, is this fulfillment? Is this providing the Institutions with quarters? If we should first move the Institutions there, and then Mr. B would reveal that he is charging \$4000- a year rent, for example, and we have no money to pay for it, then the name of the Institutions would be placed on his accountant's books as a debtor. That would be demeaning and disgracing the Institutions, and it could not be called "providing the Institutions with quarters". I believe we should have at least a pledge from someone - as we have had heretofore in the way of yearly budget - to provide the supporting funds before we allow the Institutions to obligate themselves by moving in. As a matter of fact, I understood that B had given that pledge when he secured the house. But of course it is possible for him to claim that it was a misunderstanding. Nevertheless, he certainly knew the Institutions had no money because I sent him, as well as the other directors, all the regular financial reports. The Interim Plan and Carrying Fund were set up precisely for the purpose of carrying us through the interim between vacating 200 W 57 St and moving in the new house. At present rate the Carrying Fund might last until Jan 1st.

Believe me, I dislike exceedingly to write such a letter. Must we always fight people? Is everyone our enemy? Or is it simply that money is the root of all evil? When and where can we have mutual trust, mutual respect, sympathy, understanding, human friendship?

I feel a longing in my heart for some assurance from you that sometime, in some other world at least, I can still hope to be for just a moment with you and Prof. Roerich.

With love,

Dudley

P.S. We are still quite anxious about the progress of George's recovery, and also your own health and strength. It is true, these are strenuous days.

New York, Sep 29, 1949

44

Beloved Tara:

The crisis mounts here, and, much as I regret it, I feel impelled to ask your advice at the last moment, so to speak. We could move the Institutions to the new house on Oct 10th, according to latest word from Mr. Burns, the architect. But just today he informed us by telephone of something which may endanger the future life of the Institutions. S. is writing you about the paper Mr. Burns had us sign a week ago in connection with the occupancy permit. We felt that this was a good solution and a Help sent to us at that time, but this paper apparently did not pass the authorities.

Today the authorities advised Mr. Burns that his application for "permit of occupancy" should state that the house is to be a private dwelling occupied by 2 families, one "resident" family and one "caretaker". Burns said he would sign this application in the name of Mr. Bolling as owner. Burns told us not to worry - that after we have the permit and have moved in we can start operating and the city will "probably never bother us at all". But we have only Mr. Burns' word for this, whereas Mr. Bolling, by this paper, has practically guaranteed the city that there will be no public activities carried on there. This seems very dangerous to me. Burns seemed anxious today to push the matter through on the above basis, and he further informed us that he is now "changing the plans" and will submit to the city plans which do not include iron doors for fire protection. These doors were included up to now because Burns said they would safeguard us from trouble with the city authorities. He now says it will be a big saving of money to Mr. Bolling if they are omitted. This worries me greatly. It seems Burns should want to keep in the plans the safety provisions he already had at least, just in case the authorities might object in the future. If they do come around to inspect the house etc. they certainly will be more likely to raise objections if they do not find fire doors than if they do find them. Why does he want to endanger our ~~possibilities~~ plans to conduct the work of the Institutions in the new house? I am afraid he has been in touch with Mr. Bolling since this strange difficulty about occupancy came up, and that Bolling, in instructing him to apply in the "private dwelling" category, has deliberately disregarded the danger to the Institutions, at the same time avoiding the issue with us, not answering our very clear letters, and trying to evade the responsibility. Burns definitely denies any communication with Bolling all this time, which seems almost inconceivable. We already wrote you about our personal situation - how trapped we feel - and now it seems the Institutions also will walk into a trap if they move on Oct. 10th/

(about \$400 - I think)

A couple of months ago Mr. Burns wanted to apply for that permit in the name of the Institutions, with no fire precautions provided except the iron doors. (But he wanted us to sign a guarantee that we would never live there, which we could not do.) Today Burns said that at that time Bolling decided to apply in the private dwelling category, instead of public institutions, because it would mean a saving in the expenditures, and Burns now wants to make this application for a private dwelling, thus practically telling the city that we will not have public activities. Burns says that to apply in the name of the Institutions would mean that Bolling would have to spend immediately \$30,000 for fire protection in addition to the iron doors, whereas a couple of months ago he was quite ready to file such an application and did not seem to think any additional expenditure would be required. Although I am not an authority, the figure of \$30,000 seems to me inflated about ten times anyway.

If there is real danger to the work please let us know before we move the Institutions on Oct. 10th, because if we hear nothing further from Mr. Bolling and if Mr. Burns or the contractor or anybody tells us at that time that everything is completed, we intend to move.

This is only supplementing Sina's letter just now written, and I join her in the thoughts with which she closes.

Love, Dudley

P.S. I still hope that these fears about Mr. Bolling's possible failings are unfounded.

45

New York, Nov 25, '49

Beloved Tara:

Sina and I have had many serious discussions regarding the indications about my change of occupation since last March. We have just now talked it all over again and agree that apparently the predicted possibility for employment which was somehow connected with this entire moving, changing, perplexing period has been spoiled, no doubt through our own fault, entirely or partly. I have tried to secure employment, by letters and personal interviews; I have approached former associates in the music business; Sina has prevailed upon some friends, and Mrs. Schafran upon relatives, to help by advice and introductions. Everywhere we find the same reaction. Without diploma or accountancy training in university or business school, and without previous professional employment in this field, which means without experience, and at my age, I cannot compete with the hundreds of young college graduates in seeking a job in bookkeeping, accounting, office management.

I am still a one-third partner in the Liberty furniture store, and must now sustain my share of the current losses due to the new, rather overwhelming competitor whose sudden arrival in the town put Janet in the hospital.

The only possibility to earn money, outside of Liberty, that I can see at present, is to take up French Horn, the standard musical instrument closest to my special horn. I believe I should begin to take regular lessons on the French Horn, devoting several hours a day to it in order to master it as quickly as possible. This might take several months, after which I believe I could secure a salaried position, and perhaps later could gradually begin teaching it. I could not teach my special instrument because it is the only one in existence. Furthermore, I cannot earn money on it again, as the position from which I resigned last March was a unique one which depended upon my continuously holding it. I have "burned all my bridges behind me" in that direction. I cannot seek intermittent separate engagements on the special horn because, among other reasons, its technique requires continuous application, that is, work and practise. Furthermore, its technique would interfere with French Horn technique, as they are different.

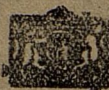
Last March I felt that we had enough savings to carry us through this year of 1949 without worry. But we should have a plan for income (for modest personal expenses and normal family obligations) after January 1st. Please advise whether or not I should take up French Horn.

However great my share of fault in the recent ruining of good possibilities, I am ready to cut a new channel and apply myself diligently to earn our living in a new way, inasmuch as I have now new health for which I am very grateful.

With love,

Dudley

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

NLT

NIL

NOTICE

Charge to pay.

Rs.

Office Stamp.

DE 8
 When form sent accompany any inquiry made respecting this telegram.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Date.

Hour.

Minuts.

Service Instructions.

Words.

For 583 New York

24

NIL

Recd. here at

0 4

20

NLT

Helena

11

3

Roerich

Ktg

Planning go liberty after meeting die

4 Trying bring Janet New York

if inadvisable please Cable

Dudley

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

New York
Jan 7, 1950

Beloved Tara -

Sina has written about my recent health troubles, but I wish to say that the "depression" she mentions is over, and also that the condition itself is so much improved that I feel sure it will disappear entirely very soon. I am not thinking about it, not worrying about it, anymore, but will continue with light diet for a week or so.

The reason I worried at first is because I remembered that I was permitted to go to Liberty last summer on one condition - "no excitement and depression" I wrote you afterwards that I had been surprised to run into such a possibility out there in fact, but that I thought I had avoided it. I was told that I might "shorten my life", - and apparently I did not escape the danger as I thought I had.

I did not go for pleasure, neither this last time nor last summer, and really thought I was helping others as well as my own karma. I have two fine letters from my mother and Janet expressing appreciation for my moral help etc. on this last visit. But I thought I had prepared the way for Gene to take care of the situation out there (he is out there now) and that I would not have to be involved in those problems, accepting whatever business arrangement Gene worked out, and would be free to do the work here. But when I was then told that I am to go back in March - just at the time that Sina will be over-loaded (being told that she will be strong and know how to do it alone) - and at the same time both my previous serious ailments returned - I began to think that I had had my chance to continue under Guidance and Help and that the phrase "D. should manifest better cooperation..." meant that perhaps I had no right to ask that I be cured all over again. But I did ask anyway, and am continuing to apply recent advice of "full trust". I realized it was foolish to tell Janet one thing and then act exactly oppositely myself. But I suppose I had a physical reaction to all recent strenuous activities following my return from Liberty, and was over-tired for a while. But it is almost all over now, and I realize things are rapidly changing and that there may be reasons for my going to Liberty which are not clear now but will, of course, bring better developments. In general, is too much self-blame, leading to melancholy, worse than too little?

I myself do not view with terrible alarm the present development regarding the Telephone Directory. I also do not think the "points" we brought up in our letter to Bolling and his lawyer regarding incorporation are so very dangerous if good possibilities with Bolling are still there, and paramount. But then, perhaps they are annoyed and will now delay again. Both as to the incorporation and matters connected with the house (and repairs etc) I sometimes wonder whether we should concentrate on calmness and friendliness, or decide to remain vigilant and firm and insist on certain things. These seem to be two opposite directions (in connection with certain details) Indicated to us over a period of time.

Again assuring you that I am all right, and with love to Katherine and everyone who is there now, and to Inge in Switzerland, of whom we think and speak often,

With love,

Dadley

New York
January 22, 1950

Beloved Tara:

We have just received an answer from the lawyers - copy enclosed. As you see, two points remain unsettled, namely, about "dissolution", and the word "charitable". Elsewhere in the incorporation papers of Roerich Institute we present our purposes and functions in true light, i.e., promulgation of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace in the United States and other countries - formation of branches and committees, broadest possible work for culture leading to peace, exchange of scholars between institutions of educational, cultural, scientific and artistic nature, with perpetuation and dissemination of the writings of our Great Founder, preservation and display of his paintings and our own broad educational program to sustain the above. In short, we have incorporated practically the text of the World League of Culture, which was given by our Great Founder, into the statutes of this new corporation. However, as you can see from this last letter from the lawyers, clinging to the two above-mentioned points which they had added to the original draft, their main objective is to secure tax exemption.

It is understandable that they are meticulous in serving Mr. Bolling's material interests and not too conscientious in serving our non-material interests, in which Mr. Bolling is to participate. However, they did use, word for word, the bulk of our original draft, which of course stresses culture.

Therefore, we could pursue a cooperative, "reasonable" course, maintaining magnanimity toward Mr. Bolling and remembering that it has been indicated that he could help the work considerably. I could write to Mr. Koerber, suggesting in the one paragraph the wording "cultural, religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational" (which would simply add the word "cultural" and substitute the word "or" for "and"), and in the other paragraph suggesting a new wording which would be more protective for us and which I think they would accept.

48

We certainly have no objection to Mr. B's saving on income tax when he makes donations to the Institutions. But the question is: To what extent are we justified in saying there is danger when the lawyers (if not the lawyers and Mr. B together) are planning to use this corporation only as a vehicle for financial advantages for B? ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

To recall the R.M. tragedy- Sina went through a bitter experience not long ago, in which I shared in a lesser degree and for a shorter time. I have always respected the fire of her devotion to her task as Guardian, in this case guarding against the possibility of "history's repeating itself". Would the result of our "reasonable cooperation" above-mentioned be that the Institutions would have no lawyers, while their affairs and rights would be in the hands of lawyers of one of the donors whom they (lawyers) look upon simply as an individual business man? And could such a situation result in the stifling or crushing of the Work? Could someone at any time attack us suddenly, claiming we do not dispense charities, for instance, and force dissolution of the corporation and surrender of assets?

If all these are real dangers, perhaps we should try, through Dr. Roos' lawyer, to incorporate the RP&B of P Committee itself here in N.Y., using the pertinent ~~xxxxxxx~~ and necessary parts of the incorporation papers as they stand now, and offer to Mr. B to incorporate R. Institute in Michigan, using the rest of the text of the present draft and whatever legal terminology they want.

Our own experience with B is not altogether reassuring - in certain practical matters. Without repeating some earlier experiences, we wish to mention the most recent, which was rather painful and still remains "unfinished business".

Mr. Bolling and the architect both insisted on applying for the Permit of Occupancy for this house on a basis of "Private Residence" and for no other purpose. All our pleas and explanations as to the true nature of the work of the institutions in this house remained unheeded and without any sign of cooperation. After several months of this most unhappy time for us, we finally convinced Mr. Bolling and the architect that we could not work under false pretenses and hide the fact that our institutions are in this house for a broad cultural and educational program which must be known publicly, and now we are told that it is very hard to secure a new and different permit for the conducting of cultural activities, as expensive changes in the house itself (relating to fire laws) may be demanded by the city. We believe it would have been easy and natural to secure in the first place a permit stating clearly and openly that educational and cultural institutions are to be housed here. We believe it would have required no more money than Mr. Bolling claims he has spent as it is. Also, we still have no lease, although it was promised and recorded in the minutes.

We are trying to get Mr. Weed, Col. Mourmstseff, Miss Lehrer and Dr. Fogel together with us for a special meeting to discuss the incorporation problem, and meanwhile will delay our answer to the lawyers until we hear from you.

I must report one more unpleasantness - Sina cut her finger, middle finger of left hand. No bone injury, and the doctor says it will be all right in about a week. He treated it with penicillin, put a splint on it, bandaged it, gave her anti-tetanus injection and prescribed some penicillin pills. She has not suffered much from it since then, but it was painful at first and quite a shock. We have just returned from the 2nd visit to the doctor - for re-dressing. One more visit, in a few days, may be the last one. The heating system here was inadequate, especially in the office, and the architect tried his own peculiar method by installing a separate radiator on one side to which an electric fan was attached which was supposed to help circulate the warm air. We did not like the arrangement from the beginning, and S. protested about it when it was installed, surmising it would be unwarranted extra expense for Mr. B. To make a long story short, she reached her hand toward it the other day, not knowing it was turned on, and the tip of the blade cut her finger. It might have been much worse. Of course we turned it off and will not turn it on again.

My own ailments are practically gone - the left side completely, and the other trouble just a lingering trace. My morale is fairly high again, in this regard, and absolutely normal in other respects.

With love,

Dulley

57

*D. Fosdick's words of introduction to
Recital at 319 W 107 NYC on Dec 29 1949*

Members and Friends:

It is a real pleasure to welcome you in our new home on behalf of the Directors of ARCA and the Roerich Academy of Arts.

All last year we were busy preparing this home for our institutions. For quite a long time we had felt that we needed room for expansion, realizing that our former quarters, although excellent in many ways, were no longer adequate in view of our plans for the future.

It was therefore a joyous fulfillment for us when this building was found and its acquisition made possible.

We feel that our Academy, which is dedicated to the teaching of all arts under one roof in conformity with the principles expounded by its founder Prof. Nicholas Roerich that all arts are one, will find here a long-sought opportunity for justified progress. Truly, it is for us a great comfort to anticipate here a growth for our Institutions commensurate with their real and potential value to the community, the nation and the world. We feel that this new home of ours will greatly facilitate the American Russian Cultural Association's program of activities on the path of cultural construction, sowing seeds of tolerance and understanding - of appreciation for art - of respect for the great treasures of man's creative genius which are found in every country and which are cherished by the human spirit everywhere as the real messengers of peace through culture as envisioned in Prof. Roerich's noble project the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace.

The program of this recital brings to you three talented artists of the Opera Class of Maestro Victor Andoga, who has been associated with the Roerich Academy of Arts for many years and whose work as opera director, producer and artist has been widely acclaimed in this country and abroad.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the concert and we are delighted to see so many of you here.

52

McDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY
111 West Monroe St.
Chicago 3

January 16, 1950

Mr. Dudley Fosdick
Agni Yoga Society
319 West 107th Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Fosdick

Mr. Oldberg has gone over your letter of December 30, 1949 and has asked me to reply to it. With respect to the first point raised, it is felt that the language used on page 3, Article III should be retained since it follows the language of the statute governing the tax exempt status of organizations of this sort (Federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 101(6)). It is entirely possible that if we use some other language such as the phrase suggested--"cultural, ethical, educational and beneficent"-- the Commissioner of Internal Revenue would raise a question as to whether we haven't contemplated a type of organization which does not qualify under Section 101(6). In this connection it should be noted that the activities and purposes of the organization need not be limited to charitable ones but include anything falling within the broad range of "religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational" activities and purposes. The inclusion of the word "charitable" does not mean that the corporation must engage in any charitable activities in the narrow sense, but if it is so desired I believe the word could be eliminated without jeopardizing the possibility of getting a ruling that the corporation is exempt under Section 101(6). It should be noted, however, that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is much more favorably inclined to give such a ruling to foundations incorporated expressly for charitable purposes.

The point which I really meant to emphasize in my earlier letter was that the language suggested in the letter of December 5, 1949 by Mrs. Fosdick would have undoubtedly let to objection by the Bureau of Internal Revenue because individual members were to be beneficiaries of the Foundation. In this connection, the change suggested in your letter of December 30, 1949, i.e., the elimination of the phrase "except reasonable compensation for services" seems to be a good one.

The provision for distribution of assets on dissolution is not expressly required by the Michigan Statute. However, it should be noted that Section 167 of the General Corporation Act reserves the power to the state to pass laws for the disposition of property in such way as may best promote and perpetuate the purposes for which the corporation was originally organized. In this connection you are referred to Section 56 of the New York Membership Corporations Law under which it is also possible that the state will assume authority to direct the distribution of assets on dissolution for similar New York corporations. Our purpose in including this language on dissolution was, however, guided more by the Federal revenue laws and regulations than the state laws referred to above. One of the items of information which must be supplied to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and which is deemed most important by his office, is a statement as to the disposition to be made of assets on dissolution. If it is possible that the corporation can immediately dissolve and distribute its assets to members, there is little chance of getting a tax exempt ruling. ~~It is felt that the purpose of the corporation is to obtain a tax exempt ruling.~~ It is felt that the purpose

of granting tax exempt status to corporations organized for the welfare of mankind in general is not served when such corporations can be used as a conduit for the distribution of benefits to individual members.

The number of incorporators may be increased to as many as may be desired and from any state so long as one is from Michigan.

The name "Roerich Institute, Inc." may be used if desired. However, it is believed that such name may invite regulation by authorities in charge of education. Would the name "Roerich Institute Foundation" be acceptable?

As you will undoubtedly have concluded, much of our thinking on the form of the charter has been governed by the necessity of meeting the Commissioner of Internal Revenue's standards when applying for a ruling that this is a tax exempt organization under Section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The securing of such a ruling is, of course, most important since individual contributions will not be deductible on income, gift or estate tax returns unless the organization qualifies under this section. Under pressure from various sources the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has become very strict in granting such rulings. Therefore, it is advisable to present the best possible picture initially rather than to present a doubtful situation to him, which might lead to a lengthy and expensive procedure of having to revise the form of the organization at some later date in order to meet objections of the tax authorities.

Very truly yours,

L. F. Koerber, Jr.

"..... In regard to page 3, article 3, Mr. Koerber states in his letter that the language suggested by us for that particular article 'raises no problem under the Michigan laws, but would seriously jeopardize the chances of getting a ruling that the corporation is a charitable corporation under the Federal income tax law'. The fact is that we did not consider Roerich Institute to be a charitable organization. In New York State one can incorporate an educational, religious, or ethical organization and receive Federal tax exemption according to these definitions. We thus incorporated Agni Yoga Society, and the American Russian Cultural Association and subsequently secured tax exemption from the U. S. Treasury Department, as you know. Is the fact that both these were incorporated under the so-called 'education laws' the deciding factor? Is there no such procedure in Michigan? How about the word 'beneficent'? 'Cultural, ethical, educational and beneficent'?

Once the keynote of what we might call the Roerich movement is really the bringing of culture to the people, in a new and broad sense impossible to define briefly, we would much prefer to use the word 'cultural' and eliminate the word 'charitable'. If inclusion of the word 'charitable' is a technical point required by Michigan law, will you please let us know so that we may inform our Board? Then perhaps both words could be included, with the understanding that we are 'charitable' in a different sense, handling and administering intangibles instead of money.

The words 'except reasonable compensation for services', were given us by a former lawyer in a similar matter, but we are now wondering if this is not perhaps covered by the one word 'net' - i.e., net earnings, etc. No doubt you understand our point on this and we would like to have your opinion. The part about 'the corporation shall not engage in propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation' is, of course, O.K. But that which follows in the same paragraph is frankly a puzzle to us, as we do not know the laws of Michigan that govern the dissolution of a corporation and which in this case would force its assets to be transferred or conveyed to another organization similar to the Roerich Institute. We would therefore ask you to enlighten us on this point and let us know whether this part of the paragraph must absolutely remain as stated or could be eliminated. If it must remain, kindly let us know at your earliest convenience what are the laws of the State of Michigan under which dissolution of our corporation could be effected. May we add that the certificates of our two above-mentioned institutions incorporated in the State of New York have not paragraphs like this one. Therefore, we naturally are anxious to know whether it is absolutely required by Michigan laws.

Upon hearing from you and being assured that there are no further difficulties to incorporating in the State of Michigan, we shall bring this matter to the attention of our Board and will let you know the result at the earliest moment."

Very sincerely yours,

Dudley Fosdick
Vice President,
AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.

Beloved Tara:

From the bottom of my heart I am grateful for your recent letter giving me again the needed health regimen (which I have now resumed) and holding out still the possibility of going with Sina to be with you in the not too distant future. This was Sina's cherished dream even before I met her, and I have been always happy and grateful to continue to strive toward its realization ever since she invited me to share it with her. This striving is in our united work for the Institutions here, and the realization also will mean continuance of the same Service. United work is often difficult for humans, not only in large groups but even in the smallest, and if we realize that a great difficulty or obstacle is at the same time a great possibility we are comparatively fortunate.

I cannot hide from you the fact that parts of your letter greatly saddened me. I first showered S. with much of the burden, and then told myself (helped by both S. and the letter itself) to shoulder it in order to rise and recover. I already know that self-pity is a bottom-less pit from which one can be extricated only by oneself. And I know it is wrong to make self-defense on details when the fact remains that I must learn calmness. If the lesson is difficult, one must not say it is unfair - but must know it is valuable, and be grateful, and try harder. My love for the G. L. and for you and our Beloved Guru is the sustaining and moving force of all my life and heart, and the work in the Great Service of Light is most sacred to me. This devotion and trust can never diminish nor change. I have started work on Community - the work I love most of all - and hope now to devote to it a great deal of time. I have successfully completed much year-end accounting matters in all Institutions. This also is a great joy - strengthening and re-assuring.

One question still is before me - whether I am to go, definitely, to Liberty in March, and if so, whether I am to arrange in advance the date of return or wait for further word. It is true, recent letters indicate that all is not going well there. But if affairs here continue at the present pace I hate to leave S to carry the whole burden.

I have just had an "inspiration" which may help to solve the Liberty problem: I believe it would be good to send my brother Gene my power of attorney to adjust Liberty affairs in any way he feels is best at this time. I will try to explain briefly:

Gene became healthy again on his recent Red Cross assignment in the Near East, and he was very successful - wonderful testimonials, from local people, U.N. officials, and all concerned. And now, back in Liberty, he writes pessimistically about the business and is again ill. I believe that he has a kind of "complex", and that it could be cured by unexpectedly offering him trust and responsibility in something which, normally, he should be able to do better than anyone else.

If this is advisable it should be done before the end of this month, even if I do go to Liberty later. If inadvisable, I would greatly appreciate a brief cable, collect.

If I do not have a "complex", perhaps I have still some "perplexity of spirit". This is one example - years ago I was Advised to stay close to S and Gene. With all these perplexities and complexities, I suppose I began to think that there was no time to be concerned about health. Of course, added to this was the mistaken notion I had several months ago that I was already cured, when in reality I was still being cured. This was probably what was meant by the phrase "D. should have manifested better cooperation with Me", and I want Him to know that such gentle reproof could only evoke more love and gratitude in my heart. I am beginning to be absolutely appalled at my stupidity. If there come differences of understanding,

(over)

lack of harmony, and confusion of action, disturbing the right fulfillment of indications, it means the Work suffers and therefore there is no time for illness. But precisely this means it is the time to be concerned about health! I will be the most patient patient ever from now on.

With love and gratitude,

Dubly

From the bottom of my heart I am grateful for your recent letter giving me again the needed health regimen (which I have now resumed) and holding out still the possibility of going with him to be with you in the not too distant future. This was Jim's cherished dream even before I met him, and I have been always ready and grateful to contribute to his realization ever since he invited me to share it with him. This striving is in our united work for the Institutions here, and the realization also will mean continuance of the same service. This work is often difficult for humans, not only in large groups but even in the smallest, and it is really that a great difficulty or obstacle is at the same time a great possibility we are comparatively fortunate.

I cannot hide from you the fact that parts of your letter greatly saddened me. I first showed it with much of the burden and then told myself (helped by both of us and the letter itself) to abandon it in order to rise and recover. I know now that self-sufficiency is a bottom-lessee pit from which one can be extricated only by oneself. And I know it is wrong to make self-defense on details when the fact remains that I must learn again. If the lesson is difficult, one must not say it is unfair - but must know it is valuable, and be grateful, and my heart is full for the O.I. and for you and our Beloved Guro is the sustaining and moving force of all my life and heart, and the work in the Great Service of I.O. is most sacred to me. This devotion and trust can never diminish for I have started work on Community - the work I love most of all - and hope now to devote to it a great deal of time. I have successfully completed much year-end accounting matters in all Institutions. This also is a great joy - strengthening and re-creating.

One question still is before me - whether I am to go, definitely, to Liberty in March, and if so, whether I am to arrange in advance the date of return or wait for further word. It is true, recent letters indicate that all is not going well there. But if affairs here continue as the present pace I hate to leave to carry the whole burden. I have just had an "intuition" which may help to solve the Liberty problem. I believe it would be good to send my brother Gene my letter of attorney to adjust Liberty affairs in any way he feels is best at this time. I will try to explain briefly:

Gene became healthy again on his recent first Gross assignment in the Year East, and he was very successful - wonderful testimonials from local people, U.M. officials, and all concerned. And now, back in Liberty, he writes pessimistically about the business and its again ill. I believe that he has a kind of "complex", and that it could be cured by unexpectedly offering him trust and responsibility in something which, normally, he should be able to do better than anyone else.

If this is advisable it should be done before the end of this month, even if I go to Liberty later. If inadvisable, I would greatly appreciate a brief cable, collect.

If I do not have a "complex", perhaps I have still some "perplexity" of spirit. This is one example - years ago I was advised to stay close to Gene and Gene. With all these perplexities and complexities, I suppose I began to think that there was no time to be concerned about health. Of course, added to this was the mistaken notion I had several months ago that I was already cured, when in reality I was still coming under. This was probably what was meant by the phrase "I should have manifested better cooperation with me", and I want him to know that such a letter report could only evoke more love and gratitude in my heart. I am beginning to be deeply appalled at my stupidity. If there are any differences of understanding

(over)

ROERICH PACT AND BANNER OF PEACE COMMITTEE
319 West 107 Street, New York 25, N. Y.

56

University 4-7752

C O P Y

January 30, 1950

Mr. B. Bolling
Grand Haven, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bolling:

Mr. Koerber's letter of January 16th was presented to the Board of Directors at a meeting on January 26th, and the results are reported to Mr. Koerber in my letter of this date, of which copy is enclosed.

Regarding point 1 of the enclosed, it was brought out at the meeting that, since a great bulk of our articles of incorporation stresses cultural aims and activities, it would be only reasonably consistent, and at the same time probably not too disturbing to the examiner's mental habit, to simply add the word "cultural" before "religious" or insert it between any of the descriptive terms which follow.

Regarding point 2, our former lawyer, a wonderful man - idealist and friend - now deceased, filled out for us this Form #1023, and although it was successful at that time, it revealed a sketchy, brief treatment of the matter - especially "unresponsive" on the question of dissolution. It is quite understandable that exemption would not be so easily obtained today. Therefore, I suggested that we agree to retain that part of Article III, but with some slight changes in wording which might tend to safeguard our altruistic interests.

I have written perhaps at too great length in explaining to you my own views on these points, but I thought you probably would talk it over with the lawyers, and I felt obliged to make my letter to them as clear and brief as possible.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dudley Fosdick

C O P Y

January 30, 1950

Mr. Lorenz F. Koerber, Jr.
McDermott, Will & Emery
111 West Monroe Street
Chicago 3, Ill.

Dear Mr. Koerber:

Your letter of January 16th was presented to the Board of Directors at a meeting on January 26th. Also brought to the attention of the Board at this meeting was a paper from our files relating to the securing of tax exemption a few years ago for another of our organizations. It is an official form - #1023, Treasury Department, U. S. Internal Revenue (May 1940) - "for Religious, Charitable, Scientific, Literary or Educational Organizations claiming exemption from Federal Income Tax under Section 101 (6) of the Internal Revenue Code and the corresponding provisions of prior Revenue Acts". It was pointed out that the words "religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational" are probably used over and over in such records and tax matters, and would undoubtedly have a familiar acceptability to whoever in the Department handles the application for exemption, and that the word "or" gives us the right to claim exemption as an educational organization.

After due consideration, resolutions were adopted relating to page 3, Article III, previously taken up in our correspondence, as follows:

1. Regarding nature of aims and activities. After the word "literary", to add the word "cultural", and to substitute "and/or" for "and", before "educational"; i.e., "religious, charitable, scientific, literary, cultural and/or educational".
2. Regarding dissolution. To read - ".... on dissolution the assets of this corporation shall be transferred or conveyed by the trustees to one or more corporations, societies or organizations fitted, qualified and able best to promote and perpetuate the purposes for which this corporation was originally organized".

Mr. Lorenz F. Koerber, Jr.

-2-

January 30, 1950

Recognizing the objections raised to the name "Roerich Institute, Inc.", and finding "Roerich Institute Foundation" unnecessarily long, the Directors at this meeting chose the name "Roerich Foundation, Inc."

There will be five incorporators, including one from Michigan, Mr. Bolling, and the following four from here:

Dr. D. Fogel
J. J. Weed
S. Fosdick
D. Fosdick

We believe it would be advisable to make space for a first Board of Trustees of at least 9.

The annual meetings will be held in New York, as we understand from a recent letter from Mr. Bolling that this is permitted by Michigan laws.

I trust that this covers all points satisfactorily, and shall await the final draft from you, with appreciation for the time and care you and Mr. Oldberg are devoting to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Dudley Fosdick, Chairman

59
ANDERSON-BOLLING MFG. CO.

C O P Y

Grand Haven
Michigan

February 3, 1950

Mr. Dudley Fosdick
319 W. 107th Street
New York 25, N. Y.

Dear Dudley:

I was indeed happy to have your letter of January 30th, with a copy of your letter to Mr. Koerber, Jr., and this morning, before I had a chance to talk to Mr. Oldberg, I had all the papers on my desk. I have signed them, as indicated, and am now mailing all the copies for the Charter of the Roerich Foundation, Inc.

I have pondered each paragraph, and think that the whole instrument is actually inspiring. I trust that you feel the same way and that it fully agrees with your wishes, and those of the other incorporators.

This noon, I received your letter of February 1st, and after finishing dictating this letter, I will send you a telegram that the papers have been forwarded to you, because of your last paragraph, as undoubtedly you are rather eager on this point, for which I cannot blame you. I am therefore sending the telegram, so as to give you a chance to make arrangements to have the papers signed promptly, as undoubtedly they will be delivered to you on Sunday, as I am sending them Special Delivery.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

BALTZAR

Baltzar Bolling

February 2, 1950

60

Revered Mme. Roerich:

Although I said in my last letter that we would await word from you before writing the lawyers, we decided to go ahead in the meantime with the Director's Meeting. Since everyone at the Meeting substantially agreed with our proposals for cooperative continuance with Chicago lawyers, we decided to proceed, feeling sure you would not recommend any drastic changes, (to New York lawyers etc.) but ready to stop procedure by wire if necessary. Therefore, we informed lawyers of results of the meeting, with separate letter to Mr. Bolling, and cabled you. Apparently you cabled us after receiving the letter and before receiving our cable. Upon receiving your cable we sent the following telegram to the lawyers:

"As afterthought to my letter if you find name Roerich Institute Foundation preferable do incorporate so. We feel that incorporation must be hastened and not further delayed.

Hope other points acceptable but if not please inform immediately".
Dudley Fosdick"

We also sent a brief air-mail letter to Mr. Bolling, informing him. If we receive any answer containing any objections or any more suggestions or changes, we will O.K. them immediately and insist on haste.

I believe the wording for "point #1" most suitable for the lawyers' purposes and still safe for the institutions, would be the exact wording of the government's form #1023 which I presented to the Meeting; that is, "Religious, Charitable, Scientific, Literary or Educational". We do not need to add "cultural" here, as the rest of the text covers this point sufficiently, and this may be the only thing they will find objectionable in the results of the Director's Meeting. The enclosed copies tell the full story of all these recent developments.

We have felt strongly for quite some time the necessity of clarifying for friends the status of the paintings seized by Horch. We have made many attempts to acquaint them, particularly Mr. Bolling, with the true situation. But either he does not accept fully our version of all this, or for some reason he does not want to tell us what he is planning to do. Mr. Bolling himself told us that his lawyer recently advised him "not to mix in any affairs which may ~~may~~ lead to lawsuits and cost lots of money". We are not suspicious of Mr. Bolling's higher motives, but it is not impossible to imagine that he expects to strike a new gold mine soon out West which will provide necessary funds - or that he expects to talk Horch into repentance and some sort of "merger". He has made hints along these lines in the past. However, he greatly values your letters to him and your guidance, and we appreciate the fact that our present location and continuance of work was achieved through him. We hope that he may in future do many fine things and be a good instrument in helping to restore Roerich Museum. We on our part ~~will~~ try our utmost to nourish most friendly and hearty relations with him, and emphasize the spiritual foundations upon which both the Work and our relations are built.

(continue next page)

61

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

9

NOTICE

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this telegram.

Charge to pay.

Rs.

As.

Office Stamp.

12 FEB. 50

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

2097 New York

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

2:00

NIL

Service Instructions.

via cables

Words

22

TO

Alb

Helena

Recd. here at

Boerich

H.

47 M.

Wdg. Wbgl

Conforming your letter
going soon Liberty
institutions accounting
reports love
= Dudley =
Jan 20th
after completing
and tax

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

BF

MD

NOTICE

24

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this telegram

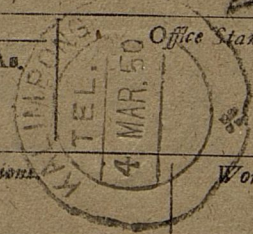
Charge to pay.

Rs.

As.

Office Stamp.

24



Words.

Issued in at (Office of Origin).

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

Service Instructions.

Sent here at

006 H

39 M

TO 8129 Liberty Ind 3 12
Lc Helen Roerich Crookley Vag. no. 1219
the word became in previous cable
should be qualified with perhaps stop
trying harder to improve his health
and outlook without discussing shares and
to disprove first sentence of cable love
= Dudley =

63

Liberty, Indiana
March 4, 1950

Beloved Tara:

With reluctance, and at Sina's insistence, I am writing in detail to supplement my two cables about trouble here. When I arrived I found Gene in a very strange condition: outwardly alternating rapidly between exaggerated rushing activity with forced humor, and silent black gloom. He has had intermittent violent stomach pains but doctor and x-rays fail to find cause.

I have felt for many years that he harbored an illusion of somebody's having wronged him, but have constantly tried to let him know that I was "holding the door open" for finest relations all around.

My mother has been always very much opposed to our participation in the Work, on religious grounds and from lack of knowledge of it. She is the finest person - albeit very set in her ways, and I always avoided disputing with her by giving praise to her ethics and way of life and saying that I have a right to mine but no desire to "convert" anybody.

Three years ago it appeared that Gene was on the verge of accepting from her complete control of both furniture and funeral business (which has been carried on by a hired Director since my father's death) on the basis that he had quarreled with Sina and I. It appeared that way to me at that time and I am still wondering whether it will ever be possible to find out whether or not it was so. I received communication through S.M. confirming this and advising strong defensive action. Gene already held his half of the inheritance of both funeral and furniture business, and my mother held my half.

About 2 years before this time my mother had offered to give me this half interest and retire, but I at that time declined, in deference to her lifetime of service and continuing help in the business, and suggested that she hire workers to relieve her of responsible activities but keep her interest, as I was not ready to come here and earn any of the returns by actual work. Now, however, I declared I must accept. Gene violently objected. (3 yrs ago)

After much pain for all of us my mother agreed, and I finally accepted one-third in each business, arranging that mother retain one-sixth each and also receive rent from house and store building. Gene and Janet have shown extreme resentment ever since, and they and mother have continued to insist that I surrender my share in the furniture and take over the funeral business, which neither of us has ever wanted, although financially it has shown earning power over a period of many years equal to and even exceeding that of the store.

Upon consulting with the local doctor this time, I have been completely convinced that Gene's pains are the result of all this buried poison - the doctor even inquired of Janet whether Gene had ever mentioned suicide. He has given Gene excessive amounts of narcotics - pills and hypodermics - and is now waiting for confirmation of appointment with a psychiatrist in the city and a hospital treatment.

During the first week I was here I devoted every effort toward optimistic, constructive thought and activity in the furniture store. I gave Gene a copy of the last Indication pertaining to my coming out here, and tried to discuss possibilities of the near future concretely. To say that there was no response is putting it mildly. Resentment and almost scorn were evident, as well as a great silent pressure of accusation I seemed to feel, from Janet at least, as if I were the cause of Gene's illness. She intimated it was because I would not give them the store. In the last few days I have begun to think that the source of the shadow of "trouble" between Gene and me is not my wife but his.

I pray all the time that I do not fall into doubt and suspicion, and repeat over and over "courage, calmness, full trust", but I must try and analyse the difficulty here so as to accomplish what the Lord wishes for the good of all. A week ago I presented a "plan" whereby I could remain one-third "silent partner" in the furniture business, and Gene the same in the other business, giving Gene a 3 year option to continue thus or separate completely - but it was rejected and no improvement in health. I then had decided to give up the store and form partnership with present Director (with understanding that he alone would operate it) and was beginning to feel great relief for many reasons. But I telephoned Sina, and she insisted that I cable you and write you first.

I have also written out a long analysis of the situation from my viewpoint, and presented the first page of it, a sort of preliminary - to Gene and Janet, inviting them to give answer or ask for more. I am glad to have the doctor on my side in this - as he agrees that we must find out what poison is in Gene's mind and let it out. Janet is violently opposed - tried to prevent my even mentioning anything to Gene at all. But I tried it her way for almost 2 weeks, and no improvement was seen. Now I am waiting for them to let me know whether they want to see me or not.

Meanwhile I am nursing my mother, who is on excellent terms with me by the way, as the doctor ordered her to bed for a week or so, with some special pills and vitamins. Janet is in excellent health again but tension and nervousness are threatening.

I am quite well, and I believe satisfactorily calm, continuing with my diet and just now starting the period of 3 weeks rest before resuming the medicines.

Again I say I am sorry that I had to write all this - Sina persuaded me. I am confident all will be adjusted ultimately, and only pray that I do as the Lord wishes.

Baltzar Bolling telephoned me yesterday from his home in Michigan. He was very friendly and I was exceedingly pleased to talk to him. He said his cold is better, and that he might be near Liberty soon on business. I urged him to call me from a nearby city, so that I could drive there to bring him here some afternoon to see our town.

With love,

Kudley

64

Liberty, March 28, 1950

Beloved Tara:

I was so grateful to receive your cable, and Sina sent immediately the Feb. 28th letter. I interpreted it to mean that I should let Gene have his way, and this indeed was becoming almost imperative at that critical time. Thus, it was not long after I mailed my letter to you that I proceeded to sign the papers giving the furniture business to Gene and acquiring myself the 2nd business. Gene is now in the hospital recuperating, and family relationships are all right. My mother's health also is quite improved.

But I am greatly worried about our own income. Improvements are needed here at the house where the 2nd business is carried on. Competition is growing. Mother hesitates to alter the house, but could be persuaded, especially for some necessary improvements. She could perhaps lend a little money. The present manager (licensed Director), now on salary, wants a half partnership and could carry on the business. He urges alterations and improvements but does not ask to participate in ownership of the property, which would continue to be used by the business on a rental basis. He apparently has no money but might give a little and owe a balance to be paid off gradually. It seems that he has been assuming more and more dictatorial conduct, (which was natural with no one here) and might now feel safe to demand a half interest without any payment. One alternative would be to offer half of the profits only, on a contract basis, no salary and no ownership, which would enable us to terminate the partnership at any time.

There are many advantages for the future (from material point of view assuming nothing changes much in general) in such a partnership. That is, he and family might occupy the house in later years after my mother is gone, and we would be preserving the good will of the community by adding his name to the firm, as the one doing the actual work. Furthermore, we have no other alternative, except to continue the salary basis, which is even now a threat to my mother's savings because there has been no activity this month and there is no reserve capital. My mother, however, will advance the salary for a while if necessary. Also, if we continue the salary basis we are in danger for the future because we would then bear all the risk of losing in the growing competition. We cannot discharge this man and sell a part interest to a new man because of danger of losing good will in the community, since this man has been carrying the work for years now, and we cannot sell out completely because mother occupies the house.

I believe that if we do nothing the business will die in one or two years, yielding perhaps 2 or 3 thousand total before bankruptcy. And I believe that with partnership and improvements we could have perhaps four thousand or more per year (as long as things in general remain unchanged), and would not have to be here but could be free to do our work in N.Y. This is, of course, my dream, and I am worried lest I have again spoiled a possibility by yielding the store and taking a dying business. But, under the circumstances, I still do not see how I could have done otherwise, as Gene was in such a state that he would rather have let the store go into bankruptcy than try to build it up while I held an interest in it. And he was in unusual physical pain (the doctor so attests) and his mind was in danger apparently, and I was in danger of being blamed for it all. As it is now, Janet is happily and energetically building it up in exactly the way I advised when I came, and Gene will soon be recovered and joining her in it.

I could be wrong in my analysis in the beginning of the paragraph above, and I would greatly appreciate your advice. "Greatly appreciate" is not the right expression - my very soul wept and sang together, with the relief of receiving your cable. But now you could write to Sina, to transmit to me.

With love, *Dwight*

65
New York, May 24, 1950

Beloved Tara:

Your last wonderful letter has enabled me to dismiss a great deal of burden and perplexity, and I will now calmly await new strength and a ripening of understanding - not only about Liberty but some other problems which have disturbed my equilibrium over the past year. I believe that most of the confusion has been on the surface and that deeper within is the better understanding already molded. Perhaps my fundamental eagerness to fulfill the Indications became mixed with anxiety, which in turn became tangled with a concrete fear that if the Indications were not fulfilled it would bring a personal economic calamity which might prevent my continuing in our work. You have reassured me and, also, I am again in the vital current here working with Sina in the Institutions.

I am especially happy working on "Community", and I see that it is exactly what is needed, although probably it will not be accepted just at present by the great majority of people here. We are looking forward with joy to taking up "Leaves of M's Garden Vol 2" after "Community." I ask for nothing more than the possibility to continue in the Great Service - in whatever capacity. Sina has assured me that she feels the same, and we are now more firmly than ever unitedly facing the future.

My formula is "Full faith for Future - Courage, calmness, confidence." No doubt my greatest failing has been in the way of calmness. Molding my own understanding of what should be done, and how, is not as difficult as making necessary alterations and adjustments in it to fit the very widely different conceptions of others. It seems to me sometimes that the more confidence I show the more opposition I arouse in people - both friend and foe. This tends to destroy my calmness. On the other hand, I can be quite calm when humble and outwardly meek. But this leads to self-blame or self-pity, and destroys confidence.

No doubt the answer is to retain both calmness and confidence in the face of opposition and difficulties. One can only try - and send Gratitude.

With love,

Redley

P.S. I am now taking lithium again - the third month - and feel very well indeed, in this respect.

New York - Oct. 17, 1950

Beloved Tara:

When our wonderful Communion possibility was sent, I wanted to write you immediately a special letter about it. But some correspondence came from Liberty which was quite disturbing, together with the termination of the Roos episode, and I was afraid this upsetment would prevent me from expressing my thoughts truly. S. and I finally found harmonious solution, at least temporarily, and we are awaiting further developments. S wrote you about the recent Indication that I might have to make a sudden trip again, but I am more hopeful now, since we have your letter saying I should not be travelling in November. I still do not know how this will resolve itself.

In the meantime we have continued each evening. There are many questions I wanted to take up at first, but do not wish to burden you in correspondence. Thank you from all my heart for your long detailed letter just received, which is most satisfying. S and I will take up all questions, over and over between ourselves, and I will try to make the most of my possibilities for achievement as part of a "team" and not alone.

This unexpected Communion possibility is so closely interwoven with my cherished dream of being with you, and with Prof. Roerich and you, that I can now again feel the firm footing, and feel the strength of heart, that will be necessary to reach the goal. If in the near future we face an indefinite period when we could not even correspond with you, I feel that what I have cherished for many years as my "contact" may be maintained through this Communion, and I pray that it will be correctly and firmly established. It seems that this must be a sort of "double" achievement, and I wonder if it is not more difficult, as well as more rare, than single achievement.

I am at present on guard to prevent doubt from creeping in under the guise of scientific analysis and strict honesty, since I have always respected these two qualities as aids to sound constructive progress. However, I have been sufficiently warned about doubt, and I have its greatest antagonist as my partner.

We appreciate whole-heartedly your corrections and alterations of places in the "Community" translation, which we are now embodying. I wish to point out that the original translation from which we worked was not very good (Gartner), and I wonder if perhaps it would not have been better for S to give me her own translation directly from the printed book. Your kind words approving my efforts in our previous publication, F.W. 3, were very much appreciated, but I believe the translation we had of that book (also Gartner) was a better one. I spent a great deal of time penetrating into the meaning of the sentences, in the work on "Community", to my own great benefit of course. I don't believe there is anyone here better qualified than S to interpret the meaning of the Teaching from the Russian books, but, since "two heads are better than one", if we at sometime would want a third person to consult with, we agree that Col. Mouromtzeff would be an excellent one.

Throughout this past year or so, one point that has been impressed upon me is my particular need for calmness. It was Indicated at the beginning and repeated many times, and in everything I have noticed my special need for it during this time. Another striking point is in connection with "Will". At the time of my trials in Liberty, I began adding to my "mantram" the words "Thy Will - not mine - Thy Will be done, for the good of all." And one of our "altar" Indications in the first few weeks (not in answer to any question) was - "My Will is - preserve calmness." In your letter now you are striking the same note speaking of the Will of the G. L.

My warmest gratitude for your sending of this fine little ivory sword with the symbol of the lion. It is a perfect reminder of your timely advice about courage, and I will always cherish it. I appreciate very much Katherine's kindness in bringing it to me.

With love and gratitude,

Dudley

Beloved Tara:

In spite of the trouble and tragedy I see everywhere at present, it is with a deep joy that I send the enclosed excerpts from our Communions as recorded up to the present. This note itself need not be lengthy, since there is so much in the Communions and my own ups and downs meanwhile will be apparent to you, but I want to say again how I treasure your letters. We are always and always full of gratitude and love for you. When I saw that you had written out certain copies for us in longhand, I decided to send you one or two of the ball point pens which are so plentiful here now. One can make carbon copies better with these and they are inexpensive. The smaller ones cannot be refilled, but if the larger one is satisfactory I can send refills.

I have had some significant dreams during this period, (several times the experience of "flying") and about two months ago I began to notice a strong feeling of warmth on the back of my right hand, which comes and goes at times. It has a wavy or pulsating quality, like a live flame, but is soft and pleasant. I am very well but apparently Sina and I both catch cold easily now. I am taking the senna and licorice as prepared by Dr. Fogel, which is very good.

We have felt so sorry for Inge during her illness and trials, and are quite anxious about her recovery now. We are also sympathizing with Katherine in her difficulties there. Heartiest wishes to all.

With love,

Dudley

P.S. In the Communions the words were not always spelled out to the end, and "your" was sometimes "ur" - but not always. In this copy I have abbreviated as much as possible. After sending you the samples of strange letters resembling Tibetan, I have accumulated some more - a little more distinct I believe - and am keeping them together.

I am also enclosing copies of our remarks to the A.Y. special Memorial Meeting, and our letter to the Times about the Banner of Peace.

After I had written this letter, I caught another (worse) cold, which kept me practically in bed for several days, where I did the mussy typing. Sina had just recovered from the same thing. We are both all right now. Mother S. comparatively well.

P.P.S. We just received the BofP letter returned by the N.Y. Times with following letter from editor:

"We appreciate the courtesy and interest that prompted you to send us the enclosed contribution, but regret our inability to use it."

Sincerely yours
L.D. Hughes

S & I agree it is not surprising - rather a "sign of the times".

68

AUGUST 29, 1950 - Altar vibrations and gentle knocks - clear - many. No words, although alphabet was recited several times.

AUG 30 - Gentle but definite and prolonged tilting. No answers to questions. No alphabet. Few knocks. Little vibration.

Sep. 2 - D felt pronounced and complicated rhythms starting from deep inside rocking body gently, and head, into arms and hands. Speed increased, right hand shaking, left quiet. S provided pencil & paper previously prepared, and writing exercises began. Lines & circles - no words.

Sep 10 - S spoke alphabet & following words received: "Open your window... M wishes D to write." Writing exercise followed, as before.

Sep 11 - After usual lines & circles, D wrote: "energy...yes yes yes... oriflamma... peace... (Next few days similar results, adding "link...om om...& some Russian letters, and geometric designs.)

Sep 16 - Prolonged tilt at the start. Questions asked about alphabet & writing but no answer - altar firm on tilt. Meanwhile several knocks elsewhere in room. Then altar counted up to 77, and tilted in opposite direction & repeated count to 77. Then began vigorous jerking movement, and upon rising & following altar movements, crossed room to Portrait.

(On dates not mentioned above there were similar results only ; i.e. nothing new, but no "blank dates". Same applies from here on.)

Sep 25 - Altar - "M plus u (trying new generator of your force pooling ur (your) strength. (D speaking alphabet).

Sep 27 - Altar - "U must not be impatient. Rest."

Sep 28 - Long wait, rhythms in body & altar, knocks in room. D saw silver star, purple star. Then tilt, and D alphabet resulted in "He who wavers can ascertain." Questions then revealed it referred to Dr. Roos. (Questions the next day gave further guidance in this matter, and over the whole period, from beginning to the present, there was similar guidance in regard to Liberty and matters of health.)

Oct 3 - Altar - "Ur resolve is right. My Hand is with u. My Will is - preserve calmness. My Ray is with u. Rest."

Oct 4 - Altar - "M rejoices in u. ... Russia must prepare. Suspense will resolve into attack. M has spoken. Ur safebeing is assured."

Oct 6 - Alt.- "M will utilize might to take America's power of destruction away." Question - Perhaps cosmic intervention will affect atom bomb plants? Alt.- "Yes" (Affirmation, then tilt, & D spoke alphabet) Alt.- "I I I am protecting my works."

Oct 7 - A. "Ur work proceeds correctly. D will open useful channel for new work. M places D highly. Prepare for new opportunity. M sets importance upon preservation of magnanimity. M commands not to worry. M wishes rest for u."

Oct 10 - D wrote - "M asks that u cooperate... correct correct.. magnanimity .. link.. energy.."

Oct 11 - A. "Ur instrument is improving. Ur willingness is apparent."

Oct 12 - D wrote, among designs etc., "Sina... Helena.." & music staff & notes.

Oct 14 - A. "I grant flaming heart to both of u."

Oct 17 - Question - Can we find out something about previous link between S and D? "Yes" Altar - "In Russia" Can we count to find out what century? "yes" (Counted to 17) May we count to find out approximately what year? "Yes". (Counted to 37) Who was D? (Alt. "Statesman" At court? "Yes" Who was S? (Alt) - (S now spoke alphabet in Russian) - "Алексея" What was D's name? "Алексея" D asked question - May I find out about other links? "Yes" Master? Yes. Prof. R? Yes. Mme R? Yes. In antiquity? Yes. Asia? Yes. Link with Master in India? (No answer) China? No ans. Japan? No answer. Tibet? No ans. Mongolia? No ans. Arabia? "Yes." (At this point S & D decided not to press further but show gratitude for the present.)

Oct 18 - Alt - "U own well of resources. Ur willingness is serious route to success. Attest ur resolve to lose irritation. I state road is straight."

Oct 20 - Alt - "Ur visible new sowing will succeed. Ur work to promote unity, love, striving. Yes. Love will sow unity."

Oct 23 - (in connection with advice about Liberty).. Alt - "... Lost brother may return. "

Oct 25 - Alt-"Rxxxx not willing to fight. If fighting will continue more she will withdraw from U. N. Your duty is to illustrate M's love toward mankind."

28 - Alt-"I I I - Equatorial shifting promises strange phenomena of lightning, rain & storm. Question." Will it be soon? "Yes" Nov? No ans. This year? "Yes" Will it be noticed in N.Y.? "Yes" In whole world? "Yes".

Alt-"If miracles appear do not open windows nor travel - stay indoors."

Nov 6 - D writing developed scribbles resembling oriental letters - then - "Tibet will open." Alt-"Rejoice Meru mount will remember rare task I I I Lama Allal Ming D is lama pilgrim of Tibet. Fuyama kin. Allal Ming instructs D. I I I Lama Lwutum." (afterward confirmed as name of pilgrim)

Nov 7 - Alt-"Am.. establishes negative glory, driving the rest of world through tragedy."

Nov 8 - Alt-"R.. starts opening victorious offensive. Error of Am prevented strong coordination of U.N.-Question." Will Chinese invasion of Tibet succeed? "Yes" Is it of political significance, not spiritual? "Yes" Is Dalai Lama unimportant in spiritual sense? "Yes"

Nov 9 - Alt-"Rest is tremendously important to preserve Communion with M. U must rest. M wishes thy will should be strong."

10 - Alt-"M is rejoicing to see ur true striving. Love each other. Rest."

15 - Alt-"B told H he will buy paintings. Am faces serious situation with all nations..."

16 - Alt-"M opposes Am's will toward numerical power in U.N."

18 - Alt-"M M M wishes that u should love the victory opposing will of force of evil. Mine is the will desist (resisting) (to stop?) the rule of tyranny. ... D starts powerful energy. Rapport must be kept. M will help. ... India My victory is attested.-Question." Is Nehru policy right? "Yes" Is he now primarily using diplomacy? "Yes"

19 - Alt-"I I I Square kosmogony appears divisible universe resonator might be shifted in the near future. Development starts in Am.. "

20 - Alt-"..Am must punish treason. Culprits must be ostracized."

21 - Alt-"Realization of Am's might will unite other nations. Other nations whispering lulls Am's will to moral trust..."

23 - Alt-"I I I Monolith Auras stopped all unity opposing solution of lawlessness. Many brisk avowals resolve the duplicity."

24 - Alt-"...U.N. hirelings strive to resolve the question of victory. Impossible to utilize rule of grand guinol."

26 - Alt-" M Mine is land of great unity. Mine is the offer of willing sacrifice, quest of knowledge. Am's irresponsibility lists many pluses in world of events."

27 - Alt-"I I I rule harmony. Great is the work you are managing. Praise to your resourceful unity. Harmony should characterize your resolutions. Progress toward magnanimity must rule."

29 - Alt-"I I I will manifest help, power, light in moments of peril. Past lies will astronomically prove irresponsibility of U.N. "

30 - Alt-" U (must or should) delegate ownership to the Foundation in another year." "Atom bomb is Am's peril."

Dec 2 - Alt-" China delegates eliminate U.N. ... Imposition of sudden strength provoked hatred of China. Hope in opposite move was stopped. Circumstances nullified this move."

Dec 3 - Alt-"I I I am preventing the dry Wallace - opposing, acting Salomon-like, nullifying High Indications. He must arrange his own destiny. ... D knows Indication (Here followed a series of undecipherable letters and upon request several days later to verify them they were all rejected - it was said Indication refers to Dr. Roos.) U will learn how to ~~xx~~ measure immense planes. Karma will open the road. I I I Enough"

4 - Alt-"My horoscope predicts unity of Asia Russia. I am stressing unity of the world."

Dec 9 - Alt-"I I I say My history will strain, save enough. U will live to see. Save enough people."

11 - D asks question - In writing exercises should I continue allowing pencil to move freely even if only lines and no words, and not try to form words mentally for transference to pencil? "Yes" How can I improve my instrumentality in the writing? Alt-"Open heart to M"

12 - A-"Russia starting later than gravity of situation permits. Quarrels will disunite Eng and Am. I repeat u will see more numerous errors of Am and Ru many. Question." Does it mean R is making errors? "Yes" Does it help A? "No" Situation in general very grave? "Yes" ... How to improve these Communions? A-"Strive to unity."

16 - A-"..Know that u will walk your path communing with Me. Love, rejoice, Urusvati is with u."

17 - A-"I I I Millions more not aware of peril. U must avow Us as magnet. Utter now united prayer. Must be open restitution for want of trust. I I I Duty consists in forming united strength."

18 - D writing started most definite independent feeling in pencil - but erratic, jerky movements in fingers, hand, wrist, arm - no words - vigorous marks. Alt-"III govern ur will toward good. I must insist on ur preserving strength and calmness."

19 - Slow tilt, and on beginning alphabet a stiffness was apparent and short fast vibrations produced noise like soft rattle. S & D ask each other what it is and it stops.

22 - A-"U must unite better in thinking, resolve, work. Striving in unity acclimates relativity of will. The quest rises from minute to universal. Hurricane moves to ur state. Get more repelling more strong."

23 - A-"I I I promise no new offers to enemy. D pull more cooperation with new race. One will rotate opposite the other. !..

24 - A-"..H resorts to slander and money trying to win B from u. Stand firm and calm. Magnanimous answer not flying into anger."

26 - A-"..D will unwind question of nullifying M's works. ... Hurricane will strike coast of Calif."

27 - A-" ... M is pleased with both of u..."

December 29, 1950

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

In the December 17th issue of the New York Times there appeared a letter to the editor under the heading Art Treasures in War, written by a former "deputy chief of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section of the Office of Military Government of the United States." The letter called for reactivation of the Roberts Commission, describing official measures it carried out in Europe during and immediately following World War 2 in the way of preserving, repairing and restoring churches and historic monuments and returning paintings and other art objects to the places from which they had been looted.

The Roberts Commission earned commendation for its work of repair and restitution of cultural treasures and sites after they had suffered the barbarisms of war, and it should be reactivated inasmuch as need for such work is foreseeable. But, if we are again on the verge of vandalism of the same sort, instead of putting emphasis on preparations to patch up afterwards, why not take the best means to prevent as much of it as possible?

The Roberts Commission was established in 1943. The purpose of this letter is to call attention to an earlier commitment of the United States Government - in 1935 - toward the same general purpose but one which emphasizes prevention of war's destruction of cultural sites and treasures.

At this time attention should be called to the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, which has been left to the initiative, time and effort, and the means of private citizens of this nation which officially decided to bring it into life fifteen years ago.

Quoting from "Treaty Series No. 899," a pamphlet issued by the Government Printing Office in Washington:

"....AND WHEREAS, the said Treaty has been duly ratified by the United States of America....,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the

United States of America, have caused the said Treaty to be made public to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States of America and the citizens thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed hereunto..."

Early success of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace idea, conceived and promulgated originally in Europe, was practically erased by the first World War, and the present movement was launched in 1929 while Prof. Roerich was in America. Newspapers widely acclaimed the plan. The Pact is an international treaty providing that artistic, educational, religious, and scientific institutions, monuments and sites, and all objects and personnel attached thereto, be held neutral in war and respected in peace and held inviolable in war and in peace. They are to be officially registered and identified by the Banner of Peace, whose design is three red spheres in a red circle on a white background. The whole idea is similar to that of the Red Cross.

There were three International Conferences held: two in Bruges, Belgium - in 1931 and 1932 - and one in Washington, D.C. - in 1933, which culminated in the Pan-American Day Ceremonies in 1935 in Washington. On that day, April, 15, 1935, delegates from the United States and all the other twenty countries of the Pan-American Union signed the Pact in the White House, and President Roosevelt's address was broadcast by coast-to-coast radio hook-up.

The work of organization of a growing group of affiliated Roerich Committees, headed by persons of cultural prominence in the various countries under whose sponsorship work can be carried on by local committees, is centered in the New York headquarters at 319 West 107th Street. It has also devolved upon this Central Committee to record the progress of the active committees outside the United States in pressing for adoption of the Roerich Pact and to collate the work of all committees the world over toward a grand inventory of works of art, museums, monuments, and scientific, educational and religious buildings eligible to fly the Banner of Peace.

The Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace knows no politics, and should be endorsed in truth by each and every nation. The universal approach is essential to this project, which precludes chauvinism and prejudices of all kinds. The scarcity of funds for peace, for construction, for culture, is world-wide just now, but this condition must eventually change. When better forces come into ascendancy all over the world, the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace will have its due public support, and no doubt in many places government support, and will not be dependent on private capital, upon which so many worthy projects have relied in the past.

But bad times should not be permitted to nullify good measures that have already been adopted. In all countries the people - individuals, enlightened speakers and writers, organizations, institutions - should begin using the Banner of Peace symbol without waiting for official governmental adoption of the Pact. Active Peace groups everywhere should publicize the Banner of Peace as fully and freely as possible. The symbol should enter into life, and the people should come to recognize it and welcome it in advance of governmental action, which may be slow and difficult in this direction in these times.

Dudley Fosdick

72

DA - to AY Memorial Meeting Dec 1950

Friends:

We all feel, I am sure, Prof. Roerich's greatness as the Envoy whose mission was of Cosmic spiritual significance, and who was equipped superbly, as artist and educator, to carry out this mission. But on this occasion I think it would be well to remind ourselves, vividly, what a fine human being he was - full of friendliness - not only seeing the good possibilities everywhere and in everyone, but constantly pointing them out. Let me read some excerpts from his article of 1931 - an open letter - "To the Youngest Friends." It begins by quoting a letter from a little boy to his uncle, as follows:

(Realm of Light) Blessed Hierarchy

To help show how Prof. Roerich's benevolence and friendliness was extended toward America, I would like to read some excerpts from his preface to the book "American Artists," 1930. "-----"

(Realm of Light) Hail Artists

~~now~~ To say that this hand of friendship Prof. Roerich extended to America was immediately grasped most enthusiastically is not an over-statement, but to say that, for reasons known to you all, America's warm hand was later withdrawn and replaced by a cold shoulder is very much of an under-statement. As in our courts of law, so in the law of Karma, ignorance is no excuse. As to personal karma, it has been said that the "sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the sons." And as to group karma, often the sins of a few who for a brief period are placed in the position of representatives of the group in matters of great significance must be subsequently expiated over a longer period by a great many.

For quite some time I have been thinking of the great heritage left by our beloved and great Teacher. Many, many of his articles published and unpublished were reread by me, also many of his letters to us. The precepts of wisdom left by him to us, glow in the heart and are more alive today than ever. Some of them I would like to share with you.

It is a great mistake to think that during troubled times culture can be disregarded. (1940)

Toleration towards evil differs little from evil itself. Terrible deeds are going on in the world. Devastating wars are no longer known as wars. (Vandals - 1939)

"Coarseness" creeps in, it possesses humanity, defiles thinking, directs to mutual self-destruction. Even so in schools, even in art, language. Humanity is ill with coarseness.

What about compassion? Nowaday it is a peculiar one. Out of "compassion" one may invent such monstrous bombs that they will destroy whole cities! After all guillotine was invented with thought of mercy. And same "mercy" prompted the invention of electric chair! (1943)

"I see and hear all." (Prof. R. had a full right to say it)
"You go for a day, but take bread for a week" - saying prompted by responsibility. Of any kind of bread one should take a seven fold quantity.

There is no doubt that for many years, prior to his leaving the earthly plane, he suffered immeasurably, seeing the doomed road taken by humanity at large. From Himalayas his calls to mankind, to serve for Common Good for all people, kept coming continuously, and his heart was breaking in carrying the burden of the World, as an Arhat does when he voluntarily incarnates on earth to help to improve its destiny. To drink the "chalice of poison" is the destiny of the Arhat, and our beloved Master drank it to the full.

Yet, when the last year of his life on earth came, with its karmic illness, and his sufferings of body and of heart increased, he went ahead pouring blessings over all living and all life, summoning to joy and beauty, knowledge and labor.

He was asked to give a radio address, but was too ill to travel to Delhi, so he sent instead the address to be read, which was done. It is entitled "Happiness" - He passed away shortly after. Let me read it to you.

March 24, 1951

74

Beloved Tara:

This period is rather a strain on everyone it seems, in different ways. I am searching out any new possibilities in my old music profession, but nothing definite. Affairs in Liberty seem deadlocked in a way that perhaps will not be helped by my going out there at present, although correspondence continues and the situation might change.

It was a wonderful feeling meanwhile to have these manuscript pages to work on and to feel that Sina and I were more closely collaborating with you in this sacred task. Your corrections of places where the meaning was obscure was very gratifying. After discussion of all points we decided to make some few technical alterations still, which I will list here on a separate page. If any of these are objectionable we can still make changes in the printer's proof. We have just finished preparing it for the printer and telephoned to give him the order - on the 24th.

I cling to my dream of joining you, with Sina, someplace in the future; and at the same time I try to believe I am still helping concretely in an approved original purpose here in the Work as I always saw it: i.e., the reestablishment of the Roerich Institutions in America on a commensurate scale. Of course, this included always the Roerich Museum - whether in a larger or smaller extent - but we have always recognized and appreciated the fact that nothing can be done here without capital, or voluntary monetary support on at least a modest scale. This latter condition became a vital requisite to us when I gave up my previous income. But, personally, I am ever grateful that my health has been restored.

We have faith, and manifest friendliness, and we try to be patient and calm.

Best wishes to all,

Love,

Dudley

75

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

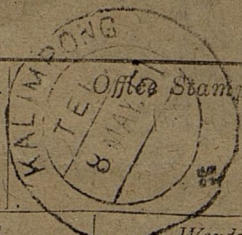
NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this telegram.

Charge to pay.

Rs.

As.



Forwarded in at (Office of Origin).

Date.

Hour.

Minute.

Service Instructions.

Words

TO

Recd. here at

H.

M.

2150 Stamford Court
 Loerich Kalimpong
 Spatz operation scheduled
 may 14th 815 and greeting
 all = David

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

June 13, 1951

Beloved Tara:

I returned from Liberty in time for the last A. Y. meeting of the season, and we are now preparing for the Academy Recital. Beyond this there is a strange quiet in our life. Your letter, speaking of letting things "glow" for a time, is quite understood and appreciated. It seems that I must readjust myself to a new realization of the status of our Work. I also sense acutely the misdirection and aimlessness in affairs of state and the public mind here, in general. All this probably would be difficult for me to digest, especially in view of the B of P Contest failure, were it not for your reaffirmation that better times are not far off. Which brings me to what I want to express primarily in this letter: i.e., my reflections upon the recent trip to Liberty.

It seems that I completed this time what should have been accomplished and settled a year ago. Chiefly, I am putting a different interpretation on things, as follows: My father's estate was mainly a business which could be divided into two separate businesses. My brother had always wanted one part of this business and disliked the other part. I had always wanted to be free from the necessity of constant residence there, so I could continue my chosen life's work. But I had come to realize that I had to have some small income for our personal needs for the present and immediate future. It had become clear to me that under the circumstances the idea of an increased budget for our Institutions could not be justified and our friends could not be asked to meet it - although our last appeal was not refused. It also seemed to me that I had just about extracted the last drop of possibility from the free-lance recordings and any other source in the music business. Therefore, I gave my brother as a separate business that part of the business in Liberty which he wanted and I accepted the other. I then gave my mother one-half of the business I retained, together with a full power of attorney, and gave a limited power of attorney to a hired general manager. I thus became a silent partner. However, this took much time and it was not easy to achieve satisfactorily. The miraculous part of it is that the business I left in the hands of my mother a year ago continued well enough for me to derive from it our modest expenses for the year. This would not have been possible without a special kind of Help, for which I am most grateful. Also, since in actual operation the two businesses there still overlap in some respects, it would not have been possible without the continued goodwill and incidental cooperation of my brother and his wife and employees as well as my mother. I took an active part in the business while there this time (excepting specific professional work of our employee), and besides family discussions I held conferences with lawyers, accountants, employees, corrected errors in bookkeeping, etc., and helped my mother with decisions on house improvements and repairs. I told them I would come again for the same general purposes every three or four months and stay a couple of weeks or so. I will then withdraw at the end of the year whatever modest sum can be safely taken out.

As I re-read this, it sounds very important, but I am trying to state my new view of the situation in the best light. Actually, I cannot expect to have much more than \$2,000.- a year from this business. But it is a great help toward living expenses, as long as there is no rent to pay, and I am very glad that the books of our Institutions will never have to show any "remuneration" for any of our services and the record thus remains clear. Our balance on hand at the end of last year plus the donations of our friends thus far in 1951 will already just about cover expenses as usual for this year and also pay for "Community". 1952 can remain a question-mark for the time being.

I am happy to have resumed the , as steps to the future, and happy with editorial work on "Leaves Vol.2" as well as the work of completion of publication of "Community".

Love - Nedra

With thoughts from the heart, to all, - D.

319 West 107 St.
New York 25, N. Y.

June 14, 1951

Dear Friend:

Yesterday we sat - the three of us, Dudley and I and Dr. David Fogel - here at the Agni Yoga headquarters, thinking of you and wishing that we could contact you personally. The decision came to telephone to you, which we did, and as a result the Advice which was of an urgent nature, namely, that you should meet with Dr. David Fogel without delay, was brought into realization. Right after he finished talking to you on the telephone he made his plane reservations, and stayed with us for a while talking over a number of things, and then hastened to Stamford to complete his preparations in order to take the plane around 7 this morning.

As I am writing this letter I know that he is with you, and I feel happy that the thoroughness of the medical advice emanating from the Highest Source will become evident to you through David.

I need not tell you how happy I was to talk to you for a few moments last evening, although I was rather sad not having heard from you after you received my first letter (with the enclosure of E.I.'s letter) and then the 2nd one, of June 10th. Of course, I did hope that already the First Advice had been accepted by you so completely that it would be but a natural thing to conclude the Indication by seeing David and then leaving for the destination made known to you in E.I.'s letter. Somehow I did not feel last night that you were ready to accept that Advice and this is what made me apprehensive.

The first two Advices are again confirmed, and your meeting with David will clarify to you a great deal pertaining to your state of health. You know yourself, my good friend, that if we give in to fear and forget about the Source of health, that inalienable trust which we are supposed to maintain is weakening. But if our heart will take the upperhand, over and above all the frightenings and deductions of majority of modern physicians, we shall safely stand on our own feet, which I am sure you will do. Otherwise, one feels a deep sorrow in watching the impairment of health. Strangely enough, he who finds himself in such a dubious state often does not know how gravely his health may suffer. In this case he should remember and return to the feeling of absolute trust and have faith that the Indications which are sent are not impossible. Why would they be sent if they are impossible?

Our joy lives above earthly fears and doubts, our joy is within ourselves and in the clear realization of our inner life, rich with the glimpses of spirit and our cosmic destination. My dear friend, remember about Trust, about Joy, and you will grow wings of courage.

E.I. wants you to know that the Advice was sent and reassurance was given, but without their application no other Advice can be sent. You yourself can act. Advice is ever-ready to be given but it must be accepted and fulfilled by you personally. The Blessed Forces will not insist upon fulfillment, if they perceive no wish to do so. Remember about the Great Trust and your strength will return, and all that which was Indicated will be FULFILLED. Blessings cannot be sent when one is in the power of doubt and mistrust.

I feel confident that your heart is ever-ready to accept the Highest, and if there are moments of non-understanding (to which we all are subject), yet your heart will know where is truth and where is illusion. We are often surrounded by illusory perceptions and seeming facts, which look like reality and therefore deceive us. It is necessary to question one's own heart for the best and the only solution. And how easy it is to make a decision when we are actually guided what to do!

I know, my dear friend, your health will be absolutely restored if you will act personally, in accordance with the Advices already received by you.

With thoughts from the heart, in which everyone here joins me, I remain

As ever your friend,

Mr. B. Bolling
P. O. Box 350
Grand Haven, Michigan

July 5, 1951

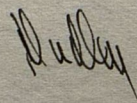
Beloved Tara:

This is a P.S. to Sina's letter. It seems Sina and I separately arrived at the same conclusion simultaneously regarding "Leaves" Vol. 2. Soon after I had written my letter to Inge, I began working on the new manuscript and found that it will be better if I refer not constantly but only when necessary to the earlier copy containing so many of Gartner's and Sina's alterations. Sina also had decided, upon observation and study of this new copy, to discard a great deal of the previous work. So we are agreed that I should use mainly Inge's manuscript and preserve the simplest possible directness of translation, achieving thus the style of the first volume. Of course that has been our aim always, but under the influence of many alternative words and constructions I might have drifted farther away from the original than I will now, following primarily this new version. Sina's efforts were to provide me with all possible help in straightening out Gartner's translation, and this will still be valuable probably in many ambiguous or misleading places, judging from past experience. We want to arrive at a close, simple, beautiful, correct result.

I would like to send you copies of our letter to the Ford Foundation and the last one to Carpani, but hesitate to burden you. I was reluctant to write now to Ford Foundation but, as in the case of the letter to Nehru two years ago, collaborated with Sina in preparing the letter.

I am very glad to join with Sina in all she has to say about Marta, and also about future possibilities. With love to Inge and heartiest greetings to George.

Love,



Я забыл вписать в конце моего
письма к вам два слова -

Русский язык .

Д.

(Dina supplied 2 corrections)

New York, Aug 21, 1951

Beloved Tara,

Again I am deeply grateful - for the helpful words to me in your last letter. The "new understanding" I spoke of in a letter not long ago is sailing smoothly again after a little stormy weather.

From the standpoint of individual progress, discipline is discipline, whether of one kind or another; and undoubtedly, for me at least, a new dose periodically, or even a steady diet, is valuable. It would not be so difficult for me to adjust myself to changes in the actual current of the Work, even if it does not always go as I want or expect. But my chief anxiety has always been lest I should be found to be impeding or diverting that current or should find myself out of it and alone. But as long as you continue to give me a word of direction and ultimate assurance now and then, I am happy, no matter what aspect my daily life takes on.

I am leaving at the end of this week for another trip to Liberty. I intend to return about the middle of September, and will continue helping Sina with general plans for the coming season, in which we will do the best we can with the Academy.

Please give my best greetings to George, and to Svetoslav and his wife if they are there.

With love and gratitude,

Hudley

P.S. I am enclosing a note for Inge, but am not sure whether she is still there. If not, please read it, as it is intended for your attention anyway.

Sept 24, 1951

Our Most Beloved One:

At the beginning of my last letter to you I had a strong desire to address you as "Mother", but hesitated to change the customary salutation suggested by S. long ago. Many times in the past I have thought that just "Mme. Roerich" would be sounding more natural but, although honest and normal for the personality of my present incarnation, it was too cold for the greater reality, and I could not bring myself to use that plain form of beginning in my letters to you.

I am trying to find some way to tell you how happy I am with your words to me in your last letter. My whole spirit has risen, and it seems that my inner balance is completely restored. I will begin next week intensive study of the language, either in Columbia University or private lessons. Arrangements are not yet completed. Your letter has provided wings to overcome any difficulties in the next couple of years.

S. wrote you about the injury to my finger. The doctor removed the nail yesterday, but assured me that it would heal soon. I took several hundred thousand units of penicillin.

My trip to Liberty was constructive, as I succeeded in taking care of a number of details in the house and business there. Relations are assuming normalcy, and we shall have a very modest income from that business for this year. Of course, this is only the business of my mother and myself, conducted in the homestead, as my brother is full owner of the furniture store and conducts it independently.

When I returned home here about a week ago I immediately joined S. in quite active work chiefly for the Academy. At present we are trying to enroll as many students as possible - in music and painting primarily. I think the printing company did very well with the book "Community" - and not expensive - and I am also happy continuing the work on the 2nd Volume of "Leaves".

I am keeping up contacts with the Pact and Banner Committees through correspondence, and we dream of the time when Roerich Foundation could begin to function as it should. But we are mindful of your words about "holding out", and therefore will not expect developments beyond our possibilities for the next couple of years.

Again, I am very, very happy that we are able to look forward concretely to actually being with you. If there is any other special knowledge I could acquire in the meantime in order better to help with the new construction in a new place, I am most eager for all advices, which I will gratefully try to follow.

I am glad to say that I am now perfectly well and feel that I have a store of health in reserve.

It is true that in the times in which we live unexpected upsetments can come at any moment. But we have a Stronghold in the Teachings, and feel that we can therefore weather all storms.

I am not merely repeating customary words when I say -

With love and gratitude,

Rudley

P.S. Please tell Inge not to worry about my last letter to her - about my brother. Perhaps all is as it should be.

Best greetings to Angel-

Beloved Mme. Roerich:

Dec 9, 1951

83

Just a short P.S. , to say that at our meeting of the 29th, the proposal to have A. Y. Society lend \$1000 to R. Foundation was accepted with the condition that I, as secretary of the Foundation and treasurer of the Society, should first look into the legal implications to see if there would be any danger to our tax exemption status, before actually transferring the money. I am doing this now, and will write you my opinions about the whole situation later.

Love -
Dudley

84

New York, Dec 24, 1951

Beloved Mme. Roerich:

Your last letter brought great joy again, and I am especially happy that S and I have such High Approval of our work on the Books and wonderful assurances for the future. Inge's fine letter had already arrived, saying that everyone there is pleased with "Community", and we appreciate very much all these kind words, especially because it brings closer the future for which we are striving.

There is still some uncertainty about activities of the Institutions, occupancy of the house, budget, etc., for 1952, and, as I promised in a P.S. to S last letter, I am enclosing a copy of my analysis of the situation following our Meeting of Nov 29, as well as a copy of the A.Y. Minutes. ~~The Minutes~~ have not yet been approved, of course, and no one has seen my "memo", although I made several copies. I shall hold them until I hear from you. It is unlikely that we will see any of the Directors very soon in the meantime.

I send heartiest greetings to all.

With love and gratitude,

P.S. On second thought, am also enclosing my first version of the "memo", which I discarded as too critical. The 2nd version is more sympathetic.

* Also B of P minutes

Dudley

July 27, 1952

Beloved Mme. Roerich:

The recent message to me, about my mother and "cooperating", touched me deeply, and I am very grateful. I am not sure that I understand everything clearly now, but perhaps I shall in the future.

Я давно хочу писать Вам маленькое письмо по-русски. Но мой русский язык ещё живёт в детской, а то, что я теперь хочу сказать, кажется мне совсем серьёзно. Поэтому, мне нужно ^{ещё} ~~идти~~ ^{идти} дальше по-английски только. И учительница и жена в деревне - если ^{английски} ~~детишки~~ ^{детишки} здесь, то я виноват ^{одна}.

I am enclosing a copy of another D. F. memo, which is perhaps my "swan song" as the unaccepted treasurer. I guess it is only my own private solution to the situation here, and therefore this whole line of thought and endeavor must be abandoned. I am grateful to our friend George for his letter of a year or so ago which spoke of our work here in the same way as Sina and I have always looked upon it. Apparently everyone in America, not only Mr. Bolling, considers that Horch won and that was the end of it, - except that we can continue to publish the Books. Of course, this is the most important, ~~however~~ ^{after all}.

However, as pointed out in the previous memo, "we cannot grab anyone by the throat". Hence, if Mr. B. renews his pressure in 1953, we shall have to go his way, although at best it is not very dignified, not only for us as individuals but for the Society.

These last minutes, with memo and material attached, establish a clear record up to the end of 1952. But I feel that it would not be goal-fitting to "force the issue" beyond that point.

We are safe now from interference from unfriendly officials for almost two years anyway, because the report for 1952 can be made as usual and the report for the questionable year 1953 does not have to be sent in until June 1954.

I am very well, and I send continued prayers for your own health and your Work.

With love and gratitude,

Dudley

D. F. Memo of June 7, 1952

Pursuant to para. 10 of A. Y. Minutes of April 18, 1952, R. Academy had an attorney draw up the two leases and prepared a form for the Anderson-Bolling letter pledging its donation, in order to facilitate and expedite the matter as soon as further word is received from Mr. B.

Since Mr. Oldberg was in Europe at the time, and Miss Fritschie in India, and Mrs. Campbell is now leaving for Switzerland, Mr. Weed is going to California, and Mr. Bolling off for Sweden, it is unlikely that another meeting will be held very soon. Therefore, copies of the leases and pledge, together with this memo, are being attached to these minutes, to establish the basis of occupancy and operation for this year.

Since the two leases and pledge cancel out each other financially, they can be kept thus on record as valid mutual agreements whether or not the actual checks are exchanged and pass through the banks.

For the Institutions, of course, such record is necessary and is the most essential part of the plan. While cooperating in this record, Mr. B., however, besides helping the Institutions, can derive considerable tax saving for Anderson-Bolling Co., if he wishes to proceed with the exchange of checks.

ANDERSON-BOLLING MFG. CO.
Grand Haven, Mich.

Agni Yoga Society, Inc.
319 W. 107 St., N.Y.C.

Gentlemen:

Having allocated a certain sum of \$4500.00 to be donated in 1952 to a worthy cultural undertaking established and recognized as a non-profit tax-exempt organization, and knowing of the work of Agni Yoga Society in the furtherance of the study of various philosophical and religious systems, which we believe will benefit people and advance spiritual progress in general, we are notifying you, by this letter as our pledge, that a total sum of \$4500.00 for such purposes will be forthcoming from us during this year.

We will send you the first of a series of checks in the near future.

Very truly yours,

sig

Родная Елена Ивановна-

Sept. 7, 1952

Простите, что я пишу
по-английски. Постараюсь писать кратко. —

The Rencs - Brandstaetter affair reminds us of the advisability of fulfilling all legal requirements for A. Y. Society's copyright on the Books. We have obtained the necessary questionnaire to fill out for "Illumination" in order to have it registered in the Copyright Office in Washington, D. C.

Besides the name of the Society, the name of the author, editor, or translator must be given - together with domicile, year of birth, and citizenship. Shall we give your name? If so, please give us these details.

The Book will be off the press in a few weeks, and we must then send the questionnaire, together with 2 copies of the Book, to the Copyright Office in Washington.

Преданный Вам - D.

New York, Dec. 15, 1952

Beloved Mme. Roerich:

My heart treasures your last letter. I want to thank you profusely, but I must be brief. At the meeting of Dec. 3 Mr. Weed brought up two significant questions which were left unanswered but passed over smoothly: 1 - Who besides J.W. will pledge to support the budget for next year? and - 2 - Who are actually officers and directors of A.Y.S? Also, Katherine spoke to me on the side, not in the meeting, proposing that we bring David in as director. I answered that I had always wanted him in the original group, but that it was another awkward point just at present.

Prior to Dec. 3, I was dubious about it but Sina insisted upon calling a meeting. After consultation with her, I agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting as originally prepared might arouse controversy which we thought should be avoided. Therefore, the second page, para. 10, was changed before presenting on Dec. 3rd. I am enclosing a copy of the new page, which, with original 1st page, was read and approved at the meeting.

The matter of "occupancy" of 319 was but briefly touched upon at this meeting. Mr. Bolling again affirmed that he had nothing against the Academy except its lack of tax exemption, but that he would have to present the plan on paper to his financial advisers in Michigan and get their O.K. before he could do anything about it. It was then agreed to drop the subject and not mention it in the minutes of Dec. 3rd. Hence, our status remains as it was before Dec. 3.

I am enclosing another D.F. "Memo", which again will probably never be read. S. wanted me to write you in full my views regarding the names of A.Y. Directors and Officers, which she does not share. (She did not see my last letter to you, enclosing memo etc. She was in the country at that time. To show it to her now would only cause more controversy. She has not asked to see it.) I have written out these views in full, as she asked, but the letter would be too long. Therefore, I have tried to condense it into a synopsis as follows:

Dec. 3rd meeting raised question - "Who are now actually, and who should be, officers and directors of AYS?"

D.F. believes following technically correct at present: (All are members)

	S.F. - President & Director	
	J.W. - Vice-Pres & "	
	K.C. - " "	
	B.B. - " "	
	I.F. - Secretary & "	
	D.F. - V.P., Treas. & "	& Assistant Secy.
(Magdalen)	M.L. - Director	
(Ilya)	I.M. - "	
(Gene)	E.F. - "	

D.F. proposes for future:

MEMBERS

S.F. - Pres. & Director
 I.F. - Vice-Pres & Secy. & Dir.
 K.C. - V.P., Treas., & Dir.
 J.W. - Vice-Pres & Director
 B.B. - " & "
 D.F. - Director & Asst. Treas.

HONORARY ONLY

M.L. - Associate Director
 I.M. - " "
 E.F. - " "
 David F. - " "

89
Н. Ц., 3/24/53

Родная наша Мать:

Мы были очень рады получить Ваше последнее письмо от пятого Марта, из которого мы узнали, что Вы чувствуете себя лучше теперь.

Мы очень тревожились, чувствуя, что Ваше нездоровье ухудшилось из-за мировых событий.

Я очень надеюсь быть когда-нибудь вблизи Вас и делать всё, что я могу, чтобы облегчить хотя бы часть Вашей работы.

Я всегда глубоко рад получить Ваше слова ко мне, и хочу Вас уверить, что я стремлюсь к конструктивной работе и достижению спокойствия, несмотря ни на что

Любящий Вас

Ридлей

Р.Д. Я мне помог с этим письмом, но я могу сказать, что я сам его написал. Я понимаю конструктивно, но мне надо было найти новые слова.

90 ★ Возможно-ли
это? Они так
думают?

А теперь я хочу придавить что-то: Я очень благодарен за добрые слова ко мне в

Ваших двух письмах. Кажется, что теперь можно забыть о моем последнем письме. Что касается меня, всё опять как было осенью. Знают, я ещё готов принять точку зрения друзей относительно институтов — т.е., у нас только А. И., которое неофициальная группа друзей издающая книги в свободное время. ★

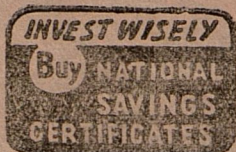
Конечно, Э. и я всегда думали иначе, но не нужно дальше сказать им об этом. Я сделал отчеты, и всё в порядке до конца 1952.

Если К. пригласит Дэвид Директором, то мне это очень понравится. Но тогда я попросил чтобы позволили моему брату оставаться тоже.

Как я написал осенью, собрания вероятно не будет очень скоро, и не нужно думать о всем этом.

①

91



INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

Class

Prefix

LT 8/45

No.

28 C.

Recd from

Sent at.....H.....M.

Office Stamp.

To.....

By

By.....

Handed in at (Office of Origin)

Date

Hour

Minute

Service Instructions

Words

SR 339 New York 20

- -

o c s

17

TO

Recd here at

13-H. 45

M.

LT. Lillian Roerich Kf3

= deeply grateful following Specialists
advice Ordering shoe adjustments
no Pain writing Love
= Dudley

92
New York, July 27, 1953

Beloved Mme. Roerich,

Sina's June letter, with description of my brief back discomfort, was, I am afraid, exaggerated, and disturbed you. I would not have written thus, but since the resulting Advice brings great benefit to me, I can only extend my gratitude, which was expressed in the cable, to her also. Laying aside any personal differences of approach to many problems, we agree that a certain Indication for me has come and we are unitedly striving to fulfill it. We appreciate David's trying to help, and we are consulting him. So far, we have taken the following steps:

1. One thorough treatment from the first osteopath, who congratulated me in general and recommended nothing further than occasional repetition of osteopathic adjustments of vertebrae.
2. Examination by orthopedic surgeon, who advised x-rays and, after studying them, prescribed steady treatment consisting of gradual leveling of spinal balance by building up the heel of the left shoe, to be followed by further mechanical measures such as belt etc. if advisable later. Regular rest periods to be observed in first stages, and cautious watch maintained for pains which might indicate that the first shoe adjustments were too extreme.
3. Examination by second osteopath, who gave treatment similar to the first one, but recommended regular monthly treatments, supplemented by certain daily exercises for posture and corrective development. These are the exercises: 1. Stand with back against the wall and facing a mirror. Take one half step forward, letting shoulders and hips and back of head remain against wall. Focus eyes on central clavicle point, just below larynx, and inhale slowly, trying to fill upper part of both lungs and letting chest rise, drawing lower part after it but not pulling up from shoulders nor pushing up from abdomen. Hold at full capacity for 7 counts and exhale. Take a few normal breaths. Repeat 5 times. This exercise to be done every morning and every night. 2. Grasp shower curtain rod, or any available solid bar, with both hands, and hang at full length with feet not touching the floor. Hang for 30 seconds, morning and night. Both exercises very good for stretching, aligning, and strengthening the spine.

It seems to me that following the directions of the orthopedic surgeon and the second osteopath would fulfill the Indication about "treatment." Although the length of time was not specified, I believe we can hope that this first period can be considered completed at the end of August, when I may consult both doctors again. I believe everything will be proceeding well then and we can begin the period of "3 weeks rest" with the special Indications accompanying it. Far from having any pain with these shoe adjustments, I find surprising relief of some leg discomfort to which I had previously become accustomed as "tiredness." In fact, I find myself suddenly anticipating a "new lease on life" with joy, in spite of my old age. The more subtle aspects of the new possibilities, however, seem more serious and, although this is exactly what my own deepest strivings had always aimed for, I have some misgivings as to my preparation and fitness for it. The present domestic daily life seems as remote from such spiritual possibilities as my previous orchestra life, surrounded by noise, smoke and drink.

I will not surrender the possibility, nevertheless, and I await your answer and the advices of the doctors with great hope.

With love and gratitude,

P. S. I am planning to take now again the lithium treatment, as it was advised to repeat it every year.

October 2, 1953

Beloved Mother,

I am very happy to be back here again and to read your wonderful letter and write you to express gratitude again for all care and solicitude. However, I am a little apprehensive as to whether I observed correctly the indications in making this trip to Liberty. I was glad to ease my conscience by helping my mother, and thus to "free myself" for further progress here. I was very careful, and rested every afternoon, and avoided all business worries. But on the return trip I could not eat much, due to some stomach ailment apparently, and thus became quite tired.

I have just visited my osteopath specialist for my regular monthly treatment, and he said nothing is wrong. He did not mention the breathing exercise, but gave me a new knee exercise, for gradual strengthening. But I still feel tired in general and I notice some discomfort in my left hip when I walk or stand too long, so I am postponing the knee exercise until I feel stronger.

Но, может быть если теперь я буду отдыхать больше,
я скоро оправлюсь.

Я надеюсь, всем сердцем, что это правильно,
потому-то я жажду продвинуться в работе
и достигнуть результатов в Обществе.

Я боюсь, что мой русский язык
очень пострадал за это время.

С любовью —

D.

94



INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

36

Class *KT*
Prefix Code.....

No.

C.

Recd. from *239*

Sent at H. M.

Office Stamp

19 NOV 53

By.....

By.....

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions	Words.
<i>340 New York</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>mostd cis</i>	<i>20</i>

TO *LT Helena Roerich* Recd. here at H. *13/57*

Kalimpong. via Siliguri
Sina bedridden backache continues please advise
plan postponed liberty trip until Christmas
love

Dudley

N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

L. & Co.—PC/177/52 CMB 7-7-52—7 lakhs

5170/OP—177—P&T—27-6-52

Beloved E. I. - I wish to add a P. S. to Sina's letter, Feb 8, 1954

Just one technical suggestion:

In the main body of the PREFACE, where the Latvian Society speak of you, it makes no difference whether the name is spelled "Helena Roerich," or "Elena Ivanovna" or "E. I." But at the very end, re-echoing the title, the name should appear exactly as it is on the cover, it seems to me. How would you prefer your name on the cover?

We have made some alterations in the preface, after comparing Mme. Dutko's translation with "Nerushimoye," and we also have been discussing the advisability of having a brief "Foreword" from the A. Y. Society, the present publishers, to precede the Latvian preface to the original Russian edition. Enclosed is a draft of such a foreword, for your suggestions and decision.

I am most happy to be one of the participants in this wonderful work. I am afraid that K and S and I were all so happy to plunge into it that we weakened our energy and invited the epidemic of colds (obviously the easiest way for the dark forces to attack us), from which K is suffering so much now. S is much better and I am completely well. We are all eager to keep going, and I feel sure it will be accomplished "vo vremya."

I am most grateful for the continued Care, and help in so many ways.

Бедный русский ученик
продолжает с трудом
свои уроки.

С любовью

D.

AGNI YOGA SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mme. Helena Roerich
Honorary Chairman

Sina Fosdick
President

Katherine S. Campbell
Vice-President

Joseph J. Weed
Vice-President

Baltzar Bolling
Vice-President

Ingeborg Fritschi
Vice-Pres. & Sec'y

Dudley Fosdick
Treasurer

Magdalene Lehrer
Director

Eugene Fosdick
Director

I. Mouromtseff
Director

319 WEST 107TH STREET
AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

TELEPHONE
UNIVERSITY 4-7752

February 8, 1954

Beloved Mme. Roerich,

I am sending you the
Agni Yoga Treasurer's Annual Report, and
Inventory, and also a copy of the letter which
accompanies these papers.

I do not believe they will
require your special attention at this time, and
they are self-explanatory. But I do want to keep
you informed of official matters as they stand, ^A in
case you have any advice to offer.

I just now mailed you Sina's
letter with my P.S., but thought this should go
separately.

With love,

Dudley

^A (It seems sometimes that they do not
stand, but are swimming
about in space)

N Y C , May 9, 1954

97

Родная Е. И. — Давно я Вам не писал, но причина в том что я все надеялся, что я смогу писать в следующий раз по-русски. Я всегда боялся, что я не сумею написать ясно то, что я хотел бы сказать. Итак, отныне я буду писать или по-английски, коротко (for your sake), или по-русски, коротко (for my sake).

Anyway, in regard to the publishing of your Letters, I am sure S. and K. have already written how everything is proceeding. I am very happy to participate in this work. I also want to thank you again for the wonderful music. I have been taking it regularly and do feel much better in general. S., however, seems tired. I postponed my trip to Liberty, hoping to take her with me.

I would like to talk with you about Mother Schafren, but it is difficult to write. I guess it was more of a shock to us than we expected. The doctors assured us that we could not reproach ourselves at all in regard to our care of her, but it is only human to want a final word of reassurance from the departing one, which circumstances prevented in this case. Our love for her was deep, and we miss her.

And now, a very important thing I wish to say is that I did achieve some real success in the special receiving of words and thoughts in the manner indicated last fall. I dreamed one night about two months ago, in a certain familiar parable style, and awoke in the night. On the borderline, while the dream was still vivid but with half-realization that I was awakening, the first real words came into my brain - "The Teacher is watching." This was, as it were, a condensation, or "moral" of the dream. I became clearly aware that this was the first instance of "reception" and immediately - just as I opened my eyes in the dark - there followed these additional words, which also "translated", as it were, the dream: "You are doing very well, but do not over-play your part."

Needless to say, this has given me tremendous upliftment and provided firm footing in this turbulent period, and I am very grateful.

With all love,

Dudley

P.S. I send our best regards to George - and to Svetoslav and Lenka, if they are still with you.

P.P.S. Just read the enclosed clipping - most significant! Will get another copy for our files.

Wp. Dec 5, 1954 98

Beloved Mum. Reich -

We are returning here the first part of "Infinity" and are sending, in another package, the next 50 paragraphs.

We rejoiced greatly upon receiving your corrections of the first 100 paragraphs. It is a relief to know that doubtful renditions will receive benefit of your scrutiny before publication. We are also somewhat relieved to reaffirm our understanding, followed in earlier books, that one cannot be too precise in the obscure places. Such broad concepts must be also broad in rendition. My anxiety over #65 has disappeared. Inasmuch as "blending of atoms" (plural) is acceptable, it is not so important whether "cell" is used or not. We are trying to discern, wherever "elements" appears, whether "Earth, Air, Fire, Water" or "carbon, oxygen etc" is meant. It seems to me that the phrase "differentiated atoms" should be used in connection with the latter, whereas in certain other places "dissociated atoms" is better. The biggest problem about capitals is presented by "Fire" and "Space." We are trying to be consistent with "Fire of Space" and "Spatial Fire" - and such uses as the "fire of a match" or the "space in a room." But what is to be done with "fire of the centers," and "thoughts sent into the surrounding space?" (see 102) Such established concepts as "Cosmic Magnet" or "Highest Principle" are being used with two capitals, consistently. However, authorities here seem to agree that adjectives and pronouns should not be capitalized especially when the noun it modifies is not, and, if you agree, we will capitalize "Spatial Fire." However, authorities here seem to agree that adjectives and pronouns should not be capitalized when the noun following is not. (The Lord and his disciple spoke of cosmic results.) Exception is granted in the case of pronouns, where necessary to avoid misunderstanding. (The disciple repeated His words.) But it seems impossible to appear consistent to every reader throughout a book.

We pray for your good health and send best greetings to George.

With love and gratitude -

Dudley

99
New York City
March 24, 1955

Beloved Tara,

This memorial day, which we observe each year, also marks this year the 21st anniversary of my meeting with our beloved Guru, the beginning of my real life in this incarnation, my start on the path of service and knowledge. From the depth of my heart I call to you, my revered link with the Hierarchy of Light, with all that I hold sacred, with the future.

It seems that I have failed to accomplish very much that is tangible in the way of service. But I am grateful, and always will be, to learn more about what my faults were and are, and for knowledge as to what causes such failures.

These years, of course, witnessed in general much destruction and little construction - everywhere. Sina wrote you about the Banner of Peace "Chairman's Review", but I am afraid it is not suitable for publication, especially in its present form, as it includes some minutes, with certain controversial aspects of a few years ago. However, all of this is together, at the end, and could easily be taken out, as it seems to be now mainly an explanation of why nothing was accomplished, rather than an outline of concrete results. Only one good thing is shown by this Report; i.e., the very fact that we have continued our existence, and did make our existence known, had its effect in the U. N. Hague Conference of 1954, and also leaves the door open for further efforts in this direction.

I repeat that my heart is full of gratitude to the Great Lord, to Prof. Roerich, to you, and to Sina, for the privilege of serving under your Guidance and directly participating in the publication of the Teachings, thus continuing on the path begun in 1934.

With all love and devotion,

Dubley

NY - 4/5/55 100

Beloud Tara:

These copies should have been enclosed with the Pact Committee Report (Chairman's Review), but were overlooked.

We were very glad to have such a harmonious meeting.

In haste -

D.

SPECIAL ANALYSIS

K & Inge - Quarrelled with SF & DF - silent 2 years - patched up
with SF & DF
B.B. - Quarrelled with SF & DF - patched up with SF
M.L. - Quarrelled - silent 2 years - patched up
I.M. - No quarrell - silent 3 years
E.F. - Quarrelled with SF & DF - silent 3 yrs - patched up with DF

MEMBERSHIPS

K & Inge - In arrears for 1952 - will send check (respond when
notified)
M.L. - Responds when notified
I.M. - In arrears for 1951 & 1952 - notified for 51, not for 52
E.F. - In arrears for 1950, 51, 52.--not notified

I would have preferred not to write all this, but perhaps differences of view should be clarified.

I am afraid I forgot to mention in my last letter that we consulted Col. Mouromtzeff about some scientific passage in "Ill-umination" when preparing it for the printer, and appreciated and enjoyed having his help as well as a very pleasant general talk. I believe S. wrote you about it.

With all love and gratitude,

As always,

Barley