

C/o Major Bacon¹
Sunshine Orchards²
Maunali
13.5.44.

Dear Madame Roerich,

● How very kind of you to enquire about Anthony & to offer us assistance. I only got your kind note here in Maunali, as W^d Gollan & I had left on the 10th - Anthony being practically all night again. W^d Whyatt & Anthony came up by bus on the following day. Maunali is lovely but being a semi-vegetarian & a devotee to fruit

I am beginning to feel rather
starved on the same what
sladgy diet here. We brought
very little tinned fruit thinking
we would get plenty of
fresh or dried fruit here.
It did seem rather like carry-
ing coal to New castle! How-
ever, next time I shall know
better. We ~~enjoyed~~ enjoyed
our afternoon with you
& your delightful family
very much indeed & it was
most kind of you to offer
to put us up in your guest
house. If you really can bear
to have our whole party of

three and a half we shall be
delighted to come & I promise
we will try to cause as little in-
convenience as possible.

Mr. Whizell & I are just going
off to Kote tomorrow & will be
back here on the 16th. We hope
to leave for Kalam on the 17th
by the 12 o'clock bus & would
be at Naggar by tea time.
We are sending our ponies
ahead to meet us at the bus
stands for the climb up. Naggar
would be our head quarters
from 17th - 20th. I hope that
will be all right? If this is
in the least inconvenient, please
don't hesitate to let us know.
A line from you would meet us

^{here}
on our return from Kati.

We have since got our permits
for the Nagyer "Castle".

We are very much looking
forward to meeting you all
again. I apologise for the
delay in writing but owing
to the uncertain weather
we were unable to make
any plans until to day.
With every good wish

Yours sincerely

Jegid Hydari

Kulu

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20. 5. 44.

My dear Madame Roerich,

I am writing this by the
light of a smoking lantern,
with a pen, which, as you can
see, has not much ink in it
& what there is looks more
like water. So this must be
a short note only, to accom-
pany the cheque. I hope
you will find this all right,
& that it will reach you safely.
It is ~~now~~ on the Imperial Bank
of India, No PB 492983, dated
20. 5. 44. Please let me know

if you received it.

It is difficult to know what to say after such hospitality as we have received from you. The three days we spent in your delightful home will be a memory for life, for all of us and we can never thank you sufficiently for all your kindness and for the warmth of your welcome and last - but not least - for the spiritual feast we had through those glorious paintings. As I said, this must be a short letter only and very inadequate. ^{Yet} there is so much ^{in our hearts} to thank you for - we found two baskets with delicious cakes and cherries for the road. Most welcome during the arid

Days to follow when we shall have only our hovers to rely on for sustenance.

We shall miss your cuisine terribly for the rest of the week. Please thank Pro-

fessor Roerich and your sons for their great kindness and for the pleasure we had from their company.

We were so very sorry not to have been able to see more

of you and I hope your bronchitis is getting better day

by day. Muriel is now in bed and wants me to turn

out the light so I must be an invalid. Till our next

meeting them — in Delhi,
I hope, soon. I also hope
you will give us the pleasure
of entertaining you there
whenever you should care
to pay us a visit.

And last of all please,
thank Professor Pasricha
again for my beautiful
painting.

With warmest regards
to yourself and the family,
to the Pocher and Mr. Galygo
and with every good wish
for the future.

Yours very sincerely,
Jagjit Hydar

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8, KING GEORGE'S AVENUE
NEW DELHI.

8th January 1946.

Dear Madame,

Please forgive this typed letter but we have just returned from a holiday in Goa and I have such a pile of letters to answer that unless I have them typed I should not be able to get through for weeks. This is to thank you and Professor Roerich and all the family for your very kind New Year wishes and to wish you in return all happiness, peace and success in the New Year. I have still the warmest and ~~the~~ happiest memories of my visit to Kulu and ~~of~~ meeting you all and I very much hope we shall soon have another opportunity of renewing the friendships which I think were formed then. I wonder if you both intend to stay on in India or if you feel you would like to return to Russia when travelling becomes easier? ~~but~~ I do not think I shall be able to get back to my own country for some time yet. as conditions in Europe are not yet such as to make one wish to spend a holiday there. We have all returned feeling refreshed after our short but most interesting holiday. Going to Goa is like going abroad. The moment one enters the harbour one feels a different atmosphere from British India. We met a number of

charming Goans and Portuguese who were all most kind and hospitable and we were enormously interested to see the monuments of the 17th Century; abandoned Churches and the magnificent Convent of St. Monica in the midst of ~~the~~ luxurious jungles. Old Goa has, as you probably know, been abandoned for years as a place to live in and one feels the time has come when the authorities should do something about the preservation of these places. In the Convent of St. Monica we found glorious old embroideries, paintings and letters in manuscript lying about in complete confusion with no attempt at classification or preservation from insects and damp, etc. There was a magnificent crucifix in this Convent and some very fine altar pieces. I should love to know what an art expert would make of it all.

With kindest regards to you all from us all and every good wish.

Yours very sincerely,

Seyd Heart

Madam Roerich,
Naggar,
Kulu.

Lady Hydari,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
SHILLONG
ASSAM

22nd February, 1949.

Dear Madame Roerich,

On behalf of my family and myself I thank you and your family very sincerely for your warm message of sympathy in my sad bereavement.

I hope you are quite well and that I shall be able to meet you some day again on my return to India. I have the happiest recollections of the wonderful days my friends and I spent with you all in your home in the ~~Ucober~~ valley and I have always been hoping to meet you again. The passing of my husband so suddenly and so tragically has been a great shock to all of us who loved him. God's ways are indeed inscrutable and I can hardly imagine the future without my dear companion.

** Kulu*

With my warm regards to you all,

Yours ever sincerely,

Sigid Hydari

(Lady Hydari)

Madam Helen Roerich,
KHANDALA.
(Bombay Province)