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23rd August, 1949

My dear Mr. Lall,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th instant (No.569/H) concerning the establishment of a Buddhist Research Institute at Gangtek, Sikkim.

At the time of my visit to Gangtek early in March last, the cost of the scheme was discussed in a very general way. It was planned that the Institute will be run on a cooperative basis between the State and private foundations interested in the venture. An annual grant from the State towards the upkeep of the Institute was contemplated, the amount of the grant was to be determined by the State. I do not know whether this question has since come up for discussion. The State was to provide premises for the Institute and the White Memorial was suggested as a suitable location. The balance of the annual expense was to be provided by private foundations, individual donations, memberships, etc. Some spade work has already been done in this direction. The Institute was to start operations with a skeleton staff to be increased gradually. In my plan submitted on March 4th, I had given an outline of the organization of the Institute.

Needless to say, I shall be always glad to supply further information on the subject and discuss details.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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