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NAGGAR, Feb.19th,1932

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of Jan.28th. The enclosed copies of Minutes and original Memorandums speak for themselves. Our botanist's stand in the question of guns which he acquired on behalf of the Institute is most strange and some of his remarks in this connection are quite insulting. My correspondence with him is attached weekly to the Minutes and will give you a full picture of his moves and our reaction. He is sailing on the 10th of March per s.s.Victoria-Roma as cabled. We had to take strong measures against some of his actions to insure the dignity of the Institution and I hope that he will be told in New-York what the Board of the Museum thinks of his unethical attitude. Of course under no circumstances should he be permitted to return here. It is a shame that people calling themselves scientists should indulge in such practices and use such impermissible formulae.

Col.Mahon writes us that he has discovered one of the sources that slandered our Institutions, in the past. You will find his name in the enclosed copy. This promises some interesting developments.

I am glad to hear that Capt.Noel's lecture was such a success. Of course similar lectures could be arranged with great profit.

You are quite right in saying that a commercial department is inadmissible. I hope our friends will realize this and that Mr.Lovatelli will understand the true meaning of cooperation and that members of the Committee should be mutually informed of all developments. We look forward to hearing more about the Biochemical Committee. Outside forces should be asked to do the bulk of the work and we hope that this will materialize sometime in the future.

Our JOURNAL is progressing nicely and we hope to have it out before long.

With all best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S.Please keep a special file  
with all correspondence & memorandums  
re Koelz case G.R.

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Naggar,

9th March 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

We have just received your cable about the botanist's letter to Merrill, containing some slanderous statements. This action of his did not surprise us, since for the last three months he has been very active in this field. His unexpected and unwarranted attitude has given us great troubles locally. He has the strange mania to call everything his, the house of the Headquarters is his, the grounds are his, the fieldglasses bought by the Institute are his, the two guns bought by him in New York and paid by the Museum are also his, the servants are his, the collections are his, etc. This strange kind of mania went very far. He refused to hand over to the Police the two guns bought in New York, and the ammunition was also taken away by him. His personal effects / 25 coolies were required to carry them down to Katrain! / are now stored in at least four different places in the valley, and some have left for Lahul, according to local rumours. Some of the cases were moved in the dark of the night, and this makes us very suspicious. We are trying our best to find out about his doings in the valley, and in Lahore where he spent two days. Please take good care in handling him in New York. The man is a born slanderer and easily incites people. A responsible witness should always be present during conversations with him, and memoranda should be drafted after

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each interview. His is due in New York on the 4th of April per SS Roma. Local rumours, and statements made by ~~the~~ botanist to local residents indicate that he intends to break the journey in Europe and to proceed to London. This of course is not sanctioned. His attitude during the past three months was utterly unscientific, and this fact should be well stressed to Dr. Merrill. The collection were left in a great disorder, no inventory list having been drawn. The cases now shipped to New York and containing collections were closed in the botanist's presence, and should be opened in his presence. A document of their contents should be drafted out and signed by all present.

I am sorry to tell you all these unpleasant news. The work in the Institute continues unabated. We are continuing our negotiations with local Electric Firms re hydroelectric equipment. The plot near the river has been surveyed and measured. Col. Mahon has gone to Delhi to interview the Government. The collection of native pharmacopoeia is growing rapidly. I have at present a lama-doctor collecting medicinal plants for the Institute. Please instruct our Office to pay Geuthner Frs. 2000/- for books on ancient medicine bought from him for the Institute. This amount should be deducted from your next sending to us. The original bills from Geuthner are kept by us here. I hope Miss Linden is aware of the botanist's doings. He should never be left alone in the Office.

With all best wishes, in haste,

Cordially yours,

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Naggar,

16th March 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th ultimo, and the good news contained in it. I shall be very much interested to read your article in the Bulletin of the Am. Soc. for the Control of Cancer.

The "Keelzeyada" continues. We have just found out that the botanist has left two of the small bore shotguns, bought on behalf of the Institute in New York, and mentioned in the list of additional botanical equipment forwarded here by Miss Linden with her letter of the 10th ultimo, to his factotum Rupchand. The botanist stated that the two guns were his property, and succeeded in obtaining a licence for the two guns in the name of his friend, who is taking the guns to Lahul where no licence is required. This is a very grave case, and we have sent you an express cable asking to confirm that the two guns in question were paid by the Museum and bought on behalf of the Museum. It is a clear case of misappropriation of Institute's property, and misrepresenting the matter to officials who issued the licence. The case needs careful investigation, and the botanist should be ordered to handed over the guns in New York. We are sending you several memoranda covering the whole case. Unfortunately the gun licence was in the botanist's name and we could not arrest the guns. Three of the guns belonging to the Institute and bought by the botanist in Lahore, were deposited in the Tehsil, Kulu, pending their despatch to New York. We also have found traces of slander and misrepresentation of a very grave nature. I can imagine what statements the botanist made to officials in Lahore! Somehow I have the impression, someone was interested in what he had to say.

I am glad to hear about the progress of the Bio-chemical Fund. We are really badly in need of a Laboratory, and are doing all in our power to find out suitable hydroelectric equipment.

The Journal is almost ready, and I have already received the File Copy. I hope you will like it.

With cordial greetings,

Yours very sincerely,

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Naggar,

March 18th 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Just a short note to tell you of some of the recent developments. The two guns / 410 Crescent Shot Gun and 22 cal. Stevens Gun , bought in New York and paid by the Museum /have been found in the possession of Rupchand, and entered in a licence issued to his name by the Commisniener of Police, Bombay.

We have received the list of betanical equipment sent by Miss Linden with her letter of February 10th, and the cable signed by Mr. Herch establishing the ownership of the two guns. Col. Mahon has interviewed officials in Lahore, and they stated that the matter should be taken to civil court. Of course such an action should be taken only in New York on Keelz's arrival. You are quite right to demand the delivery of the guns in kind, and not to accept a refund of the cost of the guns. The whole matter is a matter of principle, and this gross misbehaviour should be punished. After all it is a theft! Please send me copies of bills from Fiala, where the guns were purchased, and other documents, if any.

You will be interested to know, that Keelz during his last stay in Lahore had an interview with the CID, and told them of his grievances! You may put him some questions to this effect.

With best greetings,

Cordially yours,

P.S. Please see Keelz's letter of the 26th Dec. where he states that the guns were loaned by him to the Institute! A copy of the letter has been sent to you previously.

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NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab.

March 31st 1932

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of March 8th. I sincerely hope our lawyers will find adequate measures to check Koelz's criminal activities, and to establish his guilt. We have sent you several cables stressing the importance of strong measures. The material and evidences which we are sending you with the Minutes enclosed, will show you the gravity of the situation. It is easy to break the contract with him for he has already broken it by his outrageous actions, but one should also find suitable measures to prevent his harming the Institute work. His present actions have been prepared by him for a long time past and if you will remember his strange conduct during his Punjab expedition in 1931, the case of methylated spirit, and numerous other occurrences, it will be clear to you that he had long ago contemplated to betray the Institutions in which he was employed. I am glad to hear Dr. Maggoffin and Dr. Merrill understand the case and I fully agree with Dr. Merrill that a criminal man of this sort cannot be tolerated on the staff of a scientific Institution. I am sure, dear Miss Lichtmann, that with your usual firmness in matters of this sort you will find adequate measures to destroy this new source of evil. On our part we did everything here to prevent his misdoings and as you know in the last acts of the drama police assistance had to be used.

I am happy to hear of your various activities and promotion of our research program. Please convey to Mr. Phelps Stokes how anxious we are to speed up our biochemical research, and that every effort is done to complete the laboratory building and find suitable hydro-electric equipment. We are contemplating engaging a young native botanist to do botanical collectioning in Kulu and thus to supplement Dr. Koelz's inadequate work in the Valley itself. We shall follow strictly Dr. Merrill's instructions and shall send him duplicate sets of our collections. I believe the combination of a pharmacologist and a native botanist will serve well our purpose.

• Please ask Miss Linden to forward us two or three copies of the February issue of the Bulletin of the New-York Botanical Garden, and to send two copies of the same issue to Paris.

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You will recall the following significant phrase said to Koelz by Major Waugh: "I can see, you are not one of them, and this will help you!". Also Dr. Koelz's answer to Col. Mahon that he is doing botanical work but does not know us. This had been said at a time when he professed such unusual friendliness towards us. Similar statements were made by Koelz to other residents of the Valley.

Please find enclosed the original Urusvati Minutes #25, for the Board of Trustees, with the following annexes:

- 1) Memorandum of RamDas and Babu Lal of March 21.
- 2) Memorandum of Mr. P.L. Aker, late Manager of Araman Estate, Dalhousie, dated March 26th
- 3) Memorandum about found live cartridges, dated March 28th
- 4) Copy of my letter to Col. Mahon of March 25th
- 5) Copy of letter to the Baptist Mission Press, March 25th
- 6) 4 copies of cables, March 28, 30, 30, 31st.

Also for yourself a copy of our Urusvati Minutes #25 and a copy of our Roerich Museum Minutes #26.

With cordial greetings

Yours very sincerely,

*Georgy de Roerich*  
Director.

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Naggar,

April 28th, 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th instant. We greatly appreciate your letter to Col. Mahon about the local rumours, etc. Of course Koelz's erratic movements have stirred up the waters, but the situation is well in hand, and most people realize that they have to do with a lunatic. I am eagerly expecting the results of our lawyers action in the matter. I have requested Miss Linden to send me copies of bills and statements from Fiala Outfits, Inc. about the purchase of the two guns, now in Ruchand's possession. Col. Mahon has written about the guns to the Supt. of Police, Dharamsala, and we are now expecting a reply from them. Since the whereabouts of the misappropriated property are known, the property should be returned to its rightful owners.

I hope you have received the copies of our Journal. Please give one copy to Dr. Merrill. He may need one in his negotiations and correspondence in connection with the Koelz Case.

We do not think it is necessary to cable or write to the Foreign Office, London. An interview with Dr. Bartlett may be useful. You know best. You are quite right in stating that Koelz was misrepresenting his University and Harvard. It was I who recommended to him to obtain letters of introduction from Michigan and Harvard. This is the usual practice, and the letters were primarily intended to serve as introductions to officials, who might have questioned him about his past activities and connections. You know well that Koelz himself was under suspicion on his arrival to India, as it is usually the case with all foreigners.

I hope to soon send you our new leaflet about the forthcoming Tibetan-English Dictionary. This will be an outstanding contribution, and bondholders should be ashamed of their uncultural attitude. Cultural interests must win!

With hearty greetings to all coworkers,

Cordially yours,



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Naggar,

May 5th 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th ultimo, and the enclosed copy of your letter to the Department of State re Koelz Case. The letter is very fine. I do not think it is necessary for us to write to the Foreign Office about Koelz's behaviour. Let us leave this possibility for the future. However it would be interesting to find out about his movements in London. I am very glad to hear that Dr. Merrill is so helpful.

Of course we are confident that Culture and Light will conquer. We shall have to fight a grim battle. In present conditions an inner confidence, unity and tenacity are of utmost importance. Mr. Curry's remarks that "The Rockefeller Foundation is doing the scientific work, etc," is of course ridiculous. Our line of research lies in a new field, and it is imperative to continue it. It is easy to close down, but very difficult to start again. Conditions change very rapidly, and what can be done to-day will be impossible to-morrow. We have now two very important works on hand: 1/ The survey of Tibetan Materia Medica, and 2/ the Tibetan-English Dictionary which will surpass in material any of the existing dictionaries of the language. A preliminary leaflet will be forwarded to you shortly. A cultural and scientific institution is not a hotel or commercial enterprise which can be reorganized at short notice, and any person entering the gates of a scientific establishment takes upon himself certain obligations to respect the aims of the institution. I hope that our attorneys realize the importance of the moment.

We are trying our best to secure estimates for the hydro-electric equipment. The Stokes Donation will cover the cost of the building, furniture / such tables, shelves, etc/ and probably piping and water tank. We still need funds for our equipment, cold room, and at least a sum equivalent to two years of research work / \$ 2400/- per year/ and running expenses/ \$ 800 per year /. At present I can only do survey work recording drugs and their uses, and preparing translations of medical texts. Before publishing these lists we shall have to identify some of the drugs - a very complicated matter / ex. secretions of animal glands/. The above are matters to be decided by our Bio-chemical Committee.

Mother did not feel herself so well all these days. No doubt the strain of the present moment, and the great battle raging all over the world affect her delicate constitution. We are trying to keep all worries away from her. It is very lucky that the spring is rather cool, and we hope for a cooler summer this year.

With heartiest greetings to yourself and all the coworkers and friends,

Very cordially yours,

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Naggar,

May 12th, 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th ultimo. I was interested to read your account of Koelz's first day in New York. Did he explain his disappearance at Naples, and his unauthorized stay in London? Did he write the letter about the guns, now in Rupchand's possession?

Your interview with Dr. Hoffman is most interesting. He has a clear understanding of our programme and method of approach. We shall be glad to receive his publications.

With reference to the monthly reports for our Museum Bulletin, we have described the work proceeding here in the Minutes, stating that some of the news could be published in the Bulletin. For the past month of April we have been engaged on the following:-

- a) Extensive work on the Tibetan-English Dictionary. A leaflet on the Dictionary has been written, and will be sent to you as soon as printed by the Baptist Mission Press in Calcutta. The leaflet will have a sample page. It is important to secure orders for it from Libraries and Universities.
- b) Medical Research. We continue to gather our collection of native Tibetan Pharmacopoeia, and are preparing lists of native names of plants used medicinally.
- c) The construction of the Laboratory. We have now secured iron rails to support the second storey.. Work is proceeding satisfactorily.
- d) We hope to be able to engage a botanist for the summer months to continue our botanical research ( ethnobotany ). The Punjab University is cooperating with us. As soon as we shall hear from you regarding the possibility of such programme, we shall let you know all the details of the work.

We were deeply shocked to read about the outrageous assassination of the President of France by a fanatic. Verily the fight between the forces of Good and Evil is on!

Your letters are always welcome, and we are full of faith and energy. Courage always conquers!

With heartiest greetings to all, and best thoughts to you,

Most cordially yours,

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Naggar,

May 19th 1932.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th ultimo just received. It is a joy to read about the courageous fight in New York, and we know that all the difficulties will be changed to new possibilities, as was always the case. Unity of purpose and faith in the ultimate outcome of the battle will see us through the present difficult period.

Work here is progressing vigorously. The second storey of the Biochemical Laboratory is going up. The Tibetan-English Dictionary will be a great event. The Journal is very well received everywhere, and we have numerous letters of appreciation coming in daily. Dr. Laufer has written a nice review on my Trails to Inmost Asia for the Journal of the American Oriental Society, and a friend from London writes me that a fine review of the book has appeared in the Zeitschrift d. Deut. Morgenl. Gesell. We are glad to hear about Dr. Merrill's friendly and just attitude. Please give him a copy of the new Journal.

We are doing all we can to protect Mother's health. Of course the difficulties of the present time have an effect on her delicate constitution. She has frequent pains in the region of the heart, and it is very lucky that the present spring is unusually cool. Her spirit is wonderful, and she is the greatest support to us all.

We have a new SDO in the valley - a Mr. Gill. Seems to be a nice man. His father is a friend of our Colonel. The Naggar mela is beginning to-day with the usual tam-tam.

With heartiest thoughts to you and all the coworkers,

Yours most cordially,

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Naggar,

May 27th 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

You will find enclosed with our Minutes a letter addressed to my friend Malcolm Vaughan. I believe his advice may be useful. He knows many people about town, and during my sojourn in the States has frequently given me good advice. He can be also useful in the Press since a vigorous public appeal is of utmost importance. You never wrote me about his reaction to my previous letter and the image of Buddha which you took to New York. The fight is on, and we must use every possibility to crush the enemy. The fundamental rule of strategy "concentrate at a given point the maximum of your forces and then strike a decisive blow" - is true in every sphere of life. We know we shall be victorious but tense moments should be lived through with unabated energy.

In our Minutes you will read about a medicinal root used by native practitioners to cure cancer. Since making this report to the Meeting, I have succeeded in ascertaining the Tibetan name of the herb, its habitat and use. We shall try to procure a supply of it during the summer, as the plant grows on an altitude of about 13,000 ft or even higher. Mr. Stokes might be interested in this information. This information is of course for Committee use, but not for general publicity. We must thoroughly investigate the case, and then draft a report. This may take some time, but we know we are on a good track.

I am glad you like our second volume of the Journal. We continue to receive fine comments, and I sincerely hope we shall be able to issue our volume 3. Our previous Minutes contain some suggestions regarding this matter.

How important it is to make new friends, and to spread the cultural work of the Museum in the masses. An age of barbarism is approaching, and material civilization will be its ruin. Only spiritual values will remain to build up the crumbling walls. A new focus is needed and until this is understood, one can hardly expect any improvements in the general situation.

With cordial greetings to yourself and all the coworkers,

Most sincerely yours,

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Naggar, Kulu.

June 16th 1932.

Dear Friend,

This week I had no letters from our Office, but I hope that the work there is continuing notwithstanding the pressure of the present time. I am very anxious to know about the arrival of the cases with botanical and zoological collections. Did Dr. Merrill see the botanical collections? We are trying our best to foster the work of the Institute. Some nice connections are being made daily, and I have the impression that the Institute is slowly establishing a firm foundation. The Laboratory is standing under roof, and the masons are filling in the outer walls. Our Shivaji did some very good work on the construction. I am expecting in a few days the proofs of the leaflet of the proposed Tibetan-Engl. Dictionary.

We were very happy to read about the Protest Meeting. This must give some good results, and creates the right kind of atmosphere. A firm handling of the situation will give us complete victory.

Unfortunately we still have a terrible drought with no water to water our orchard and garden. You can imagine the effect of this abnormal heat on Mother. We are trying our best to keep her restful.

Did you receive the cases with the Journal? They were sent by fast steamer.

With all best wishes from us all,

Most cordially,

June 30th 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. just at hand. I was interested to hear about the different steps taken in connection with the Koelz Case. With regard to the cable received from Mr. Horch re the lawyer, such a procedure could be carried out only in case of a definite refutation of all the slander, surrender of arms and ammunition / not only the 410 ammunition, but also the Mauser and 12 bore shotgun cartgs which are said to be in Rupchand's possession / and abandoning of the project of establishing a competitive enterprize. Such a letter should of course be certified by a lawyer. We have received from Miss Linden the photostats of the original bills of Fiala Outfits, Inc., these will be very useful locally. I am glad to hear that the nine cases with collections have arrived in port, and that they will be opened in presence of Dr. Merrill and other responsible witnesses.

I hope to hear some good news about the activities of our Bio-chemical Committee. The Laboratory is doing good progress, the building is under roof, the stone work on the walls almost completed and the walls plastered. We are applying for the water rights on the Chaki Nulak river. Messrs Boving & Co's estimate was sent to

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you with one of our Weekly Minutes.

Dr. Hoffman's letter is interesting, and you deserve credit for this important connection. Let us hope that his friendliness will materialize in something tangible. There is a great field of research open before us, and we only need the material possibility to proceed ahead. People are very slow to realize the importance of this kind of research for they are accustomed to think along certain lines. Ofcourse the present world situation does not help, but at the same time we should continue our attack.

In my letters to Miss Linden, I have asked her to procure review copies of certain books, which at present have a twofold interest. I hope this has been done. I am glad to hear that Miss Linden has been helpful in assisting the other departments.

After several weeks of considerable heat in the hills and of abnormal conditions in the plains ( 123 Far. in Lucknow! ) we enjoy cooler days again with snow on the opposite hills ! It will help Mother. Father did not feel so good for the last few days, but this can be easily explained by the terrific strain he has to bear.

With all best wishes, and thoughts of success,

Yours most cordially,

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July 14th 1932.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your interesting letter of the 21st June. It is very kind of you to foster our programme, and I only hope that some means will be found to carry out our plans. I was glad to read in the Minutes that Mrs Lund will try to assist in the publication of the third volume of our Journal. We have first-class material for this issue.

I was happy to read in your letter about your interview with Vaughan. He is a good friend, and when properly handled may be of the greatest use for the Institutions. Please give him the second issue of the Journal, as well as a copy of my Animal Style in Tibet.

We are planning to go to Kyelang on the 25th. The monsoon has started here, and it is a bit muggy. Mr. Thapar was here with Mrs Thapar.

I hope Koelz will have a difficult time with his case. If he gives a letter of apology, this document must be exhaustive, and include all the points. Everybody here consider him to be a strange fellow!

I am hard at work on the Dictionary and on the two first volumes of the series Tibetica, which will be ready for print in the Fall. Everything has to be completed in time. You are quite right in stating that the inner "slyakot" is the most difficult thing to overcome, and I wish you all success in your efforts. The times are serious, but Culture must win in the end.

With many hearty salams from everybody, and especially from Shiv. and the girls,

Yours most cordially,



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Camp Kyelang.

August 26th 1932

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

I have for acknowledgement your letter of the 22nd ultimo, and hasten to answer Dr. Merrill's inquiry. I am deeply sorry that Dr. Koelz has neglected all fundamental requirements of scientific work. In an intersected mountainous region such as Western Tibet, where each alpine valley or river basin has often a distinct flora of its own, all geographical data are of the greatest importance. As you know Dr. Koelz was well supplied with field labels, aneroids, etc. The Institute's West Tibetan Expedition of the summer of 1931 covered the following ground: Lahul, the uplands of Rupshu and Tsho-mo Rari, the Indus basin, that is Ladak, and Zangskar. This region is usually designated as Western Tibet, and the plants could be safely labelled: Plants of Western Tibet. The whole region has a mean altitude of about 13,000 - 14,000 ft, and the river valleys descend to about 9,000 - 11,000 ft. Dr. Koelz's neglect can easily constitute another case against him. His movements must be carefully watched, since his influence on the local natives is far from being beneficial. Koelz did not succeed in buying land for the Government refused him the forest land near the Naggar Castle for which he applied. He did rent for a year a small plot of land above Arcadia from the lambardar of the Runsu Village, but then this transaction was done privately without consulting the villagers, and the latter refused him possession of the plot.

I am glad to be able to write to you that Colonel Mahon has made a remarkable recovery, and is now actively engaged in furthering our hydro-electric plans. We sincerely hope that our Bio-chemical Committee will find adequate means to foster this department of the Institute. We have accumulated a vast material on local pharmacopoeia, which is awaiting now an investigator. We can start publishing translations of medicinal texts only after a scientific investigation of the local Materia Medica, for otherwise we shall only imitate others, and give no positive results. Bio-chemical research requires much time, and it is important to move ahead. Please write how the things stand with regards to this department, as well as with reference to the other activities of the Institute. October is near at hand and we must know where we stand for the coming financial year.

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I am sending you a copy of the review of Trails to Inmost Asia which appeared in the July issue of the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, and which may be of interest to you. It should not be used in the Bulletin but can be useful in conversations, if someone again starts the conversation about "standing" etc.

Also one copy of the Dictionary Leaflet. We are sending you a big supply of it with list of institutions and persons to whom the Leaflet should be addressed.

I am very anxious to complete this work and to see the Institute firmly established before the "sroki" get nearer.

Everybody about camp asks to be remembered to you. We had an unusual snow fall to-night, and the mountains around camp are covered with snow. The gadis or shepherds begin already to leave Lahul for Kulu. We plan to start for Naggar on the 16th of next month.

With our very best wishes and thoughts of success,

Yours always,

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September 28th 1932.

My dear Friend,

This is my first letter since our return to Naggar. The journey passed off all right, and the caravan men were a quiet lot. This year we did not stop at Kothi due to smallpox between Rahla and Kothi, and proceeded straight to Manali.

Still no letters about the guns which have been confiscated by the authorities. This all makes a very strange impression locally. The SDO keeps quiet about the confiscation, and Col. Mahon has no information from officials. As soon as we shall receive the letters from you, we shall make inquiries, and settle the matter. Did you see the text of the two letters sent by the attorneys to the Police and Rupchand? You know that there exists a class of persons always eager to exploit any possibility of adverse interpretation, hence the necessity to be very careful with all written documents. The letter from the botanist also gave raise to all sorts of comments/.

I hope that the matter of the Museum's annual budget will be finally settled. We have sent you a budget for the coming year of 1932-33. The form B preserves the skeleton of the organization only. The N.Y. Office expenses will have to be figured out by yourself. I hope that Miss Linden has returned from her vacation, and that the various matters have been attended to. We are anxiously awaiting your news about the situation. The Laboratory building is really a very fine construction, and Mr. Shibayev deserves full credit for this structure. The rooms are spacious and full of light. Several of the rooms cannot be finished at present, since before finishing them we should know all the details of equipment and electrical wires. I sincerely hope that the Bio-Chemical Committee will find possibilities to foster the work. For example the Carpelan Expedition / did it start after all? / is assisted by Dr. Little, Director of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, and Dr. Edward Sundstroem, of the Univ. of California, guided by apparently our information that the peoples of Tibet were comparatively free of cancer, makes some very interesting discoveries on cancer done on high altitudes. We do really think that something could be made to make our Bio-Chemical Comm. more active, and ready to explore new possibilities.

With very best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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October 5th 1932.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 14th ultimo. It is good to have such friends as you, and I am more than sure of the ultimate results of the present fight. Fight we must, for we confront dark forces! They of course will try their best to impede the advance of Culture, but we are strong enough to thwart their dark attempts.

Louis' communication of Rikabi's connection with "relatives" in Michigan is most significant. Always the same dark hand! All this needs careful investigation, and we must be prepared for a bitter fight until the final chevauchee will sweep all obstacles.

We are expecting Major Stokes' approval of the loan for the Journal, and on receipt of his permission shall at once start preparations for printing. The material is being collected, and I am hard at work on book reviews for the forthcoming issue. This Annual Report must be something very substantial, and we have much interesting material. I congratulate you on your idea of a course of lectures to be delivered by Dr. Mageffin. Please let me know all the particulars about them - it will make a fine page in our Annual Report.

We are expecting the copies of letters written re the two guns. The local officials keep silent about them.

Col. Mahon has recovered, and we are giving him Spermin to restore his strength.

I am quite willing to write an article for Dr. Lake, but am afraid that it might provide clues of our approach to the problem of cancer, and this is not desirable for the present. We must first strengthen our own position and start our Laboratory working. Just recently have acquired some interesting herbal drugs said to be beneficial as cancer cures. Of course this needs investigation, and I shall write more fully on the subject in the near future.

Enclosed an interesting clipping, which might be of interest to our attorneys, especially Mr. Stern. It seems to be a case of a very definite conspiracy against Culture in general!

With heartiest greetings from everybody,

Yours ever,

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NAGGAR, Nov. 17th, 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of October 27th with enclosures. We were glad to read in para 5 of Report #40 about your conversation with Major Stokes regarding the possibility of securing equipment for the Biochemical Laboratory. As you know Mr. Pertzoff has been corresponding with various firms in Germany and a copy of one of the letters is herewith enclosed. They are ready to give us long term credit and accept payment on instalment basis. Our office must have the list of equipment prepared by Mr. Pertzoff, showing prices in Dollars. The total cost of equipment in America will cost \$9,882.28 whereas the cost of the equipment if part of it is bought in Germany will cost us \$4,936.14. Thus you see that by buying equipment in Germany we save almost 50%. Moreover we make a big economy on transport and even on duty. We have been carefully investigating the possibility of a duty free entry of equipment from custom offices and Universities. We now learn that duty is payable on foreign equipment when such equipment is sent as goods. But when the person who will be using the equipment for scientific purposes brings it himself on the same boat as part of his luggage, no duty is payable. Thus I believe it will be advisable for our Biochemist to take at least some of the most expensive apparatus himself. This will not be an extra charge, for as you know the outward bound steamers to India permit quite considerable amount of luggage, and once the equipment is passed through the customs, it could be shipped by goods train to Jogindarnagar. If we decide to buy the equipment in Germany it could be forwarded to the port of embarkation in Europe where the biochemist will board the ship for India. Of course much of glass ware and even some of the apparatus can be had locally in India. We are trying to make every effort to obtain a definite estimate for the electric plant for as you know our equipment will be of no use unless we can supply electric power. For this purpose we were fortunate to arrange the visit of Mr. Webb, Manager of Messrs Boving & Co., who is expected to arrive here to-day. His visiting the Headquarters in the interest of his firm will not entail any special expenditure on behalf of the Institute, as is usual and as previously asked for by the but only the motor fare and residence at the Headquarters will have to be paid by us.

We hope to hear from you very soon and trust that the Chairman of our Biochemical Committee will find a suitable course of action.

With all best wishes

most cordially yours

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December 8th, 1932

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th ultime, and the information about the state of our Zoological Collection.

I am very sorry to inform you that Koelz has arrived to Bombay of the 3rd inst., and is expected to reach Kulu on the 12th or 15th inst. How he managed to do it, I really do not know, but it shows once more his character. We have tried our best to keep you informed of his plans, as far as they were known locally, and have mentioned all rumours connected with the case in our Minutes for your guidance. As far as September we sent you a cable informing of the botanist's planned return, and it was our hope that our attorneys will see to that that the three conditions of the release should be executed. In my previous letters I did not want to dramatize the situation, knowing that you know well the local situation, and the serious character of certain matters connected with it. I fail to understand how the attorneys disregarded all elementary safeguards, and leave us in the dark. I cannot believe, that Mr. Burke did not keep copies of the two letters re the two guns, and fail to understand his constant delay in forwarding these copies to N.Y. From the enclosed copy of Mr. Thapar's reply to Col. Mahen, you will see that the local authorities consider the two guns to be the property of Koelz, and base this opinion on a letter written by Koelz. Since the surrender of arms and ammunition was one of the conditions of the release, we must consider this release to be broken, and take new steps to safeguard the interests of our Institution. I also fail to understand how the botanist succeeded in leaving the country unnoticed. His letter of the 25th Oct. to Mr. Burke re the Diary of the Ladak expedition, should have been taken as a warning of a new stiffening of his attitude. The botanist's friend Rupchand is already here preparing for the "happy" advent, and you know, Dear Miss Lichtmann, what this means. I have instructed Miss Linden to send me copies of certain documents which will be needed here. As stated in my letter to Miss Linden, Mr. Hart. should not be approached in the case anymore, and Kramer ( if he is any good ) should deal direct with Burke, who has taken a definite responsibility, and should be held responsible for misrepresentation of the case to our attorneys, and leaving us in the dark as to the real intentions of his client. This new development will certainly result in new complications, and I am only sorry that we do not know the exact text of the release, signed by Mr. Horch on behalf of the Museum.

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I hope the three conditions were clearly stated in the text of the release. Koelz should have of course complied with the conditions of the release before leaving the country, and should have been present at the moment of signing the release either at Ann Arbor or in New York. For now it looks as if we should consider him a fugitive, and his attorney an accomplice of his. We must therefore request Mr. Burke to forward us copies of his letters re the two guns and ammunition within a specified period of time. Also, please let me know as soon as possible about the two Tibetan medicinal books, and the fieldglasses, which have been misappropriated by the botanist.

With reference to your telegraphic enquiry about the Geuthner edition of my book, I do not see how payment could be made under present conditions unless we find an outside source to cover this payment. The edition was so much delayed, that I do not understand how they can publish it within a specified period of time. Therefore I think, we should answer that, whereas we agree to stand by the provisions of the original agreement, we do not find it possible to make an advance payment due to constant delays. Please write in the above terms to Dr. Chklaver ( but don't mention that this is my opinion ). You know the great interest and amount of labour given to this edition by Mme de Vaux-Phalipau, and we should therefore handle the matter very tactfully.

I shall expect you answer to the above points with the return airmail.

With all best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

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December 15th, 1932.

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd ultimo, enclosing the N.Y. Office Annual Report, Bio-Chem. Comm. Meeting, and the photostat of the release given to the Museum by Koelz. It will be interesting to have here the text of our release. As stated in our Minutes, the botanist has arrived on the 11th inst. and is at present at Mr. Lee's. His unexpected arrival, which for some unknown reasons was kept secret by his associates, caused considerable surprise in the Valley, and of course gossip. To-day Col. Mahon sent us a copy of your cable to him, where you refer to Koelz's new boasting about his connection with the CID. All such statements by him should be carefully noted, and we shall appreciate your sending us the results of your new investigations in this connection. I can imagine what new lies he has spread. Your information about his alleged connections, is supplemented by local rumours which state that "Koelz will continue his propaganda (sic) and make new revelation (?) in the course of two month, or that in two month everything will be open. Knowing his erratic nature, one can expect almost anything. He can easily give the wrong impression to outsiders, and mislead people by statements about alleged connections. We shall of course deal very firmly, and strike at him. His mail is arriving at the Naggar P.O., and he will probably try to settle in the vicinity of the Institute. We keep in close touch with Col. Mahon who has a clear picture of the whole situation, but we require badly the copies of the two registered letters sent about the two guns. Please investigate their whereabouts. Mr. Burke must be held responsible for not furnishing copies of same, and for giving our misleading statements about the intentions of his client. I hope Kramer will show his teeth.

The Minutes of the Bio-Chem Meeting contain some interesting points. Some of the remarks made by St. are most strange and sound very fishy in the mouth of the Chair. The answers made to his enquiries are very much to the point, and there is no reason for his doubts as to the educational standing of the Institute or persons connected with it. These are old stories, we know too well the source of all such doubts. The Cancer Comm. should function as a separate unit. Please try your best to secure a good membership for this important Comm. It is of utmost importance to start this Committee.

With regards to our funds here, I have to state that we have sufficient amounts to make payments on Jan. 1st and Feb. 1st according to our Budget B. For March I we shall require additional funds. Please keep me informed about the situation.

With very best wishes to all the cowkickers, and hoping that Flavius is better,  
Cordially yours,



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January 12th, 1933.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letters of the 15th and 21st inst., with enclosures. I am glad to hear that our medical research has new possibilities, and sincerely hope that Dr. Hoffman will actively help this important work. We shall expect your information.

The attitude of the Mich. Univ. is strangely mysterious. The announcement in the "Science" seems to contradict the last statement by the President of the University which you cabled us. But of course the botanical department may be assisting the botanist in his work in a private way, and through private channels. I hope that Dr. Magoffin and Dr. Merrill will do the necessary. As you will see from our Minutes, the botanist and his friends have returned to Kulu from their shooting trip to Banjar, and are planning to go to the plains to stay there until March. Their departure has been delayed due to the condition of Rup. who has again pain in his leg. We shall investigate the whereabouts of the two letters which were concealed by Pr. Ch. and Rup. Please investigate the date of delivery of the said letters. Col. Mahon is doing the necessary. Of course our attorneys are slack, and did not quite understand the Koelz Case. I hear the botanist has some connections with some individuals in N.Y., and that he has stated that prior to his departure he had seen some members (?) of the Institute, who told him of the various difficulties.

For the last few days, Mother had again pain in the region of the heart, no doubt due to the tremendous pressure of the present time.

The Journal is in the Press, and we expect soon the first proofs. It will be a very substantial issue, and should be used in NY in the various negotiations.

Brother tells me that his apartm. may be occupied by his friends. In this case may I ask you that the cases with my private library ( five cases and one yaghtan ) should be placed somewhere where I could have access to them, for some of the books will be needed in the future. Sorry to give you this trouble.

With heartiest greetings,

Yours devotedly,

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January 26th, 1933.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your two letters of the 27 ultimo and the 5th instant with enclosures. I sincerely hope that your negotiations with Dr. Hoffman will materialize in something tangible. The erection of the hydro-electric plant, the acquisition of equipment, and transport will require funds, especially in view of the recent increase in duties ( about 55 % ! ). A considerable part of the equipment the bio-chemist will have to bring himself, as this is the only way to avoid custom duties. I calculated that we shall need about \$ 50,000 to put up the hydro-electric plant, acquire the equipment for the Laboratory, and to pay the bio-chemist and his two proposed assistants for a period of about 4-5 years. We of course could start with a smaller sum. You must have the lists of equipment prepared by our bio-chemist. One of the lists is an emergency list and gives the prices of equipment in Germany. Another list gives the various items separately in case a donor would desire to donate a special part of the equipment. Did you show these lists to the Chairman of the Bio-Chem-Committee ? Please let me know how the matter stands.

The botanist has gone to Lahore. We hear that last year prior to his departure for the States he told wild stories to a certain department. The lawyers' claim that the botanist should not have been let loose at the Headquarters without either taking the things away from him, or arresting him on the spot, is ridiculous! As you know, the botanist left the Headquarters as a member of the Staff, and proper actions were taken to ensure the handling over of the guns and ammunition. He first claimed all the guns to be his, but then admitted that they were the property of the Institute, and was ordered to deliver them to the Museum in New York. This he refused to do, except the two guns now in dispute, which he stated he would take to the Museum. The other three guns were duly collected from him through the Police, and forwarded to the Museum. The other two guns ( a 410 shot-gun and 22 rifle ) the botanist took away to Bombay as well as the remaining ammunition. As stated above it was agreed that he would take them to America. Instead of this he broke the agreement and handed over the guns to RC. Since we have been trying to secure the guns, and as you know the authorities had confiscated the guns early in September prior to the receipt of the two letters from New York. I hope this makes the matter clear. As regards the two books, the botanist claimed them to be his, and was told to

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explain himself in New York. A special Memo was sent to you signed by myself and Lama Mingyur. The field-glasses he claimed as his private property, and we had no copy of the bill to prove that they were acquired and paid by the Museum. Your statement and copy of the bill as well as a copy of a statement from the Museum Accounting Dept. was received a few days after the botanist's departure. From my correspondence with the botanist ( you have all the copies ) you will see that on several occasions I had warned him that his actions constituted a breach of contract and that we would be forced to take legal steps against him. In every case he withdrew his statements after receiving warnings. His misappropriation of the guns and his trip to London constituted a direct breach of his contract with the Museum, and it was for the lawyers in N.Y. to find adequate means. A litigation locally is out of question due to local conditions, which you know very well. We were very happy to read about the fine attitude shown by Dr. Magoffin. Your cable about the investigation started by the President of the Michigan University is interesting. Please let us know to whom he addressed his inquiry in India.

Many thanks for writing to me about my Library. Since most of the books are in the closets of your apartment, there must be two cases and one yaghtan, sent back from Paris, in the apartment of Prof. de Roerich. I am sorry to have troubled you with this inquiry, but with the various developments I may require some books, and I wanted to be sure that Miss Linden could have access to them.

With my best thoughts and greetings,

Most cordially yours,

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February 2nd, 1933.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th ultimo with enclosures. Mr. Bouquet's affidavit is most interesting and will be useful locally. The last letter from the President of Michigan University seems more reasonable. Please make it clear to him that we never had the intention to exclude scientific institutions from the region. The region is vast enough, and I do not see why the botanist should insist on working in the Kulu Valley. It is an accepted ethical rule that scientific institutions avoid interfering with the work of scientific institutions previously engaged in the same region. For example we shall not think of climbing the Mount Everest, knowing that an Expedition of the Royal Geographical Society is engaged in this kind of work. While Dr. Sven Hedin, the leader of the Sino-Swedish Expedition of 1927-32, was travelling through the region of Khara-Khoto in Inner Mongolia, he made it very clear that he would not excavate in the ruined site of Khara-Khoto, for this work was being carried out by an Expedition under General Kozlov. Similarly, the German expeditions of Gruenwedel and von Le Coq to Chinese Turkestan limited their excavations to the northern part of the region, in order not to interfere with the explorations of Sir Aurel Stein along the southern caravan route in Chinese Turkestan. I am sure Dr. Magoffin will be able to give you other examples. Our objection to Koelz's working in the Valley is obvious, and the reasons for such an attitude are clear enough. His peculiar handling of native personnel has made it very difficult for us last summer in Lahul, where as you know his "friends" attempted to organize a boycott of the Institute's camp. One occasion riding horseback we found the road to our camp blocked by some individuals, and had to order them to disperse, which they did after we had pushed our horses towards them. There were numerous cases of such strange actions, and everytime we were told that these were instigated by the Thakur. We have just received a letter from Mrs Mahon, in which she writes that Col. Hughes, the head of the Hospital in Lahore, has read the account of Col. Mahon's illness in Lahul which was written out fully by the local doctor, and he says it is poison without the slightest doubt and that it is not nicotine. Our Colonel had a very narrow escape. Apparently someone was displeased with Col. Mahon's presence in Kyelang, and during his whole stay the attitude of P.C. & R.C. was very strange indeed. The matter is being investigated. In our Minutes you will find an interesting passage from Col. Mahon's letter. The botanist on his arrival to Lahore applied for a licence, and was refused. The D.C. had written a letter to Dharmasala informing of his decision, but for some reasons his letter was never sent by his office, and it was subsequently found out that the clerk, a friend of the botanist, had done away with the letter. This case only shows the peculiar ways of the botanist. With every best wish from us all,

Naggar, Oct.12th 1933

Dear Miss Lichtmann,

I am sending herewith the text of the Institute's Greeting to the Washington Convention. Kindly ask Miss Grant to see if the English text is alright and if necessary to make alterations.

We have received your Minutes and your recommendation to dedicate the next issue of the Journal to Prof.Millikan. We quite understand your ground but owing to an Indication we have to abstain from dedicating to Herb.Hoov's friend. We therefore should look for another suitable name and I shall let you know if we shall have any suggestions to make.

We have received intimation from Lahore that Rs:1321 have been received their from NY.

With best Greetings,

Yours very sincerely,