

4, Campbell House, Pedder Road,
Bombay 26. June 8th, 1959.

Dear Professor Roerich,

I got back to India on the 26th of last month after a week's stay in England, a week in Germany, a day in Zurich, a day in Athens and two days in Cairo. On my return I had written to Devika and Svetoslav to Delhi letting them know that I had met you and delivered the books to you. I was told that they had gone up to Kulu, but only yesterday I heard that they were only a short while at Kulu and had now returned to Bangalore. I hope to hear from them shortly. The enjoyable trip of 28 days which I spent in Russia and Europe has been a good change and I feel fit and fine.

You had talked to me about the possibilities of a good Yoga teacher who would like to go to Moscow. Well, I talked with a gentleman who is considered the best teacher in Bombay and who is a real expert in the subject, who has taught many important and several ailing people. His name is Mr. C.M. Bhatt. I enquired of him whether he would be willing to go to Moscow for a period of six months to one year, and he said that he would be glad to go provided it was worthwhile. He said that he earns Rs. 1500/- a month from tuitions in Bombay and he must get enough in Moscow to enable him to send Rs. 1500/- a month to Bombay for the maintenance of his flat and his large family, and besides that, sufficient money to live comfortably in Moscow. His leaving Bombay for a period of six months to a year will also mean his having to give up his permanent clients for this period and so lose contact with many of them. This means that, considering that One Rupee is equal to One Rouble, he must have 3000 to 4000 roubles a month in addition to his full fares from India to Moscow and back.

Mr. Bhatt is an extremely reliable man and a thorough gentleman, and I can certainly recommend him. His address is , Mr. C.M. Bhatt, Yoga teacher, 6, Rungta House, 68, Nepean Sea Road, Bombay 6. India. Please do write to him direct to this address . We are leaving on the 17th of this month for Kashmir and shall be away for about five weeks or so. I am sure that Mr. Bhatt will be able to give you any other information that you might require regarding the Yoga courses.

Regarding the film on Yoga about which you had asked me, as mentioned to you, I shall be very interested in doing a half hour programme provided I have a definite contract to make the film from your Government. For one thing ^{Govt} Government now controls all film stock and I can only get a permit to buy the stock if I have a contract. Besides this, there is no market in India for such films as you know, and though there is interest for the subject in England and America, these two countries have already sent their own cameramen and made several films themselves.

Making a film is a fairly expensive job and so one cannot take unnecessary risks. A half hour film of this type will actually cost me in Black & White with Sound, Music and Commentary in English , a minimum sum of Rs. 35,000 to 40,000 Rs. And unless I am guaranteed

a minimum of this much money in Rupees and some profit over and above this amount, it will not be worthwhile to do it. If the film is to be in Black & White the raw stock can be got here and it can be processed and printed here, but if the film is to be in colour, then your Government will have to supply the raw colour film and the processing and printing will have to be done in Russia.

As mentioned I would be very much interested in making this film for Russia, and so if you can arrange the above terms please do let me know. I shall then send you a script or preferably ^{you} let me know exactly what aspects of Yoga your audiences would be interested in together with detailed requirements, as Yoga is such a vast subject.

It was a great pleasure to meet you again and I did so much enjoy our talk. I trust this finds you in the best of health and look forward to hearing from you soon. With warmest regards and all good wishes from my wife and myself.

yours sincerely,

M. Bhavnani
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4, Campbell House, Pedder Road,
Bombay 26. India. September 18, 1959.

Dear Professor Roerich,

I had written to you sometime in June this year, shortly after my return to India from Europe, in connection with the film of Yoga which you had mentioned should be of interest in Russia. I have not had any reply to that letter, and regarding your enquiry about a Yoga teacher, I wonder whether you got in touch with Mr. Bhat about whom I had written to you.

I am writing now to enquire whether your Institute or the Russian Government have decided about getting the Yoga film made. In this connection, I would like to mention that one of the well known Yoga schools in Lonavla, about 80 miles from Bombay ~~maxx~~ has been conducting very interesting experiments on the control of the human heart by some of the senior students of the school, by placing them in a vacuum glass case, and then with the use of very accurate instruments reading the various reactions of the system. This ought to make interesting material for inclusion in a film on Yoga.

I have just completed my latest film assignment, and am now making my schedule for the next production, and so incase you would like to have the film on Yoga done, it would be helpful for me to fit this in too. I shall therefore be glad to have a reply from you at your early convenience as to whether your Institute or the Russian Government want such a film made or whether they have postponed the idea for the present.

Hope this finds you in the best of health, and with kindest regards to you from my wife and myself,

yours sincerely,

M. Bhavnani

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