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Dear Dr. George Roerich,

On the historic and auspicious occasion of the 2,500th anniversary of the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and mahanirvana, the HINDUSTAN TIMES proposes to pay reverent homage by bringing out a special number. We plan to include in it authoritative articles and features by eminent scholars of many countries in the world on the Buddha's life and on various phases of Buddhism both as a religion and as a cultural influence. Well-known authors and Buddhist authorities in India, Burma, Ceylon, Thailand, Japan and other countries are being requested to contribute exclusive articles. The idea is to produce an attractive, handy volume in a convenient size which can be preserved as a permanent record. It will include selected pictures in colour and black and white.

I shall be grateful if you help in this devotional venture by contributing an article on "Cultural Unity of Asia" or any other feature or article of your choice. I am making this request at the instance of Shri R.N. Rahul.

The article may be up to 2,000 words in length. It will be greatly appreciated if it is received by us by March 25, 1956. Anything after that date will be too late. Any illustrations to go with the article will be welcome.

I am sure you will co-operate with us in preparing a volume worthy of the great occasion.

This great event of the 2,500th anniversary comes at a highly opportune time when the world is in sore need of a reminder of the message of the Enlightened One.

Yours sincerely,

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