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Dear George:

By now you, undoubtedly, have realized that letter-writing is not one of my hobbies, so that I know you will excuse the very long lapses in my letters. At this writing you are probably deep at work on your Tibetan Dictionary, which sounds like a magnificent task. The announcement is highly impressive and I congratulate you on it. I also want to tell you how much praise the Journal has aroused. I think it has been a most notable addition to such publications.

Under separate cover I am sending you "Le Monde Oriental". It is issued by the University of Uppsala, and it comes to us in exchange for the Bulletins and Journal. Undoubtedly, it will be of interest to you.

We here, are trying to take full advantage of the new season, despite the retrenchments that we have had to make all around. Perhaps the most difficult thing now in America is to see and feel so much corrosion and unhappiness in the world around one.

I hope that you received the staples for your Urusvati office, sent in response to Mr. Shibayeff's S.O.S. call--I am hoping this contribution to your office has proved the diversion and utility it has been to ours.

With my cordial greetings and deep affection to you all, believe me,

Most sincerely yours,

Rance R. G.

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My dear George,

Your letter came to me today, and gave me real pleasure. We are experiencing here to-day a blizzard which is almost Himalayan in intensity, so it was not hard, under the inspiration of your letter, to think of you all in the snow-clad summits.

Yes, we feel this is a Great Year, and no treachery will defeat its victorious implications. So that, despite the daily manifestations of venom, in a score of ways, we feel not the slightest doubt as to the ultimate result. From our detailed letters to your Parents, you are fully au courant of all the intense efforts to do the extreme, as you justly say. As I frequently tell our friends, if the Trio had shown before one tenth the industry for the constructive labors, which they are now showing for destruction, great progress could have been made. Yes, the 'greatest man in America' (as Levy calls himself) had peculiar ideas of what a presidency means; a Mahob is too generous a term for him, George. He rather reminded me of Alberich -- you remember him in the Rheingold, with a whip over the poor little Niebelungen! Well, that is more like him -- a whip, gold, are symbols closer to him. They were preparing for this a long time, with very deliberate motives. And as early as 1923 when our humble friend asked me to bow to the ground as she entered, you can see that they already were afflicted with megalomania. Did I ever tell you that the same humble person instructed me that I should think of her husband as God -- this was about 1931, so that by this time he had already been promoted. I cannot imagine what his next rank will be! From a mere dictator to a god, in eight years -- a man with such capacities can get any where! The trouble is that in a finite world, it is hard to find positions of sufficient grandeur for such an entity.

As to Gal., that to me is also a very great mystery -- what schemes they concocted with him, or what they could have done to turn him so completely is incomprehensible to me. It is my personal belief that he had a 'personal demonstration' of some sort -- what, I cannot imagine. But the extent of his subordination to them is evident in the letter -- such a letter can ultimately discredit him and even disgrace him. Already our friends to whom it went think it extremely queer to say the least. Today I received a letter from my Bolivian friend who was up last week and who returned to Wash. He tells me the following: that G-B has been suddenly recalled to his own country by the new president of whom he is a very close friend; that he is on leave of absence from the PAU. And that there is no foundation for the rumor about the monkeys approaching our southern friends about the P. He says it is pure invention.

You ask about Mr. Young -- I believe I wrote you that his child was very ill and that he did not come to New York. He remained somewhere in the middle west. I will ask again if there is any chance of his coming East. I did however, meet a very interesting person named Grofsmith who is connected with the Nanking Government, although an American. He is a close friend of Mr. MacLachlan who has become one of our coworkers, and is helping me voluntarily in the Press each day. He and his friend Mr. Grofsmith have known each other for many years, and the latter is tremendously interested in Father. He told me that Powell has a very bad reputation among Americans, for just exactly what he did in the case of your exp. That he has constantly embraced Americans over there by writing absolute falsehoods about them, especially expeditions, and that his reputation is the worst. He was over there when you went through an apparently heard nothing but good about Father and you. He seems to be an excellent person.

As you know from my letters to Mother, Mr. Crane has helped us through Mr. Brodie in the legal fees. Brodie was very aym pathetic, spoke in the finest way of Father, Mother and you all. Said that Mr. C. had the greatest affection for all of you, and that he walways disliked Levy, and had been very displeased with the manner in which Levy handled the last loan. Of course, B. said, they had from the beginning more or less considered it not a loan but a gift to the Museum, solely given because of Mr. C's close feeling for you all, in spite of his great distrust of Levy.

I am sure that your report will be a magnificent one -- please God that no one will try to distort it. However, if they do we will go to every recourse. Of course the present situation in our 'friend's' department at the moment is quite chaotic, as you may have read in the press-- that a great part of his entire program is declared unconstitutional. They are now trying to put certain measure through Congress to legalize the processes, but as yet there is much uncertainty.

We are all checking over the accounts for the tax matter -- but unfortunately, our books and papers are all in the traitor's hands which causes much delay. What I believe we will need, is a definite project of your expenses in the questioned years (1926 and 1927) for the expedition; also for purchased Tibetan objects, etc. Because, we definitely pointed out to the attvs. and as they clearly understood the huge sums were for the exp. and not for paintings.

We are all encouraged and feel more than confident of the ultimate victory. With the accumulated possibilities it will be a joy to work together again freed from the brutality of the Trio. I am sure the time for this much-desired "consummation" is not very far away, and in the happy thought of it, I close, George, with my deep affection and loving greeting to you and all.

As ever,

Thaine

