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Nalanda,

21. 9. 55

Respected Sir,

Recently I received a letter from Mr. L. Phuntsog Lhalungpa informing that I shall have to proceed to Italy and stay there for a year. According to his letter I expected an information from you too. As I have not got any letter from you, advising me what I must do in this connection, I have not applied to the Government for passport & visa. It offers me a good opportunity of visiting Countries of Europe & I, therefore, request you to be kind enough to give me the best of your suggestions in the matter.

Waiting for a prompt <sup>p</sup> response,

Yours affectionately,

*Rigzin Lhundub*

Rigzin Lhundub,

Nalanda Pali Institute,

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To

Dr. Roerich,

Kalimpong.



Rigzin Lhundub,  
Nalanda Pali Institute,  
P.O. Nalanda (Patna).

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30. 11. 55

Respected Sir,

Received your letter of the 25th November. Thank you for the same. I still desire to go <sup>to</sup> Italy and I would like to request you to be so good as to inform Prof. Tucci accordingly.

As regards my qualifications I hold no University degree in Tibetan learning, for there is nothing that there in Tibet. I have studied tibetan Grammar, Literature, Philosophy etc. in Oriental way. I can interpret etc., and teach all the Tibetan classics and modern Tibetan and can render efficient help in their translation.

Let me add that Tibetan is my mother tongue and I have speaking knowledge of Hindi, Nepali, Sikkim etc. I have also working knowledge of English and Sanskrit.

Let me hope this is enough.

expecting a prompt response,

Yours sincerely,

Rigzin Lhundub

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Nalanda,

8.2.56

Respected Sir,

I could not reply to your letter before. Because I had to go to Patna for some official works. I have already replied to Prof. Tucci informing that it is not possible for me to go to Rome so quickly. Now I got your second letter ~~which~~ ~~with~~ which seemed to be very urgent and that is why I am writing again to Prof. Tucci in detail. A <sup>true</sup> copy of the same letter is being sent to you by which, I hope, you will realise my present situation.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

*Rigzin Lundub*

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From  
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Nalanda Pali Institute, Nalanda (Patna).  
Bihar (India).

Respected Sir,

I am sorry that my departure for Italy is delayed and cannot respond to your request for my immediate arrival at your place, as I mentioned in ~~you~~ my last letter to you. Here I beg your pardon frankly to state the present situation of mine which is compelling me to stay here at Nalanda for some months more and to take kind advice and help from you.

I am serving the Nalanda Pali Institute in the capacity of Monk-Teacher. Now our Director, Dr. S. Mookerjee succeeded to persuade the Government to abolish Monk-Teacher and instead to raise present Monk Teachers into class II professors. ~~For~~ Formal implementation is expected within a few months, and I shall be favoured with the same raise. Dr. Mookerjee, however, requests me to stay here till the promotion is implemented so that I may start for Italy on leave after securing the rise. As I want to devote myself for establishing Mahāyāna Teaching in the Nalanda Pali Institute and ~~this~~ to serve the cause of Buddhism, I hope I shall come back here after finishing my service in your Institute of Rome. Accordingly I am very anxious to see that I am raised into class II Professor. If I stay here for a few months more, Dr. S. Mookerjee says, there will be no difficulty at all in this matter; on the contrary, if I leave Nalanda now, the Institute has to advertise requirement of a Tibetan Professor, which fact may cause another candidate to take advantage of my absence. Thus being the case, Dr. Mookerjee as well as I myself want to see realisation of my promotion before I leave Nalanda for Italy so that I may come back to the Nalanda Institute with certainty after a year.

I shall be very much obliged if you could be so kind as to wait till September. Would you, again, kindly inform me if you can agree with me ?

With best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

*Rigzin Lhundub*

To  
Shri Giuseppe Tucci, President  
Italian Institute for the Middle  
and Far East