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12th January, 1951.

Dr. George Roerich,
"Crookety",
Kalimpong.

My dear Dr. Roerich,

I owe you profound apologies for my silence all these days. Ever since my return to Calcutta from Kalimpong, I have been tossed about in many ways. The uncertainties of my future programme, coupled with domestic problems, made me pass through anxious times.

The Prime-Minister at one stage wanted to whisk me off to Indonesia on a U.N.O. job. Though I succeeded in avoiding this engagement, I got fixed up as Chairman of the United Bank of India, which has been formed by the amalgamation of 4 Calcutta Banks. The Government of India have now got my consent to act as Chairman of the Board of Directors, which is proposed to be set up for running a very large Fertiliser factory, which has so long been under construction as a State enterprise, near Dhanbad in Behar. Though both these jobs are on a part-time basis, they will, between the two, keep me fairly busy, with the result that Kalimpong will be a far cry for me for some time to come. The future position of Kalimpong itself seems to be uncertain and there may be some cause of uneasiness if the Tibet~~an~~ situation worsens continuously and there is a steady stream of refugees into Kalimpong. There is, therefore, some amount of uneasiness in the minds of those who are interested in Kalimpong; and in this context it is difficult to interest people immediately in

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our projected cultural institute. I had occasion to sound Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee on our scheme, which was undoubtedly warmly welcomed by him. He, however, appeared to be sceptical about finance, and was particularly pessimistic about Dr. Bimala Charan Law being in a position to help. Dr. Law has considerable landed property in Eastern Pakistan, which has become a source of anxiety to him and he has, as a result, had to be cautious in making financial commitments. This estimate, given to me by Dr. Chatterjee, of Dr. Law's possible interest, made me hesitate to see Dr. Law.

I do not know whether Jalan responded at all to the approach made by the Maharaja of Burdwan. If there have been any further developments about the scheme, would you kindly let me know ?

I am hoping to pay a short visit to Kalimpong in April, which will enable me to assess the situation personally in consultation with you. Meanwhile, I shall be grateful to have occasional letters from you.

Will you kindly give my regards to your mother and tell her that my wife has been unwell for some time and is shortly to undergo a serious operation. This has been weighing on us very much for some time, and is partially responsible for my apparent lack of interest in our project.

Trusting this finds you all keeping fit.

I am,

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. Chatterjee

K. C. NEOGY,
CHAIRMAN, UNITED BANK OF INDIA LTD.

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CALCUTTA.

January 29, 1951.

My dear Dr. Roerich,

I am very grateful for your kind letter dated 19th. Thank God, my wife is now out of danger though still in the Nursing Home. I conveyed your message to her and she desires me to thank Madam Roerich and yourself for your good wishes.

I am very glad to know that Kalimpong continues undisturbed by the developments in Tibet. The latest news about ^amove for negotiated peace is really very welcome.

I hope Mr. Jalan's house, which indeed was intended to be an out house as far as I can judge, near -- "Bon Ami" will be definitely available. If I were to stay on at Kalimpong I would find the location very suitable from my point of view. I am only hoping that sometime hence it will be possible for me to spend a few weeks at a time at Kalimpong and participate in a humble way in the activities of the -- Institute. It is really heartening to know that Tibetan -- scholars are getting attracted more and more to Kalimpong and the French Indologist's proposed visit to Kalimpong is greatly encouraging.

As regards Visva-Bharati, I shall certainly make enquiries on the lines suggested by you when I visit Santiniketan next. The proposed University is likely to be ushered into existence about six months hence, provided the requisite legislation goes through at Delhi during the ensuing Parliamentary session. As far as I can gather, the finances of the Visva-Bharati are not likely to be sufficient for the purpose of undertaking any extensive programme. Still its association with our institute in a formal manner may endow the latter with some amount of prestige. It is in this light that I welcome your suggestion. So far as finances go, I am afraid the institute will have to fend for itself. Will you please let me know whether there has been any further response from the local people to our idea and when we can think of -- registering the Society? As I intimated before, I hope to visit Kalimpong, though for a short while, in April. If things shape sufficiently well in the meanwhile it may perhaps be possible to register the Society at that time. Have you any

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suggestion for me in this regard ? Now that my wife is progressing towards complete recovery, I may have some little time to devote to the institute. I have a desire to visit Delhi within a fortnight; and if I get the chance I will talk to the Prime Minister about our project.

Trusting this finds you all in the best of health, I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. C. Neogy

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By. 9th Dec. 1957.

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8, Hastings Road,
New Delhi, February 12, 1952.

My dear Dr Roerich,

Thanks very much for your letter dated the 5th February. I shall be making enquiries about the case of the Burmese Princess and let you know the result.

I feel thoroughly ashamed that due to my pre-occupations, I have not been able to continue my interest in the scheme of the Research Institute, nor do I find any possibility of my visiting Kalimpong in the near future. I understand that an institution is being promoted in Calcutta under the name of "China Bharata Association", and that it is hoped to start a course of Tibetan studies among others in this institution. The Research Institute that we had in view at Kalimpong was to be a more specialised institution and its need cannot be overemphasised even though the teaching institutions of Nalanda and Calcutta may include Tibetan in their courses.

I am greatly interested to learn that the second volume of your "Blue Annals" is coming out in the course of the year.

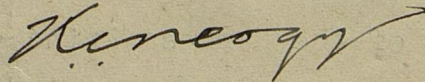
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My wife sends her best compliments to your
mother and yourself. She has been fairly fit of
late.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. C. Neogy'.

(K.C.Neogy).

Dr George Roerich,
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(West Bengal).

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8, Hastings Road,
New Delhi, March 13, 1952.

My dear Dr Roerich,

I have had enquiries made regarding the case of the Princess of Burma, and the result is embodied in the following note which I have received from authoritative quarters:-

"It is understood from the Ministry of External Affairs that these pensions are the liability of the Government of Burma from the date of separation, namely the 1st April 1937. Any particulars regarding the discontinuance of these pensions will, therefore, have to be obtained from the Government of Burma. If the party concerned is in a position to quote the authority under which she was drawing the pension until its discontinuance, and the Treasury or Bank at which it was being drawn, it would be possible for us to make further enquiries."

If I can be supplied with the particulars referred to above, I shall be able to make further enquiries.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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8, Hastings Road,
New Delhi, March 18, 1952.

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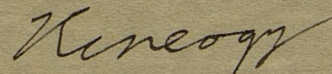
It appears that there has been a good deal of misapprehension on the part of the Burmese Princess as regards the authority for granting her the allowances that she enjoyed in the past. It seems that the liability is really that of the Government of Burma although the Government of India had been making payments for a number of years. There was some correspondence between the Government of Burma, Home Department, and the Government of India between August 1947 and May 1948. The Government of Burma made certain enquiries which were replied to by the Government of India. I would, therefore, advise her to make a representation to the Government of Burma

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sending a copy of it to the Government of India.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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