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2/15 Government Bldg
Khar, Bombay
3-12-53

Dear Dr. Roerich,

I have received your letter of the 24th. Now with its enclosure and as directed by you I sent the letter by registered air-mail. The relative receipt is attached for your file. I have a balance of 12 annas stamps with me.

I have already instructed the Nalanda Publications to send the books without the outer paper jackets and today I was told by them that the books are being sent. They have not got any regular office. Prof. Thakore who is in charge of the Nalanda Publications is a very busy man and can hardly be seen in his office. I hope they will send the books in a couple of days.

I shall remind them again
with all good wishes to
Madame Roerich and to yourself
yours sincerely
Raghavan

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2/15 Govt. Buildings,
Khar, Bombay,

11th June 1954.

My dear Dr. Roerich,

I thank you for your
your letter and the enclosure. I have sent
the enclosed stamped cover by registered post
and the relative receipt is attached.

I shall certainly make
one more effort to get the books sent to
America. Prof. Thakore who was in charge
of the Nalanda Publications is a very
difficult man to contact. Generally he is
in Poona and only occasionally comes to
Bombay. I have obtained his residential
address and I was told he is expected by
this week/end. I shall write to you the
results of my efforts.

Mr. & Mrs. Roerich left
for Bangalore by this afternoon train.

Both of them are in good health.

With all my best wishes to
you and Madame Roerich,

Yours sincerely,

Ragham

2/15 Govt. Buildings
Khar, Bombay
23rd. Oct. '55.

Dear Dr. Roerich,

As instructed by
Mr. Roerich, I am sending you
herein enclosed his letter to H. H
Maharani of Inasaneor.

Mr. Roerich left
for Bangalore by air this morning
with all best wishes
yours sincerely
Raghavan

K. Raghavan Nair 4

2/15 Government Building,
Kharq Bombay,
7th May 1956.

My dear Mr. Roerich,

I hope you have reached home safely. All the boxes and Hira, I presume, have reached safely on Tuesday and that he had no difficulties on the way.

I made inquiries in regard to passage to Russia and I have been able to gather the following information:

(1) Passage by Russian boat: Russian boats have started calling at Bombay almost regularly, but they are all cargo boats and do not take passengers. The luggage can be sent by Russian boat subject to the usual customs check up. Personal luggage is always permitted. These boats take a long time to reach Russia. Regarding the small dog, I am told that he cannot be sent by boat. I understand that he can be sent by plane.

(2) Plane route: As you know there are two routes - (a) Bombay to Prague and Prague to Moscow, and (b) Delhi to Kabul and Kabul to Moscow. The first is the more popular route and the fares are as follows: First class Rs. 3103/-; Tourist class: Rs. 2396/-. Travel Agents in Bombay are not in a position to give the fare by the Kabul route. They say that there are no regular service from Kabul to Moscow and arrangements will have to be made for the Russian plane to come to Kabul to pick up the passengers. The fare from Delhi to Kabul is Rs. 265/-. The necessary Visa to enter Kabul should be obtained from the Afghan Embassy in New Delhi which I am told is not difficult to obtain.

(3) Income-tax release certificate: A certificate in form "A" should be obtained from the local Inspector of Income Tax and that certificate along with the passport should be produced before the Income Tax Officer, Foreign Section in Bombay or at Delhi and on the strength of the "A" Form the necessary release certificate will be issued. In the case of income tax payments having been made at a centre other than where the passenger usually resides, the "A" Form should be obtained from the authority in charge of the Centre where the taxes are usually paid. In the case of dependents who have no income release certificates are necessary and the local Inspector should certify to that effect and the Foreign Branch will then issue the necessary release certificate.

(4) Medical certificates in regard to small-pox and cholera inoculation should be obtained from the Municipal authorities or any other Government agencies.

I am making further enquiries in the matter. As very few passengers go to Russia, the travel agents are not quite conversant with the formalities and one has to gather the information from all sources and then check up.

I shall let you know about lorry transport to Bangalore within a couple of days.

I hope Madam and you are in the best of health and with all best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,

Raghavan

c.c. Dr. G. Roerich,
Kalimpong.

with all best wishes to you.
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Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin: "Date 17.5.56", "Symptoms of Cholera", "Kashmir & H. K. S." and "Return".