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My dear Prof. Roerich,

I am indebted for being introduced to you through Mr. Matthews of the National City Bank of New York and Rahula Sanskrit.Tayana.

On my way to Stockholm, sometime during this year, I am proposing to stop at Moscow for a week. I have travelled in many countries in Asia, Europe and America and I should like not to miss the opportunity of visiting the capital of Russia.

I would very much value the opportunity of contacting you while I am in Moscow. It has been my hobby and interest for many years to trace words but more precisely proper names, common in the Western world, with names of eminent and world famous persons in India of the Vedic times, viz., at least 3,000 years ago.

While there is no written history of that age as to who derived these common names from whom or whether in both places, these names were not derived from some earlier ancestral people, it is an unmistakable indication of some kind of link in the remote past as a proper name gets repeated from ancestors to children and no one inquires why that particular name was given to the ancestor.

The word for God in Russian, 'Bog' - the corresponding word in Vedic times is 'Bhoga'. The name 'Agustus' definitely must have come from 'Agstya' - 'Catherine' from 'Katyini'.

I would request you, if it is not much trouble to find out whether the study of ancient language is pursued in Russia and whether these coincidences have been examined and some attempt made to find links as to common origin.

There would be people who would regard the pursuit of such thoughts as idle and without any bearing on present day

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life. I however, think that the history of the life of man would be of profound interest and would probably correct some of the perspectives which are lost in the political and economic struggles of various nations.

Yours sincerely,

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P. S. To enable you to place me, I may say that I started life as Professor of Economics in Calcutta University and have subsequently been in business. I am Director of the Indian Aluminium Company. I have retired from public life.