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My dear Portvi.

In a few days I hope to send
you the first volume of
my Tudo - Tibetia containing
a full description of the
Tibetan enōdētus their
meaning etc. and of the
Is'a ts'a, and the identification
of the gods therein reproduced.

The Tibetan translation - A
second vol. will contain a translation
of the text and a review of
the Tibetan commentaries upon this
text, which is certainly one
of the most difficult but
most important of
Buddhist & Tantric.

The second vol. of the series
 will follow shortly and it will
 be on Suge and its kings.
 and chiefly will be concerned
 with the translation, from
 Sanscrit into Tibetan made
 there. The third vol.
 will contain the Sanscrit
 text of the Vimala parvata
 of which I got a most
 beautiful manuscript.
 The edition is prepared
 by me and one of
 my pupils with the
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synopsis of the work
as it is in english
it would be better to
publish it in your



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Series because
our Academy
does not like to
edit works written
in other languages
than Italian.

I hope to see
you again this
year.

With my best
 greetings to
 your Father and
 yourself

Yours truly

Joseph Wick

Via Teve 20

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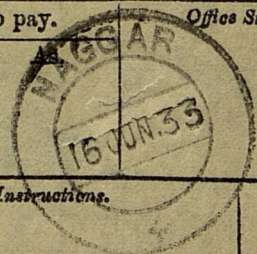
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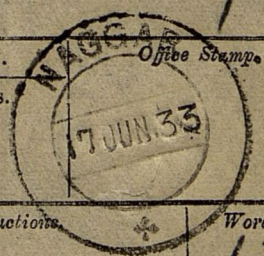
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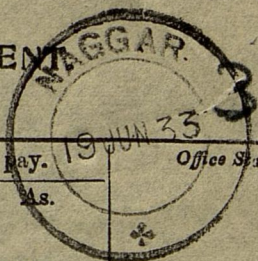
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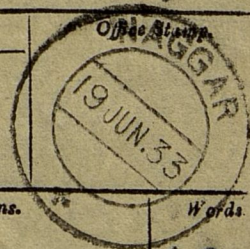
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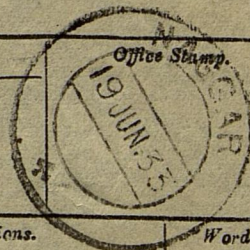
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R O M A
VIA MERULANA 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome, 12.10.1950

Dear Prof. Roerich,

I have the pleasure of sending you a complimentary copy of my recent publication, "The Tombs of the Tibetan Kings", which contains the inscriptions discovered at Yarlung and Samye during my last journey to Tibet. As you can see from the prospect of the inside cover, the book is the first volume of a collection of works on Oriental subjects, which will be published very shortly. It will give me a great pleasure if we could also publish some of your works.

I have just finished reading the first volume of your "Blue Annals" and the book has proved of the greatest interest to me. I am looking forward to the pleasure of knowing the whole of your work and will write you more when I have read the other volumes.

I take the opportunity of telling you that should you come to Europe, we would be most delighted to invite you to deliver a lecture in our Institute.

With my very best regards.

Giuseppe Tucci
Yours sincerely

(Giuseppe Tucci)

Rep. 18.10.50

Prof. GEORGE ROERICH
N.1 Park Street
CALCUTTA (India)

P.S. The book has been forwarded to you, under separate cover, by ordinary mail.

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VIA MERULIANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)

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Rome, March 11 1954

OGGETTO:

Dear Prf. Roerich,

I am sorry that a long time has lapsed since we have last corresponded, but I have always followed your activities, with keen interest and friendly feelings.

I hope you are equally informed about our own activities, and about my latest expedition last year in Nepal. I hope to be able to go back this Summer, as my task is far from accomplished. Last year I have discovered many nepalese inscriptions, of the highest interest, which I shall publish with Proff. Petech and Gnoli and on the borders, tibetan manuscript of great consequence for the history of the country.

In the Rome Oriental Series we have published:

Vol.I. Tucci, G. The tombs of the Tibetan Kings,
Rome, 1950

Vol.II. Petech, L. Northern India according to the
Shui-Ching-Chu, Rome, 1950

Vol.III. Frauwallner, E. On the date of the Buddhist
Master of the Law Vasubandhu
Rome 1951

Vol.IV. Rock, J.F. The Na-khi Naga cult and related
ceremonies, 2 vols. Rome 1952

Vol.V. Lectures (vol.I? in French) Lectures delivered
at our Institute by C.Hentze J.J.
Duyvendak, P.H. Pott, F.Van Briessen,
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OGGETTO:

Have you received any of these? Let me know if you have, otherwise I shall send you with pleasure those that you lack. We actually have under press:

The Tibetan Chronicles, by myself

Vol. I.

Deb t'er dmar po gsar nu
Po ti nse ru, Chronol. of sTag lum
chi.

Vol. II.-III.

Pao tsug lag, histories.
The Fifth Dalai Lama's Chronicles
of Tibet.

Vol. IV.

by myself and Prof. Petech
Gupta inscriptions of Nepal.
by myself and Prof. Petech and
Dr. Gnoli.

In case you had any works or publications of yours suitable for our collection of the Rome Oriental Series so well-known to you we should be extremely pleased to enclose in it your most valuable contributions. I shall always be delighted to be informed about your plans and your activities.

With the warmest remembrance, and all good wishes I remain,

Yours truly,

(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. George ROERICH
c/o Royal Asiatic Society
of Bengal
CALCUTTA India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 3 MAG 1955

My dear Prof. Roerich,

I thank you so much for your good letter of April 13th, and I assure you it has been a great pleasure for me to forward you my Tibetan Painted Scrolls, which I hope may reach you shortly.

I am glad to hear that your translation of the Chag-lo'i rnam-thar has progressed well, and that you expect publication in a near future. I shall of course be delighted to receive this book, and your Grammar.

It is extremely kind of you to be enquiring about a learned Lama, whose work we always urgently need. Although we seem to have found a very reliable person, we are delayed by all sorts of trouble relating to official permits. As to conditions, I may mention the following main points:

- monthly salary, 60.000 It.Lire monthly
- All travelling expenses paid by the Institute, outward and homeward journey, Bombay-Rome, and Rome-Bombay, (or eventually, from and to Kalimpong).

If you could let me have some good news concerning this far from easy problem, it would be an immense relief indeed. Anxiously awaiting your kind reply, I remain, with the warmest friendly feelings,

Yours sincerely,
Giuseppe Tucci
(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. George ROERICH
Crookety
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 71 MAR. 1955

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My dear Prof. Roerich,

I have always been looking for an opportunity of forwarding to you my Tibetan Painted S. and I am now fulfilling my promise. My only regret is that the only copy at my disposal, which I am expediting, is lacking in some illustrations. I trust this will not inconvenience you, as the text is complete, and on the other side I will not cease to look for the missing plates. The large parcel is being sent through the diplomatic pouch, and will be leaving Genoa by the S/S Onda, on March 15th. It is addressed to your name, and directed to the Italian General Consulate in Calcutta, which will keep it in its care and have it at your disposal. However, you would greatly oblige me by kindly acknowledging receipt.

I am eagerly wishing to have news of your work and activities, which are always of the greatest interest for me. For my part, I am revising my manuscript of the translation of dPao Gtsug's Chronicles, now ready for the press, and other historical texts; besides, of course, many other engagements, and the usual cultural activities of our Institute, that have reached a peak in these Spring months. We acutely feel the need of a learned and trustworthy lama, who should work here and help in the pursuit of our research work, but in spite of very extensive correspondence, and the granting of plenty of facilities on our part, we still cannot attain our purpose. Unfortunately, time is very pressing, and this gives me confidence for addressing myself to your kindness, asking whether you may know of any worthy Lama, fit for the job. I would be extremely grateful if you would take an interest in our plight, and suggest some way of settling this matter.

I may not close, without adding that you should not trouble to consider the copy of T.P.S. as being on an exchange basis, considering the circumstances: it is meant as a token of the very warm friendship and sincere attachment of yours very truly,

Prof. George ROERICH
CALCUTTA, India
C/O R.A.S.

(Giuseppe Tucci)

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VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)

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Rome 27 APR 1954

OGGETTO:

Dear Prof. Roerich,

your very kind letter of April 9th has given me great pleasure, and I am obliged for all the interesting news you tell me about your work. If, after such a prolonged stay in Kalimpong, you were to come to Europe next year, please let us know about it, and about your eventual plans. *(we might arrange for a lecture)*

I am sorry to hear that only the Tombs of the Tibetan Kings is available for you, and I shall see to it that the other volumes be at once forwarded to your address. As to Tibetan Painted Scrolls, I think that a means both practicable and profitable would be ~~that~~ of exchanging it against some works (maybe some doubles you may possess) on Tibet or the Tibetans. Perhaps some cultural Institution you may know of, might give us in exchange some publications suitable for the Library of our Institute. Please let me kindly know if any such exchange could be arranged.

Many thanks for having asked the Asiatic Society to send me a copy of the second volume of your Blue Annals with the Indexes, for which I shall gratefully acknowledge receipt as soon as it reaches me. I do hope we may realize our common wish to publish a work of yours in our Series, a real privilege for us. As to the books of mine you mention, they will be out next year.

With all good wishes, and kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
(Giuseppe TUCCI)

Prof. George ROERICH
P.O. KALIMPONG
West Bengal, India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
TELEF. 44 631

IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 10 GIU 1955

My dear Prof. Roerich,

I thank you for your most welcome letter of May 22nd, and the interesting news you give me. The problem of the learned Lama who would be working with us is always uppermost in my mind, and I am therefore much obliged to you for the two possibilities you suggest. They seem both good, and it is very relieving to know that we may have recourse to them, in case of necessity.

If you would like to give the two scholars some further details as to what is expected of them, you may kindly assure them that they should be working on our texts, for interpretation and collation, for the complete reorganizing of our Tibetan Library; the length of their engagement would be from two to three years. The monthly salary of 60.000 Lit. amply provides for board and lodging, with fair allowance for incidental expenses. In fact, very adequate arrangements for boarding and lodging are actually to be had for about 45.000 Lit., as is the case with our scholarship winners and foreign students. Also travelling expenses are assured from Kalimpong to Rome and backward journey.

I have given instructions for sending you, under separate cover, a copy of Dr. Conze's Abhisamayalankara, with our compliments. I am very happy to be of some service to you. With renewed thanks for your kindness, I beg you to accept my best remembrance, and all friendly wishes.

Sincerely yours,
(Signature)
(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. G. ROERICH
Crookety
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome

4 LUG 1955

My dear Prof. Roerich,

a few days ago I have had the pleasure of hearing from my dear and devoted friend, Dr. Stein, who has given me very interesting news of your work concerning the dialect of Amdo. I am writing to Dr. Stein, to say that our Institute would be glad to publish this volume, which would prove extremely useful to Oriental scholars; of course permission must be asked from the Author, but I do not doubt that you would on principle approve of our taking charge of the publication. For our part, we would be glad of this most valuable addition to our collections. Please let me know all the necessary data, length of the work, transcriptions, eventual illustrations, and other points you would like us to consider, so that, with your approval, we may proceed to a speedy realization.

As to our Institute, we are still very anxious about the problem of the Lama; since you may have the possibility of talking to Mr. Lobsang Phuntzok Lhalungpa personally, I would earnestly request you to tell me your opinion about this young man; that is, whether you think he may obtain the necessary permits, within a reasonable time, or whether he seems to be making no progress. If you deem his case uncertain, I would ask you, no less earnestly, to address on our behalf the two candidates you suggest in your letter of May 22nd, to know whether we have grounded hopes for their coming. Since the first is an Indian citizen, and the second although Chinese may obtain a permit from the Indian Government, I shall be anxiously waiting your answer concerning them. I would be extremely glad to know the question is settled before I undertake my next voyage, so as to leave no trouble at the Institute.

I hope you have by now received Dr. Conze's volume; meanwhile all my best regards, and warmest remembrance.

Sincerely yours,

(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. G. ROERICH
Crookety
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

My translation of *2 Pao gtsing* is ready
but some points need to be discussed with you

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Prof. George ROERICH
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ROMA
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 28 LUG. 1955

My dear Prof. Roerich,

your letter of July 18 has given me great pleasure, and first of all I want to thank you for the most useful information concerning your book, which we are very glad to publish in our collections. I shall also send you some doubtful passages of Lho-brag chos-byun, which I am at present translating. To say that I feel so obliged by your kindness is always too little.

Concerning the appointment of the Lama, I may repeat that his fees, amounting to 60.000 Lire monthly, are the approximate equivalent of 500 Indian RS., or somewhat less. We may of course look for a suitable lodging for him, and give him our advice and assistance whenever needed, also in view of the fact that he would not be speaking Italian, at least at the beginning. The work we would request from him includes: setting up of a catalogue of the Tibetan works in my library, helping me in the revision of some passages of the history of dPao Gtsug, which is ready for the press, select with me the passages of Tibetan texts which I have gathered, concerning Nepal, etc.

I would be also very grateful for kindly sounding Lobsang Ph. Lhalungpa, with regard to his permits, as unfortunately matters are dragging too slowly for our urgent requirements. If there is scarcely any hope of speeding matters up- through no fault of Mr. Lhalungpa- we would at once contemplate the possibility of addressing ourselves to one of the two Lamas you have so kindly suggested. It seems to me the first one (Lama Chime Rigdzin) is very well suited, as his papers would be more easily obtainable. You would much oblige me by kindly advising me on the matter, especially with regard to the real possibilities of Mr. Lhalungpa; you may speak to him directly, which is far different from corresponding, and may either have a clear answer or a clear hint as to the state of affairs. I cannot tell how much I rely on your judgment, no less than on your kindness.

For the moment, my renewed thanks, and all my good wishes. Sincerely, (Giuseppe Tucci)

(1) The translation is finished.

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ROMA

VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)

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IL PRESIDENTE

(1955)

Rome, 25 AGO 1955

Dear Prof. Roerich,

Thank you once again for your valuable help in the matter concerning the Lamas. Just to-day I received a letter from Mr. Lhalungpa, who is informing me of not being able to obtain his release from his service, at least for the moment, so that he is suggesting me to take some steps for finding another person willing to come here in his place. This is just the thing I decided to do, as this delay was really becoming too long, and in this concern I requested him to contact you and get some suggestion from you to be helped in settling down the matter. I think Chime Rigdzin would be all right, and I have complete confidence in your opinion, so that if you think he would be able to take up the work of translating Tibetan inscriptions and manuscripts, I can appoint him without any other delay. Will you kindly try to get a definite reply from him? You can inform him that 60.000 lire are more or less corresponding to Rs. 500; this is the salary normally got by our collaborators, who can conveniently live on it. Of course the IsMEO will think to find a good accomodation for him, so that he will not have any trouble for finding his home. As to the time of the appointment, I shall need his collaboration for one year at least, and then we will see if it will convenient to prolong this period or appoint Mr. Lhalungpa when he will get all his permissions.

With your help, I think this matter is lastly to be settled, so that I shall not have to trouble you any more. After getting your reply - that I request you to kindly send me as soon as possible, I shall write to Dr. Bagchi, according to your suggestion.

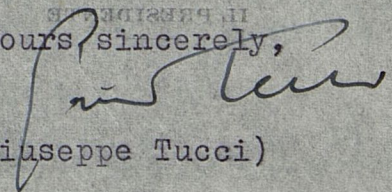
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With many renewed thanks, and my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. George Roerich,

Crookety,

KALIMPONG (West Bengal) (India)

Dear Prof. Roerich, Thank you once again for the letter from Mr. Indraprastha, who is informing me of not being able to obtain his release from his service, at least for the moment, as that he is suggesting me to take some steps for finding another person willing to come here in his place. This is just the thing I desired to do, as this delay was really becoming too long, and in this concern I requested him to contact you and get some suggestion from you to be helped in settling down the matter. I think China Expedition would be all right, and I have complete confidence in your opinion, so that if you think it would be safe to take up the work of translating Tibetan inscriptions and manuscripts, I can do that without any other delay. Will you kindly try to get a definite reply from him? You can inform him that 50,000 lire are more or less corresponding to Rs. 500; this is the salary normally got by our collaborators, who can conveniently live on it. Of course the IASO will think to find a good accommodation for him, so that he will not have any trouble for finding his home. As to the time of the departure, I shall need his collaboration for one year at least, and then we will see if it will be convenient to prolong this period or appoint Mr. Indraprastha when he will get all his permissions.

With your reply I think this matter is likely to be settled, so that I shall not have to trouble you any more. After getting your reply - that I request you to kindly send me as soon as possible, I shall write to Dr. Bagchi, according to your suggestion. We shall surely include your manuscript in our series, and when this will be done I shall immediately

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Rome, 7 GEN 1955

OGGETTO:

Dear Prof. Roerich,

I must first of all apologize for answering only now your most welcome letter, dated July 19, 1954, but I have come back to Europe in these days, and had no possibility of answering before. My expedition to Nepal has fortunately proved very fruitful, and I am very busy actually writing the preliminary report, which I shall forward to you as soon as available. It would have been my eager wish to visit Kalimpong, but the pressure of engagements and the extremely limited time at my disposal have utterly prevented me from realizing the plan.

I have received all your works, which I follow with great interest and deep admiration while waiting for your Tibetan Grammar and other publications. Concerning exchange with my Tibetan Painted Scrolls, I must say I already possess a copy of your most valuable Animal Style, etc. I would however like to get the first work you mention, a set of the Arya Pandita'i etc. (Mongol Xylograph in four volumes), and in addition the Tibetan Dictionary published in Lhasa by C'os gregs pa; would it be possible to let me have it?

I renew my best thanks for your kindness, and for my warmest congratulations for your activities; on the dawn of the New Year I also send you my heartfelt wishes for a very happy pursuit of your studies. In all friendliness,

Yours sincerely
(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. George ROERICH
c/o Royal Asiatic Society
of Bengal
CALCUTTA, India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome, 14 SET 1955

Dear Prof. Roerich,

I must thank you once more for your kindness and your very necessary help; following your suggestion, I shall immediately write to the authorities of Visva-Bharati to get the leave of Mr. Chime Rigdzin, and I shall also reply to the letter he wrote me on the subject. Meanwhile I request you - if you have the occasion to contact him again - to kindly inform him that I am taking the necessary steps to arrange his coming to Italy, and that I must know immediately if the authorities of the University will grant him an annual leave.

I cannot wait more to settle this matter, which is very urgent and important for me, so that if he will have to face many difficulties to get the above leave, I shall provide to appoint Mr. Rigdzin Lhundub, as suggested by you.

With my warmest thanks, and many friendly regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Giuseppe Ricci)

Prof. George Roerich,
Crookety,
KALIMPONG (West Bengal)
India

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ROMA
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 28 DIC. 1955

Dear Prof. Roerich,

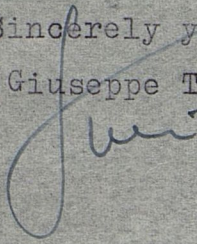
in answering your kind letter, and thanking you for your help, I wish to inform you at once that your work on the speech of the Amdo - which is to be published by the Poligrafico dello Stato - will have its first printing proofs ready for the month of January next, or thereabout. Some time has been requested in the preparation of the ms., alternating round and italic type. We will of course send you the proofs as soon as available, and you may reckon on the printing of the book in three months' time.

Thank you ever so much for your help in the matter of the Lamas, which is unavoidably attended by some difficulties, always due to permits and leaves. We have written, on December 15th, to Chhimed Rigdzin Lama, in a very final way, requesting him to state his position as to whether he is allowed to come to Italy; we hope to get his answer soon, but as his prospects are not bright, we have started writing immediately to Lhundub Lama, to ask whether on principle he may join us to help in our work.

Trusting that these matters may speedily be brought to an ending, and thanking you again very warmly, I remain, with all good wishes,

P.S. I shall be much obliged
if you could kindly write
to Lhundub Lama, pressing
him for a speedy answer

Sincerely yours,
(Giuseppe Tucci)



Prof. George ROERICH
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
TELEF. 44 631

IL PRESIDENTE

Rome, 24 FEB 1956

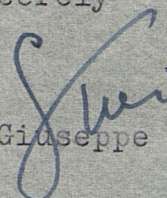
Dear Prof. Roerich,

We are very grateful to you for your kind help in this occasion. We have had direct contacts with prof. Rigdzin Lhundub but, as he cannot come up to September, we are looking again for another Lama.

For the moment we are negotiating with a Lama who lives in America, but we will be very glad if you can mention us any other Lama ready to come to Italy.

I tender you my best regards

Yours sincerely


(Giuseppe Tucci)

to:
prof. George Roerich
Kalinpong, West Bengal
India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
TELEF. 44 631

IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 13 GEN 1956

Dear Prof. Roerich,

many thanks for the kind letter you have addressed to Commander Imperiali on December 29th, 1955, and for your preceding correspondence with Prof. Gargano about the appointment of the Lama. As I have written in my last letter to you, dated December 28th, we have been compelled to give up Chhimeñ Rigdzin Lama, at the same time contacting direct Shri Rigdzin Lhundub, on December 23rd. Unfortunately, we have so far received no answer from the latter, and I am worrying over this delay. In order to better acquaint you with our exact terms, I enclose copy of the letters to the two Lamas under reference.

I feel rather uneasy at troubling you too much but I would be very grateful if you could let me have some news about Lhundub Lama, whether we may have a real chance of getting along with him. Many thanks again for your efforts on our behalf, and all good wishes and kind regards from

Yours sincerely,
Giuseppe Tucci
(Giuseppe Tucci)

Prof. George ROERICH
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

Two Enclosures

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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 31 GEN 1956

Dear Prof. Roerich,

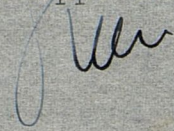
many thanks for your letter of January 8, 1956, and your continued interest in our plight. I am very sorry to say that we are again at a standstill, after all the trouble you have taken; in fact, Lama Rigdzin Lhundub has just now written that he could not join us before October next, which practically means we must drop him, as we need the collaboration of a Lama quite urgently, and cannot afford such a delay.

Would it be too much to ask you whether you can suggest some other person, at the conditions which, I am afraid, you know only too well. I assure you I feel uneasy at demanding so much from your friendliness, but our condition with respect to the appointment of a Lama is getting very difficult, and I am sure you would like us to set our mind at rest on this important point.

Any advice and suggestions will be extremely appreciated; all good wishes and regards from

Yours sincerely,

(Giuseppe Tucci)



Prof. George ROERICH
KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

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ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo Brancaccio)
TELEF. 44 631

IL PRESIDENTE

Rome, 28 MAR. 1956

Dear dr. Roerich,

I have received your letter of february the 24th and, later on, those of march 15th and 19th. In my last letter I was writing to you that we ought to look for another Lama able to come here earlier than September: we have had some negotiations with Lama Geshe Wangyal but now, for some difficulties found in this connection, I prefer to wait up to September, in order to avail myself of the cooperation of Lama Rigdzin Lhundub; with this purpose I have already contacted him directly, and I hope that there will be no further obstacle to his coming here.

About the proposal of Sonam Thobgye we cannot agree with his suggestions and for Lama Pun Tshogs it is better to wait for some time, at least up to the arrival of Lama Lhundub's reply.

I have the pleasure to inform you that your 'Amdo dialects' is going to be printed. I hope to be able to have the proofs in a ^{very} short time.

My heartiest congratulations for your important works, mentionned in your letter and many regards

Sincerely yours

Tucci
(Giuseppe Tucci)

to
dr. Roerich
Kalimpong, West Bengal
INDIA

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- 5 MAR. 1957

Prof. George ROERICH
P.O. KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

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My dear Friend,

I have the great pleasure of informing you that the proofs are ready, and that they will be forwarded to you under separate cover. You would greatly oblige us by returning them at your earliest convenience, as we hope to proceed speedily with the printing.

Meanwhile, all my best wishes, and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Giuseppe Tucci)

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ROMA
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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome 13 MAG 1957

Prof. George ROERICH
P.O. KALIMPONG, W. Bengal, India

Dear Professor Roerich,

I have had the pleasure of forwarding you, a few days ago, my two latest publications: Minor Buddhist Texts, Part I, and the Preliminary Report on Two Scientific Expeditions in Nepal. I trust you may receive them without undue delay.

I thank you for kindly sending us the corrected proofs, which have reached us on April 16, and have been at once sent at the printer's. As soon as the second proofs are ready, we will send them air mail.

I wish to renew my thanks for your kind cooperation, and to assure you of my most cordial remembrance, hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

(Giuseppe Tucci) *mt*

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IL PRESIDENTE

Rome

27 APR 1957

Prof. George ROERICH
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My dear Friend,

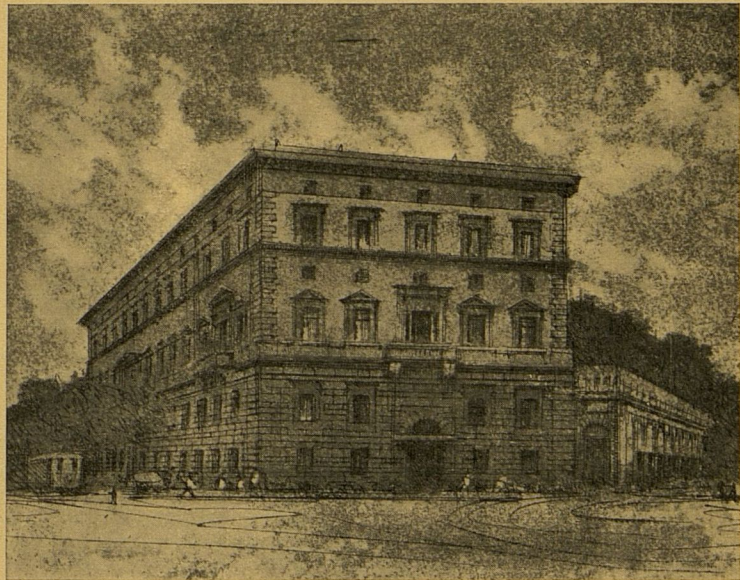
thank you so much for your letter of April 7, and for the offprint of your recent article you have so kindly sent me. Prof. Loreto has been writing you about the proofs of the book on the Amdo dialect, and I trust everything is proceeding well on that account, and we may soon see your work published.

It is extremely kind of you to offer help in the matter of the Lama who should be working here; as a matter of fact, we are still looking for a really competent and reliable person, but unfortunately there is always trouble on account of getting permits, and such. I remember your kindly proposing the Visva-Bharati Lecturer some time ago; he had a large family, and his papers were not ready. In case he may be really free to go abroad at a short notice, and were willing to accept our conditions, I would be grateful for being informed about it. Even better it would be if you could find out somebody else, even better suited to our purpose.

With renewed thanks for your kindness, and all good wishes and regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

(Giuseppe Tucci)



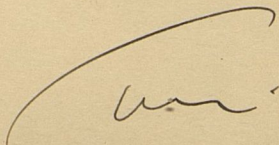
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da Incisione di C. A. Petrucci

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A very happy New Year from the
"Istituto Italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente",

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal stroke above a smaller, more complex cursive signature.

Rome - Via Merulana, 248 - (Palazzo Brancaccio)