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Dear Dr. Roerich:

I believe you are aware that I was in touch with Prof. Roerich, your father, for a long time until his passing away in December 1947. Though I never had the privilege to meet him personally, we used to correspond with each other too frequently, and the outcome of the friendship he so generously granted me was the publication of my book on his life and work, which I trust you saw years ago.

Before his passing away, in 1947, Prof. Roerich was kind enough to offer me an autographed photograph to be inserted in a book I am writing on India and Tibet. He also sent me some of ^{his} drawings. This book is written in Portuguese and is expected to appear in Portugal next year. I shall be glad to present you a copy, and shall also send copies to Roerich Peace Pact Centres in America and Europe.

Just now I am collecting material on Tibet, particularly on its history and local customs. My drawback is that I do not find sufficient material to enable me to proceed with the work. I have consulted a number of French and English books, but still I require urgently the following information:

1. History of the Dalai-Lamas and Tashi-Lamas.
2. Data concerning Tibetan rituals.
3. Descriptive matter pertaining to Buddhist Monasteries in Tibet.
4. Some interesting photographs.

If you could help me in the matter by sending the above material or a few booklets and periodicals wherein I can find the same, I shall feel ever grateful to you.

I am also interested in having a complete description of GHUM MONASTERY in the Nepalese frontier: history, number of Lamas, and description of its interiors.

I shall also thank you for any suggestions you care to make in case you can spare some of your time for me.

Ere I conclude, let me tell you that I shall deem it a privilege to correspond with you from time to time.

Thanking you in anticipation and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



R. S. Fontes.

P.S. - Could you tell me something of the travels to Tibet of the Portuguese Jesuit ANTONIO ANDRADE (1580/1634) and of the Jesuits P. Ipolito + Desiderio, in 1716?