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Copy of CRC's letter of Jan.9th
Drug Tchelovetchestva

22-APR-1939

Dear John,

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Many thanks for your letter of March 17th. It is difficult to reconcile ourselves with the thought that our dear friend, your father, is no longer on our earthly plane. He was a true friend of humanity and may his soul enjoy everywhere true peace and upliftment.

I am sending you an English and a Russian clipping of my article dedicated to your father "A Friend of Mankind" - one from a large Baltic Russian newspaper and the other from the local press. Two more are to appear: one in South India and another as we were told, has already appeared in Chicago in Russian. As soon as we shall have clippings, we shall be glad to send them on to you.

As regards my painting "And we open the Gates" I quite understand that the executor may not have a copy of your father's letter of Jan.9th and I herewith enclose a copy. It is very near to my heart that the last painting of mine acquired by your father should be just "And we open the Gates" as it always was one of Mme Reerich's favorites.

I was very happy to know that this painting was so appreciated not only by your father but also by your sister and I shall be glad that it will be in the home of Mrs Bradley. As soon as the formalities to which you refer will be over, please let me know to what address to send the painting - whether to send it to New York as before or whether direct to Mrs Bradley (and what is her address). "And we open the Gates" - may all lofty Gates be open to our dear Friend. -

Please convey Mme Reerich's and all our affectionate greetings to your mother and accept them for yourself,

Very cordially

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