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Dear Mrs Mahon,

With greatest pleasure I fulfill your wish and am returning to you the photograph with my signature. From your letter I see the great difficulties which your friend has to surmount, but however hard life may be, one is never deprived of the greatest privilege - to think and to progress infinitely through this process. Please transmit to your friend that I heartily wish her to overcome her temporary obstacles. It has been Said : "be blessed, obstacles, through them we grow". After all, if a person does not suffer in this life he loses the best possibility to perfect himself. You write that your friend is living in the country, far away from the center, but perhaps there is a blessing in this, because many large cities are nowadays like madhouses.

To-day we had no newspapers and we all felt great relief, it means that we can spend the day without crazy news. The world has reached such a state that no one can say where does war take place, although it definitely

Mme de Roerich has just received your letter of yesterday, for which she thanks you very much. Yesterday was indeed a very trying day for her heart, because it was so hot in the middle of the day.

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smells of powder everywhere. What seer can state, for instance, whether China and Japan are at war, although we all know that hundreds of thousands of soldiers are on the move. I am sending you my peaceful "Leaves of China". It would be a great pity if such a cultural institution would become the victim of human hatred and vandalism.

We have yesterday received a newspaper from Riga wherein in the center of the front page there is an article about our pact in connection with the memorandum submitted to the Baltic Conference of Foreign Ministers. We also received a very nice article by the eminent Professor of International Law A. de la Pradelle "Pour La Sauvegarde des Chefs-d'Oeuvre" which I enclose for your and Colonel Mahon's perusal (please return it at your convenience).

After a brief drop of temperature, we have to-day again excessive heat and I am always very worried about Mme de Roerich's heart.

With best wishes to you and Colonel Mahon from us all,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dear Mrs Mahon,

Many many thanks for your letter of the 29th of July. Of course, if you think that the thoughts expressed in my previous letter might be of assistance to Miss Arnold, you were quite at liberty to send her my letter. On our thorny earthly path there are also many karmic conditions and therefore we must manifest an understanding attitude to everything that takes place. And in the overcoming of every difficulty there is already contained the fulfillment of a person's mission.

I enclose for your and Colonel Mahon's Library a copy of Mr. Nicolas Buschman's booklet on "The Mission of Woman in the Struggle for Peace", with my preface. Should you know of anyone to whom this booklet may bring inspiration, we could send you a few more copies.

Yesterday I received from my friend Claude Bragdon a very touching letter in which he asks for permission to reproduce in an American magazine my painting "Armageddon 1936" as a timely warning for humanity.

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Of course you could keep Prof. de Lapradelle's article as long as you need it, because the voice of such an authority of France has its special value. As regards the reprint "Leaves of China" it was sent for you to keep. You and Colonel Mahon are quite right in stating that these days are very trying for Mme de Roerich. Not only the heat, but also the dampness and closeness of the atmosphere are very harmful. The more it is astounding and inspiring that despite of her state of health, Mme de Roerich is working incessantly, bringing in every her writing so much spiritual upliftment for humanity. And so many seeking spirits appeal to her from all parts of the world. Quite recently from Poland came two letters of 69 pages, all filled with questions. Some time this heroic work of Mme de Roerich will be fully valued by humanity - already now we have several requests for permission to publish her letters.

Mme de Roerich and we all are sending to you and Colonel Mahon our best greetings.

In Spirit with you