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Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, India

Nov. 11th 1931

Major J.G. Phelps Stokes
100 William Street
New York, U.S.A.

My dear Mr. Stokes,

Your letter of October 10th gave me sincere joy, as all what I hear from you and about you.

We elected you not only Member in Perpetuity, but now also as Honorary Advisor. In this way we want to express not only that we cherish your permanent presence, but also that we consider your advices as the closest assistance of a wise friend. You know how many riffs the Ship of Culture has to avoid and how all black forces are especially eager to harm everything done for Light and Culture. The wrath of the black forces only shows that they appreciate in their way our cultural expansion.

Probably Mr. Horch has shown to you some of my new articles and amongst them my article "Slander". You as an experienced ^{Guardian} ~~Educationalist~~ foresee the various ~~in the field of Culture~~ ^{understand} the tricks of the black forces, but you also know that ^{dark machinations} ~~with these tricks~~ are dispersed by Light. In the name of this all-conquering Light, we greet you and once more we are filled with joy at the realization that you are our collaborator, our advisor and our Friend. Such friendship grows forever, because it is based on an understanding consciousness.

Mme de Roerich and we all send you our heartiest wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

A. F. D.

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TO

PHELPS STOKES

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100 William Street

NEWYORK

Deeply touched your readiness to organize participate committee

FROM

Roerich

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For Prof.N.de Roerich, Naggar, Jan.27,1936

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March 23, 1936.

Major J.G. Phelps Stokes
New-York.

My dear Major Stokes,

Everything what we hear from you and about yourself touches me deeply. Many many thanks for your continuous care for the Institute. Thanks to your assistance the life of the Institute, if even on a skeleton, can still throb. So much labour had been put for the foundation of this scientific work that the difficult time must be overcome, in order that in the near future, this useful activity can expand again for the benefit of mankind.

Also your noble participation in the fight for Truth in New-York fills our hearts with joy and gratitude. You find such beautiful words to stress the cultural standing of our loyal coworkers and the other side cannot indeed furnish such proof. You know with what good intentions and with what flaming hearts we with Mr. and Mrs. Lichtmann and Miss Grant founded the Master Institute of United Arts and it is so deplorable that now three persons, who came later, already to a complete and working institution, should now try to prove that we have no rights and connections with our institution. This is as shocking as the attempt to show malevolently the expedition sums as my personal income.

And above all this slander and malice I am greatly concerned about the health of Mme de Roerich, who is terribly aggravated by this unprecedented treason. Moreover the two associates of Mr. Horch, who have both been here, know perfectly well the precarious condition of Mme de Roerich's heart and how dangerously all such insults and attacks react upon her, subjecting her very life to danger. Your sensitive heart feels all the anguish which we are living through and the whole premedi-

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tatedness of this evil, which is the more horrible as we on our part never gave any cause for such a volt-face of the trio, but showed to them always full love, compassion and care. If you could read all the superlatives with which they filled all their writings during fourteen years, you would be astounded at their breach of trust. This your expression has greatly touched us, for it is so exactly to the point.

I always recollect the wonderful atmosphere in your shrine and I know that our common Service to the Great Ones, in Whose Name alone we work, is the only path towards Truth and Light.

Mme de Roerich remembers you very often and sends you her best thoughts, also Svetoslav, when works in his laboratory on plants, continuously keeps your name in his heart, and so does George in his scientific field.

I cherish greatly your friendship and your untiring achievements in the Great Service. May His Blessings be with you.

In Spirit with you ,

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June 12, 1936.

My dear Major Stokes,

In every letter from our friends-coworkers there are enthusiastic references to your cordial interest and assistance. Verily, these news fill our hearts with joy. It is most valuable to realize that such an enlightened spiritual person as you not only sympathize but guide and head the Cultural Crusade. Indeed in the whole world Armageddon is thundering and the more so all cultural forces should be closely united to withstand successfully the ferocious attacks of darkness.

For every unprejudiced mind our case appears quite clear: we with Mr and Mrs Lichtmann and Miss Grant had founded the Master Institute of United Arts, we all are shareholders and trustees of it, Mr.H. alone misappropriates these shares and tries to exclude the true founders of the Institute. All this is irrefutable and is confirmed by their own affidavit. And yet the dark forces try to annihilate everything and endless time,energy,patience and means are required to proof what is so clear. We all only wish justice and Truth.

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It was a great joy for us to hear that you have accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee of Friends of R.M. and also of the Agni-Yoga Committee, which may be revived under a new title. We and all our friends unanimously welcome this election, which in itself already predicts the success of the activities. There, where real spiritual strivings are laid at the foundation, there is already Truth and benevolent victory.

The malice of the evil-doers goes so far that they not only remove the title of the Museum, but even in a fit of vandalism as we hear from the last letters, in an ugly manner eradicate the inscriptions from the stained windows. These convulsions of hatred show neither logic, dignity nor decency. For forty-five years of my activity I have not changed my ideals, confirmed by all my books, and what takes place now can only be explained as a desire of Mr.H. to hide the committed by him misappropriation. Your formula of his breach of trust precisely defines the real nature of the case.

Mme de Roerich's health is lately slightly better and we pray that this slight improvement may not be only temporary. Mme de Roerich and we all are sending to you our best greetings and thanks,

in Spirit with you

Miss Grant will show you my last article "Combatting ignorance". Hope you will like it.

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Dear Major Stokes,

You know well of all the sad developments which have taken place at New York since New Year. It is deplorable to see such destruction of Culture; to see justice trampled upon and the best hopes and endeavours dismissed, by one destructive will. Surely there must be some way to stop this hand. - And in this connection a question presents itself to me, a question I would like to share with you, as a trusted friend, and ask your opinion and advice. I am quite certain that all true Americans like yourself would feel revolted at the sight of such an aggression, if one could but bring together a few such just men, whose voice could make itself felt and arouse others to action. Do not you think so? Don't you feel that a concerted action along new channels, new lanes could bring a change into this situation which becomes threatening. We would greatly value your confidential opinion, just as I write you confidentially these thoughts of mine on the subject. Perhaps a new legal approach could be found and new legal forces

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brought into the field. Who knows where a friend may be found as yet.

I know that justice lives in the hearts of all true Americans and I know that they alone can solve the situation. We all believe and know that ultimately justice must prevail, but new approaches could take advantage of new circumstances when they do present themselves. Needless to say your constant help and support of this cause is so greatly valued by us. It is you who from the very beginning stressed the breach of trust which lies at the base of all this destruction.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with all very best wishes to Mrs Stokes and yourself from Mme Roerich and us all,

in Spirit with you

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22-July-1939

Our dear Friend, Major Stokes,

Lately we have heard of your noble contribution to the cause of Justice and we wish to write to express all our gratitude and heartfelt feelings to you for your generous defence of Truth. We always remember that it was you, who originally defined the whole case as Horch's breach of trust. If from the very beginning the matter would have been placed on this principle then everything else would also have proceeded under a more successful aspect. But unfortunately Plaut proved to be unable to make use of all the assets, and thus showed that he is merely a pleader and not an attorney. And above all he has not, as far as we know, even returned all the documents of the case thus harming the following procedures. Is it not strange that all the fabricated claims of Horch find an open ear from the judges, whereas our fully justified claims are waved. Let us hope that the attorneys will now take into consideration my claim of \$240,000 plus interest, which makes over \$300,000 - thus enabling me to contribute my share to the general cause. In 1922 when the expedition was decided, it was sponsored by Master Institute

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of United Arts, since the Roerich Museum at that time did not exist and therefore it is quite natural that we now address the Master Institute of United Arts, of which Horch claims to be the owner. I often stressed for Plaut's information the necessity of bringing up this matter but for some reason he did not give himself the trouble to look thoroughly into this. Let us hope that now the new phase of the battle will be more successful.

All this time our health was unsatisfactory. In March and April Mme Roerich had to keep to bed for over a month and now I have had a sever attack of malaria with a temperature up to 104° which is rather harmful at my age. We hope that Mrs Stoke and you are keeping well. Recently Dr. Cousins, hearing that you are an active defender of the cause of Truth expressed his admiration and said that of course all truly spiritual people understand and condemn the evil doings of the trio. Have you seen the new Monograph published in Europe? We hear that in the August issue of the STUDIO there will be an illustrated article on my art. Despite the difficult times, cultural work is proceeding. Once more we are sending you all our best thoughts and gratitude,

in Spirit with you

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VIA I. R. C.
WESTERN UNION

Phelps Stokes
33 Madison Avenue
New York

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remember
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always
friendly

Helena and Nicholas Roerich
English
of Roerich, Wagner, Kuler

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