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Professor N. Roerich,
Naggar Kulu,
Province of Punjab
British India.

Dear Professor Roerich:

In reference to your letter to my dear Father of February 14th, I understand that Mr. Brodie has already cabled you to hold up any arrangements you have made for delivering the painting "And We Open the Gates".

I regret very much to say that there is no authorization in the files for the purchase of this painting, and so Father's Executors have no authority in this matter. I am happy to report, however, that the painting "Potala" has just arrived safely in New York, and I hope to see it at the apartment within the next few days.

We were deeply touched by the kind messages of sympathy which came from Naggar. In these distressing days our dear friends are very close to our hearts. Please extend to Madame Roerich and the family our heartfelt appreciation and affectionate greetings.

JOC/fc

Sincerely yours,

John O. Crane