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Mr.
Professor Nicolai Roerich
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Dear Sir,

I allow to beg you a great complaisance:

I possed a big library. My hobby was the Buddhism religion and philosophy of East-India - especially India, China, Tibet and Japan. Besides the important German works of Professor Deussen, Glasenapp, Grimm, Oldenburg, Fückert a.s.o I owned several famous foreign books f.e. of Sir Woodroff, Fielding-Hall and Lin Yutang ("The importance of living", by the way a book with many wordsbut few content), magazines too.

I am a refugee from Poland have lost all, naturally my books too which I have very much adhered to. Mr. Professor Glasenapp - being now Professor at the university of Tübingen in Germany - was so nice to give me some books but I always still miss the most important works.

Lebenstedt where I am living with my family is a small village near the town of Brunswick which is as strongly damaged as the other towns. Therefore I cannot get the books interesting form me, my efforts are without success for here all is destroyed or blown away! In a few years Germany is standing on a very low niveau!

Yesterday I met a countryman of yours being a painter who had lived many years in USA. He called me your addressed and reported me of your famous history of Tibet and your pictures of the monasteries of Tibet. In the present grave time in Europe the lecture and study of foreign and especially East-Asiatic religions and customs help to bear the dreadful fate hit us. Come back from the lost first war 1918 like a young but desperated man - I was 19 years old when I became a soldier - I doubted the Christian religion and searched in other religions the reason why during the time of four years people killed one another in the most bloody kind but being place and work for all in the world. I didn't find an explanation but a satisfaction the Buddhism religion. Since that time I bought many philosophical books they brought me the necessary tranquillity.

The present and future situation in Germany is dark and during the long nights I like to read in order to forget the cruel fate. Therefore the loss of my foreign literature is very painful for me. I cannot buy anying abroad having no foreign money! Do you perhaps own in your circle or in that of your honourable members some copies of literature searched by me which are damaged or supernumerary and can be given me without costs? It is very painful for me to write you like a beggar but we Germans have become very poor! I would be very thankful.

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Speaking English - my father lived many years in England and taught me to love the language - it is not difficult for me to study the books of the famous men.

On the other side, if I can do anything for you in Germany I shall always be pleased. Therefore kindly dispose of me at any time. I am

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Werner Kriebel

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