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January 7, 1932

Professor Nicholas de Roerich,
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India.

My dear Professor Roerich:

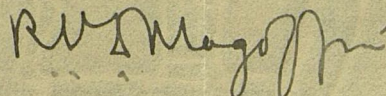
I was very much honored and pleased to receive from
you a lovely Christmas and New Year's greeting and card.

I keep hearing now and then about the splendid time
you are having out there, and envy you very much. I hope I can
get out there one of these times myself.

I had a very enjoyable chat with Miss Lichtmann about
it all. It is hard not to be enthused when she talks.

With my very best New Year's wishes for you and all your
family, I am

Faithfully yours,



R. V. D. Magoffin

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November 19, 1932.

My dear Professor Roerich:

It is a banner day with me when I receive a letter from you.

Thank you very much for your communication of September 24, 1932, in which you tell me of your sending two of your paintings, through me, to the Archaeological Institute of America. Your kindness and generosity will be tremendously appreciated. President Lord will make the due and proper acknowledgment.

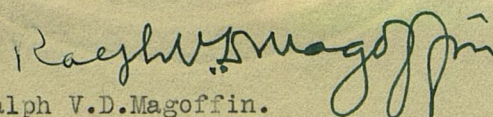
I understand that the paintings have arrived, and that the Roerich Museum will get them through Customs and hold them for President Lord's letter as to their disposition.

You are to be congratulated on the very loyal and efficient people at the Roerich Museum. I have watched with extreme pleasure-at times almost amazement-the splendid way things are carried on by President Horch and Vice-Presidents Grant and Lichtmann. They are all wonderful persons.

Will you please present to Madame Roerich and to your sons George and Oleslav my most cordial regards, to which my wife wishes to add her own?

With my personal thanks, and my devoted regards,

I am, my dear Professor Roerich, Yours very truly,


Ralph V.D. Magoffin.

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RALPH VAN DEMAN MAGOFFIN
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
NEW YORK CITY

March 9, 1933

My dear Dr. Roerich,

It was a very hard choice that was put up to me night before last in the Trustees room of the Roerich Museum.

Finally, I chose "The Steed of Ghessar-Khan," and was glad to discover that it was the painting which Mrs. Magoffin had hoped I would choose.

All three of these, your late paintings, are inspiring, I can not feel what you did, as you chose your spot and setting; but I can feel toward it. The archaeological touches; the color, the contrasts, all probed deeply into my consciousness; the distant peakish contour of the snow-clad heights in the background of "The Steed of Ghessar-khan," however, lifted me higher, I felt, than did the others. And then also I felt the Rembrandtesque pull to the center, by the white strip of torrent.

I am perfectly delighted that I have now a Roerich painting, and especially that I have one signed by the Master himself. Thank you a thousand times.

Mrs. Magoffin joins me in the most cordial good wishes and high regards to your wife, to yourself, and to your sons, George and Svetoslav.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Ralph V. D. Magoffin

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
University Heights, New York

March 9, 1933

Dear Dr. de Roerich:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I acknowledge the honor and high distinction conferred on me at your instance, by President Horch, in camera, of the INSIGNIA of the Roerich Museum.

Its acceptance entails the obligation to endeavor to measure up to the ideals of Art, Science, and Culture embodied in the basic foundations of the Roerich Museum and its affiliated activities.

The presentation of this honor was most graciously made by President Horch and Vice-President Miss Esther J. Lichtmann, in the presence of Mrs. Magoffin and of Dean Perley L. Thorne, University College, New York University, and Mrs. Thorne, on the evening of Tuesday, March 7, 1933.

I have the distinguished honor, my dear Sir, to subscribe myself a truly obligated recipient of the INSIGNIA of the Roerich Museum.

(Signed)

Ralph Van Deman Magoffin

Nicholas de Roerich
Honorary President and
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Roerich Museum, New York City.

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 9, 1933.

Dear Mr. Horch,

We have not gotten over the surprise and
delight of the other night.

I am inclosing two letters which I beg you will
send along with your next air-mail packet that goes to Dr. Roerich.

Would you be good enough to send me the names of
some of those to whom the Insignia has been given? The University
and the Yonkers papers both want to print something about it.
I'd like also the names, or some of them, that Miss Lichtmann gave
to the cross of the Insignia.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) R.V. D. Magoffin



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RALPH VAN DEMAN MAGOFFIN
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My dear Professor Roerich:—

May I

have the pleasure and honor of writing
my acknowledgments to you, the Wise
Man of the East? You are a great
inspiration to us over here, in all that we
try to do.

Stratford has just sent me with your
compliments a copy of your FIERY STRONGHOLD.
Thank you very much. I shall take the utmost
pleasure in and profit from it.

How splendidly your people here in the
Roerich Museum planned and carried
through the Washington meeting of the Third
International Convention for the Advancement
of the Adoption of the Roerich Pact and
Banner of Peace!! It was a tremendous
success and an affair of international
historical import.

We shall miss Miss Lichtmann. It
is good however to be able to send by her

to you a note containing my personal
homage to you.

May I also send you the Seasonal
greetings, to Mrs. Roerich, to yourself, and
to your sons George and Svetoslav!

With my very best wishes

I am

Raeph Van Amer Mapoffin

Professor Nicholas Roerich

December 12, 1933.