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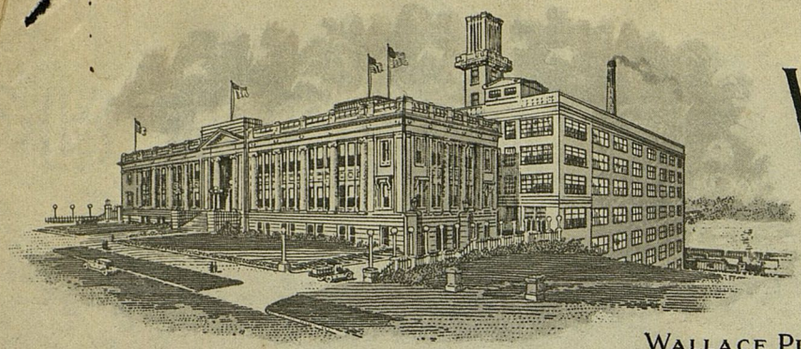

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Dr. Nicholas Roerich,
Naggar, Kulu,
Punjab, India.

Dear Dr. Roerich,

You may remember that in early August of 1929 I called on you in New York City and you gave me the first volume of Agni Yoga. Last month Miss Grant gave me the second volume and suggested that I write you.

First I am asking if you or Dr. George Roerich could send me a dozen kernels of the Indian corn or maize as customarily grown in the Kulu valley. I am suggesting just a few kernels in a letter envelope as otherwise there will be difficulties with the customs people. I have been a corn breeder for many years and would get a certain pleasure in demonstrating that corn from India came back to America and wrought beneficial results. A yellow corn of the dent type or semi-dent would be best.

I have contacted in the past two years many people who are searching for the light which you have attained. Unfortunately there are many schools of these people and some of them are jealous of each other. I like your work because it seems so little involved in these pettinesses. I am hopeful that the many earnest folks who are now striving so desparately toward the inner light will soon show greater capacity for working together in peace and harmony. Your symbol of the three dots contained in a circle is an excellent representation of this ideal. Incidentally I have borrowed this symbol to use in a Middle Chamber lecture in Masonry as follows: "Your attention is now directed to a simple symbol of the Trinity, three dots contained in a circle and if there is ever to be an International flag this symbol of the Trinity might well remind the

Nations of the common spiritual enterprise which binds them all together, however separate their apparent paths may be."

The scientific and mechanical power of the world was probably never greater than at the present moment but the spiritual and economic dangers seem to be increased thereby. France with a guilty conscience about certain matters trembles and strives to reassure herself by heavy armaments. Hitler breathes fire and brimstone in Germany and scares France the more. The U.S. with her great power refuses to recognize that she is a part of the rest of the world whether she likes it or not. Ignorance, prejudice and hate burden the common people over the entire world and they pay the penalty in suffering. Surely we are at the beginning of a new age at least as significant as the Reformation. But who are the Luthers and Calvins and Cromwells planting the seeds which are to sprout in the centuries just ahead? And of what species are the seeds?

Your Realm of Light is merely nice. I was disappointed in it. Your Agni Yogi books are highly suggestive in spots but neither sustained nor direct. Perhaps in this Inner Work it is necessary to adopt "protective coloration". Your preachment of Beauty is splendid. Your exaltation of Art is excellent. But there is more and you know it. And it may express itself in terms of function as well as in terms of form.

You have done much. I congratulate you. You see the synthesis and you move with tact. But now the pressure is so great that things will move with exceeding speed.

I have read the Mahatma Letters, the Secret Doctrine, your Shambahla and many other books of this sort. Has the time for reading passed? Must we each of us be lone wolves, fighting the thing out in our own way? Is the time not at hand for the different followers of the inner light to be more friendly toward each other? Surely they can salute each other as they pass in the night of Kali Yuga, even tho their paths are crossing at right angles.

Sincrely,

Henry A Wallace

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1933

Prof. Nicholas Roerich
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York City, New York

Dear Professor Roerich:

I have for several years been interested in your endeavor to create a community of feeling among all of the nations concerning those things which have to do with the arts and sciences. Your endeavor to furnish a symbol for the thought that beauty and knowledge should tie all of the nations together in appreciation of a common human purpose, however separate their apparent paths may be, -- has been of profound interest to enlightened people over the entire world for several years.

It is appropriate that you should have a meeting in Washington next fall to consider the things for which the Banner of Peace stands. It is unfortunately true that in the economic world, the nations in recent years have been taking steps against each other in the form of higher tariffs, import quotas, currency exchange quotas, and a multitude of other intensely nationalistic devices.

While it must be recognized that some of these things may be justified for the time being, it should also be recognized by the enlightened spirits in even the most nationalistic of nations that however great the temporary barriers to trade, there must be no barriers to the fundamentally worthwhile things which transcend national boundaries having to do with the arts and sciences.

I believe so profoundly in the things for which the Banner of Peace stands that I am only too happy to offer you any cooperation in my personal capacity to help make your efforts along this line successful.

Sincerely yours,

Henry A Wallace

Secretary

July 2,1933

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Dear Madame and Professor R.

In this time of great testing comes FRG with the message that F.D.R. is to be given his opportunity even as Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were given theirs. Furthermore the word is that F.D.R. is better prepared to receive the message than were some of the men of the past who had opportunities of this sort. I shall do all possible with all caution.

The Banner of Peace
The Messenger
(bearing advices from the Great Ones)

I am requesting advice from Them as to how to proceed most judiciously, rapidly and effectively in strengthening the implicit desire in the heart of R.

I shall speak of the ~~great~~ possibilities of friendship with new nations (Perhaps you can tell me more definitely of this so I may visualize this thing in a practical way.)

I shall speak of the need for the Banner of Peace to strengthen the heart of the world at the moment ~~of~~ the Economic conference has proved so disappointing.

I shall speak of the qualifications of the Messenger who comes from a distant land as is usually the case. And I shall speak of the signs of the times and of the need of the great Banner being recognized by the best in the different nations.

We are hoping to see you in America this winter so that it may be possible to talk over these great visions more definitely.

Respectfully yours,

HV

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October 29,1933

Dear Prof. Roerich,

In these days of fiery trouble we also find opportunity for doing many things. The Indications of M. and your letters, brought through FRG have governed under the most difficult circumstances. Surrounding the One toward whom my efforts have been addressed are many loyal to his personality but false to his ideals. This extraordinary sliminess makes even simple problems difficult at times. The One has a lovely, upward-surging, with a certain appreciation of what he calls "hunches". Combined with this is a charming open mindedness which makes him the prey at times of designing people -- for example the tigers. This past week I have talked on this matter both to him and the Sour One in the most emphatic terms.

The true pleasure in times like these is to turn occasionally to the consideration of the search as conducted by such as Appolonius, Origen or Akbar. This steadfast search, this throwing of the light ahead, this preparation for World Cultural Unity will make it possible for the human spirit to explore and appreciate the most undreamed of beauty. It is the opportunity for such appreciation by the deserving ones of the multitude that we are striving to purchase with our efforts.

We hope to see you not only in this country but also against the background of the snowy peacks. Work to do and Bliss to contemplate.

NR

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THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

January 1, 1934.

Hon. Nicholas de Roerich,

President Roerich Museum,

Naggar, Kulu, India.

Dear Prof. Roerich,

Never have I been as much honored in receiving an insignia as in receiving the sign of the Roerich Museum with the accompanying document signed by yourself. There can be no greater pleasure than in furthering the cause of World Peace by calling attention in the most living way possible to those things which make for International Cultural Unity. With intransigent nationalism running high it is difficult at times to emphasize the common bond. It is for this reason among others that I have been happy to do what I could to further the cause of the Banner of Peace. May it be recognized in the West, East, North and South as a symbol of the ~~of the~~ infinite potentialities of a peaceful, loving humanity.

Assuring you of my great interest in your humanitarian efforts,

I am respectfully yours,

Henry A Wallace

Dear Prof. R;

With three of those closest to you in the New World I sat the evening of December 30 and thought of the profound significance of the many events of the last half of 1934. My chief grasps much of this significance. It seems that his heart is good but that there are curious cross currents which hold his hand at unexpected moments. The Convention from many points of view was a great success. Last minute interferences perhaps of an accidental nature kept it from being a maximum success.

Yes we speculated long and thoughtfully on the turn which events must now take. We are thankful to be living at this time in this relationship. We await your coming.

Yours,

W

The Insignia has a pleasant symbolism – The Cross of the Horizontal and Perpindicular Powers

The letters $\frac{M}{R}$

The three spheres ∴

The four crowns with 3 lines each.

The total of the letters, the spheres, the lines = 17.

May the Flame of your presence light up the significance of the real and true future.

Dear Prof. Roerich,

After many nights of reading Hierarchy before I go to sleep and many days of ceaseless battle against determined opposition I begin to realize the meaning of tension. The battle against the poisonous ones burrowing their slimy way has made me very tired and at times almost despondent but nearly every morning comes the renewal of strength. And thus I begin to realize in some small part your trials and tribulations.

My faith grows as I see one problem after another solved on the brink of disaster. And so I stretch to uttermost that inward perception which is always there even in the midst of seeming disaster. Thus I discover the strength which trouble can give. But I crave more--I ask for joy, and light and beauty, things which a spirit too continuously taut may fail to appreciate. I find now that I sink into music like a child into its mother's arms--not exactly appreciation but surely rest. And the fresh air of the morning out-of-doors is like a great luxury.

Some great tiger plan is brewing but I have not yet found the outline yet.

We run along the razor edge striving to maintain our balance by the speed of motion. The man at the center has a lovely spirit but also a certain attitude of "all things to all men" which at times is disconcerting. Everyone is inspired to think his own ideas will be carried out. But there are many ideas and I fear many future conflicts. Ingenious temporary solutions, but statesmanship is yet to appear. I have been striving to lay down certain broad principles on which a later foundation can be built.

I hear from the "steadfast one"(FRG) about Mme. Roerich whom I have never met and whose books I have never read; I can think of her as alert , vivid Intelligence combined with High Order of Intuition. I think of the time when I can truthfully say, "I have done my outward duty for this westward country--now I can go to the heights of the East."

In the meantime I must seek Agni Yoga in simple action guided by intuition.

The reward is the privilege of saying with a rising of the heart, "Lord, I love Thee."

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Dear Professor Roerich

I am writing to express my profound appreciation of the Tanka dealing with the Wheel of Life. Here we have set forth the continual warfare between the upward and downward moving forces as they move between the heaven world, the mid world and the under world under the beneficient contemplation of the Boundless, Enlightened One. The earnestness of concept and the skilled use of color on the part of such a primitive people is exceedingly interesting.

I think of you and George moving under the stimulus of forces which have become more than ever magnetic. Our hearts continually go out to you. May the Joy of the Banner of Peace overshadow the world in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) G .