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43 West 74
New York, N.Y.,
27 November, 1937.

Dear Prof. de Roerich:

Many thanks for your kind letter of long ago, and for the articles and reproductions you sent to me. Please forgive me for being so remiss about answering; since your letter reached me, I have been moving about a great deal. And now at last I find myself here again, for the first time in five years.

As soon as possible after I got here, I saw Miss Grant and Mrs. Lichtmann. It was good to see them, but sad to hear of the outcome of the lawsuit; however, their hope for the future, their determination and their cheerfulness are wonderful.

In a short time I am going to Boston for a few days; then, early in December, to Washington. As far as I know, I shall be away from California for a year or two.

Before leaving for Boston I am sending to the Kulu Valley the two books (for children) that I have had published. It seems appropriate to address them to Svetik, since he gave me a start in that direction... and

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also since addressing them to him
might perform the miracle of bringing
forth a word or two from him. I don't
know... perhaps that is an idle and
a futile thought.

Whatever may happen, my best
and most devoted wishes are with all
of you. Again, my thanks for those
very interesting articles and those
very beautiful reproductions. It was
a joy to receive them.

And, for Christmas and the
New Year, may all good things come
to you.

With kindest remembrances to
yourself and your family,

Yours as ever,

James Hull

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43 West 74th Street,
New York, N.Y.,
April 1, 1938.

Dear Prof. de Roerich,

Thank you so much for your very beautiful Himalayan sketch. It is a lovely thing. It was kind of you, too, to send me the interesting articles.

I hope, by this time, my two little books have reached you... or, rather, Svetik, since I addressed them to him in memory of the fact that he introduced me to the possibility of writing and drawing for children. I'm sorry that my drawing is still dry and rather tight...

Not long ago, I had the pleasure of going to the temporary headquarters of the Museum Press, near here, and meeting several others of your friends. Mr. Forman had written a letter to you, which all of us signed, after Mrs. Lichtman had read it aloud. From time to time, I see Frances Grant and the Lichtmans, and I am more and more impressed with their courage and their patience and their confidence in the face of a most difficult situation.

I may be leaving here ere long... perhaps for California. In any case, my family's address in Stockton, California, will always reach me: 645 West Rose Street.

These are trying days everywhere, including, of course, this country. I have found New York rather beautiful in spots, but colder, harder, more desperate than it was a few years ago. But there are gleams of something else, here and there.

With, as ever, my love and my best wishes to all of you; and with, again, thanks for the beautiful Himalayan sketch,

Always your friend,

James Hull