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November 6, 1928

Dear Dr. Roerich:

I must tell you how deeply I appreciate your cordial message from India. We have watched with great interest and admiration, though at times with much concern, your splendid adventure into the heart of Asia. Through the kindness of your friends in New York, I have been permitted to see from time to time the results of your amazing industry and Faith. To open the gates of the Ancient East by sending its glories out into the world was a vast undertaking. Your vision of a Humanity of transcendent Destiny, and your faith in a transcendent Art through which that destiny is to be realized, are sound as the Rock of Ages. You, my dear friend, who have gone out over the world and traversed the long old roads made by the peoples of the past, are showing as few have ever done, how they all have been leading toward the Light. This is a noble mission, and we rejoice in your power to achieve it.

Since you were here, Mrs. Hewett and I have been much in the Near and Middle East - Palestine, Syria, Arabia, Ancient Assyria, and Babylonia; as well as the countries of northern Africa and the Sahara. We are thinking now of India. Shall we see you in America soon?

With best regards to you and your good wife, in which Mrs. Hewett cordially joins, I am, as always,

Faithfully yours,

Eggar L. Hewett

Dr. Nicholas Roerich
Hillside
Darjweling, India

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Malaga, Spain
Dec. 12, 1933.

My dear Dr. Roerich:

What a pleasure it was to Mrs. Hewett and me to receive your word of Oct. 24, and to know that all goes well with you and your good wife. We often speak of you and wish that we might again see you in Santa Fe.

We are living in Spain since September, to give me an opportunity to get some of my works ready for publication. It is very lovely here. Malaga is the jewel of Spain. But we must go home in January to start the books through the press. I must see that all our publications are sent to you for your "Urusvati" library.

We all watch your great work with deepest interest. I have some hope of getting out to India next year - probably during the second half of the year. If so, we shall certainly give ourselves the pleasure of seeing you, unless you are again away on some of your wanderings.

My address is always Santa Fe and we are always happy to hear from you.

With all good wishes to you, to Madame de Roerich and your sons, in which Mrs. Hewett joins, I am, as always,

Faithfully Yours, Edgar L. Hewett

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December 19, 1936

My dear Dr. Roerich:

I want to acknowledge your unfailing thoughtfulness and to express my regret at my own negligence in replying to your cordial notes. Nevertheless, you have been very much in our thoughts, and we have often wished that you might have seen fit to take up your abode and establish your institute in our midst, here in the American Southwest. I recognize, however, the much greater importance of the field in which you have established yourself, and in which you are spending the best years of your amazingly productive life.

My wife and I returned last spring from a very pleasant sojourn in Spain, during which I was able to prepare a considerable amount of work for publication. I am going to send you, for your library, as soon as our Christmas congestion is over, a number of books that I have been able to publish since I saw you, and which I trust you will find of some interest.

What you told me in one of your letters concerning the unfaithfulness of certain members of the New York group was a cause of great astonishment and distress. They owed everything that they are or have to you, and I wish to tell you how greatly I admire the restraint with which you speak of their disloyalty.

Will you be so kind as to write me at your convenience, or ask one of your sons to do so, a note of information concerning the best time for me to make my long contemplated trip to India? If all goes well with certain writings that I have on hand, Mrs. Hewett and I shall hope to be able to get away at sometime during the year 1937, probably soon after our return from our field season in Guatemala. I should like to be informed, especially concerning climatic conditions, and also as to the possibility of a short trip over the Himalayas into Tibet. I shall, of course, not have the time to do anything comparable to your extensive explorations, but I am deeply interested, even briefly, in the region beyond the Himalayas.

I should appreciate receiving recent numbers of any of your periodicals. On account of my long absences from home, I have been sadly out of touch with your great work, and this, I must tell you, has been a matter of deep regret to me.

Mrs. Hewett and I join in profound regards to you and Madam Roerich, as well as to all members of your family who are with you in India. I beg leave to remain, as always,

Prof. Nicolas de Roerich
Naggar, Kulu, Punjab
British India

Faithfully yours,

Edgar L. Hewett

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