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Cleveland, Ohio
April 4, 1931

Dear Mr. Roerich,

I have something to tell you which I am sure will interest you.

I have been a student of the occult now for a number of years and have read and studied every type of literature in reference to it. Recently I have read your books (three of them). all highly commendable. Now that which is of interest to you shall follow.

Last evening I took your book "Shambhala" to a man who is an occultist in all sense of the word. Of all genuine occultists that I have had the privilege to be acquainted with this is the first one who has spoken on Kaballah with definite knowledge. He is a Kabalist. I have been the happy recipient of many a nugget of wisdom from this man. I mean not only philosophically but also practically and applicably.

Please pardon my straying so from the point.

Immediately upon seeing your portrait in the frontpiece he said to me it was indeed unfortunate that he couldn't get a glimpse of your eyes. For he can read the soul through those "Windows." Notwithstanding, however, he told me some remarkable things from your aura. He asked me whether I wouldn't interrogate for him and ask you for any sort of photograph through which he could bring back past incarnation facts and events. It is important, however, to have a view of your eyes open. He is also interested to know whether you received any lessons and learned any of their mysteries. His only knowledge of Thibet was that through the meeting of a lama (on the astral plane) whom he described to me as being extremely kind and wise. Referring to the book again he told of visions he would receive while reading certain passages. For instance where you relate of the lama half closing his eyes as if in contemplation. This he claims was not what he, the lama actually was doing. The eyelids in that position open a center or gland in back of the optic nerve which will enable that person to see clairvoyantly. Apparently he was fathoming you and your friends this way.

I can assure you that this man, whose name is Schwartz, is quite the genuine Kabalist. I would very much like to see you answer and I am sure Mr. Schwartz would have your approval for correspondence between yourself and him.

As my letter writing is very limited please pardon grammatical errors such as you may come across.

Mr. Schwartz's address is: 10314 Kempton Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.

My own is: 771 East 102 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Yours truly
signed MARVIN EDELSBERG