

Room No.212,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay, 19th Mayn 1949.

My dear Mr. Guha,

I was very happy to know that our concerted efforts in retrieving the lost luggage have borne fruit and things have been safely received in Kalimpong, as indicated in a wire which I had from my brother. I am very grateful to you for your cooperation in this matter.

Regarding the fruit, I am very anxious that you should handle this business in Delhi and I am giving all the details to our Doctor so that he may communicate with you directly whenever you two must discuss something without referring it to me to save time. I am sure the business will flourish and I shall be very glad to give it to you in preference to anyone else in Delhi. As soon as I hear from the Doctor regarding the availability of our first consignment of fruit I shall communicate with you and give you the amounts and dates of delivery. If trucks are available at Pathanpur it is much better to bring the fruit direct down to Delhi as it will save a great deal of heartaches in the end.

Regarding our Oil, I shall send you samples of it as soon as we go to Bangalore as I have not any here at the moment and I would like to give you some fresh stock. I am certain that both the fruit and the Oil are good openings for you and later we may follow up with other things after we find that these have been successfully developed.

I hope the Exhibition of Silpi Chakra will be a great success and I hope they are following up the Dhoominal proposal.

Both Madame Roerich and I we send you our very cordial greetings and best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Mr. Guha,
Post Box 120,
New Delhi.

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Room No. 212,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay 16th June 1949.

My dear Mr. Guha,

I have not written to you earlier as I was very busy with some immediate problems and work, moreover, I wanted to find out the exact position of the crop in our Kulu Estate. Our Doctor writes to me to say that he does not expect the Summer crop to be very much, neither in Pears nor in Apples, but the Autumn and Winter crops are very good. However, the Pears and Apples of the first crop should provide you with an initial start for you to establish your connections and I therefore advise you to go to Kulu and go to our Estate where our Doctor will put you up, according to my letter to him, and you will see for yourself the position of the Summer crop and all arrangements that will have to be done to take the fruit with you to Delhi. I know the boxes for the fruit are ready, so only the question of the actual crop, as well as the packing, remains to be done. The fruit will not be ready until the end of July, but it may be better for you to be there earlier in order to arrange for the transportation, etc. I have asked the Doctor to give you one of the men to take the fruit down as far as Patanpur, being an experienced man he will help you on the way. I shall of course cover the expenses of the transportation of the fruit, this transportation is to be deducted from the price realised. Actually, I have asked the Doctor to charge you only the actual price of the fruit as it is in Kulu, plus the transport and packing only. This you shall have to remit to me upon the realisation of the consignment from Delhi to my name C/o The National City Bank of New York, 293, Hornby Road, Bombay. This consignment, as well as the next ones, are given by us to you on credit and I hope that you shall be able to establish a good and regular business that will be of definite advantage to you. Since the Doctor writes that the end of July is the time when the Summer fruit ripens, it would be advisable for you to go to Kulu earlier. I have given the Doctor all details and particulars about you handling these consignments and I told him that I want you to try to establish a regular disposal of the fruit in the Delhi area. You will go to Naggar by way of Amritsar/Pathancote. From Pathancote you can get a bus that goes straight to Kulu and the bus will leave you at Kulu town, or, as they call it, Sultanpore, in Kulu, from where you go by bus, or otherwise, which may be a private car which may be travelling up the Valley to a place called Katrain, a distance of about 14 miles from Kulu. From Katrain, 2 miles uphill, across the river Beas to Naggar and to Hill Estate which is next to

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Naggar. You will of course intimate, by wire, to the Doctor about your movements and I expect he will send a man to meet you at Kulu. I sincerely hope that your effort will be crowned with success and it establish the beginning of a profitable business for you. Write to me about all details and things you need and I shall answer you immediately. Instructions have already been given to the Doctor, as I mentioned earlier. The Doctor has not mentioned to me regarding any letters that you may have written to him. For my information please send to me copies of your communications to him so that there should not be any delay in making the necessary arrangements.

I am leaving for Bangalore tomorrow and all your next letters or wires should be directed to me at:
9 Milton Street,
Cook Town,
Bangalore.

As regards the marketing of the Oil, the samples will be sent to you shortly directly from Bangalore, with all the particulars and I hope you shall be able to do something in the matter.

How is the Art Society getting on? How are the plans for the Exhibition? Have they made the final arrangements for a Hall and have the selections of paintings been made?

What should I do about your book here in Bombay? No one has contacted me about it here. I have not heard from Gandhi regarding the book. Do write soon to Bangalore and in the meantime with all good wishes from us both,

Yours very sincerely,

S. Roerich.

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New Delhi.