

Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay. 9th July 48.

My dear Mr. Kabir,

The session of the All India Association of Fine Arts was, as you may already know, an outstanding success. The number of institutions that have applied for affiliation practically demonstrate the interest which has been shown by cultural and art bodies throughout the country in the formation of this new association.

The Executive Committee of this Association is planning to visit New Delhi shortly to acquaint the Government of India with its activities and plans for the future consolidation of their work to bring about a better understanding between the different art organisations in this country.

I shall be probably coming to Delhi in connection with this work and I shall be looking forward to seeing you in order to acquaint you personally with all the latest developments. The proceedings of the conference which are being printed now shall be taken to you by the members of the delegation and I know how much your advice will be valued in connection with the future activities of this Association.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Yours very sincerely,

Humayun Kabir Esq.,
West End Court,
Queensway, NEW DELHI.

2
Bombay, 9th July '48.

My dear Mr.Kabir,

Our attention had been drawn to an unauthorised use of my wife's and my own name in connection with some proposed Educational Film companies in this country. In case anyone should mention to you our participation in any project of such a nature kindly do not accept it as correct as I would like to assure you that, my wife and myself, we shall ourselves immediately inform you, if and when we actually take part in any such project.

Thanking you, with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Humayun Kabir Esq.,
West End Court,
Queensway,
New Delhi.

212, Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay,
2nd August 1948.

My dear Mr. Kabir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th July which I was very happy to receive.

I note with pleasure that the Government of India are in sympathy with the purpose that we have in view and approve of the Roerich Pact. Since adherence to this pact can be by unilateral, bilateral and multilateral action of the respective Governments, in this case I feel it should be by - unilateral proclamation of the executive as a cabinet decision. This would simplify matters considerably.

I feel and I know you will agree with me that in these uncertain days full of threatening clouds and confusion, the object the pact has in view is ever so timely and should not be delayed. I believe there is no better time for a good and constructive action than the present since a good action is always timely. If there are some such steps you would like me to take in connection with the above pact or if you feel that I should come to Delhi for this purpose please let me know.

This pact does not contain any contravertial issues and the principles of it are so broad that there should not be any difficulty for this Government to accept the objects of the pact. I know how anxious the respective pact committees in other countries are to see India take the lead in Asia by accepting this pact. China, Japan and Persia as well as - Turkey have accepted the pact but have not as yet ratified it as far as I know. I am anxious now that this country at this time should become an active champion of the cultural principles contained in this pact and I know that the matter could not rest in better hands than yours.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

The Joint Education Adviser
to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
Secretariat, NEW DELHI.

9

Room No.212,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay 18th April 1949.

Dear Mr. Kabir,

I am very grateful to you for your letter and wire.

Accordingly, I have released the news and am enclosing for your record the texts of the press release.

I am glad to say that great interest has been evinced by various stratae of society.

As the next step I thought we ought to complete a list of monuments and a list of the protected sites which are entitled to display the symbol.

I hope to be in Delhi soon and I am looking forward to meeting you there. Meantime please accept my sincere thanks.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Roerich.