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My dear Valentina Pavlovna,

This is just a short letter to tell you how happy we are to get from you your very nice card of greetings, and also for the enclosed Press Cuttings of the Leningrad Press on the occasion of the 90th. Birth Anniversary being observed in the USSR, now. I am sure that there will be more Press and other articles on Prof. Nicholas Roerich's 90th. Birth "Anniveersary and we would like very much to have some copies, if you could kindly send us some? Here, all over India this occasion has been observed very nicely, and our Press gave very nice write ups, on this occasion. I will send to you as much as I can later as perhaps we shall have a booklet printed with some of the important messages, and also give a list of the Press reports, but for this. I will have to collect as much data as I can. My husband's Radio talk about his Father has been broadcast all over India, and also abroad, but I do not think it was heard in the USSR. as our radio stations do not as yet broadcast to the USSR. Even now after almost a month, my husband's radio talk is being broadcast all over India, as it will be released all over Indian Radio stations. I sent a copy of it to our friend Mr. Belicov, and will send it to you also. It is interesting that during this time, 2. Russian Glaciers in the Khirgiz Alatau in the Basin of the Alamedin River have been named after Nicholas and Svetoslav Roerich, is it not wonderful? Mr Belicov will tell you about it, and you should please ask him. I do not know if you read English, if you did I would be able to write much more than I do generally to you and give you all our news. On the 16th, of October, the Government of Mysore has honoured my husband with 2. AWARDS, one for his "SPECIAL SERVICE", in the field of Art & Culture, and the other "AS A WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST"- this was given to him as a very special and great honour by the Government, which is seldom given, I talk about the "SPECIAL AWARD". The 60th. birthday of my husband was very very fine, as everyone was so happy, and he received so many letters and wires not only from India, but also from abroad. We had special traditional celebrations here at home, which was so fine, and all the villagers came, and all the children had food, and it was a very good and happy day. In India, it is considered a great day when a man is 60 years old, and it is observed with much respect. So October has been a fine and important month this year! Did you go to the Exhibition in Moscow of Prof. Roeri -ch? I heard from friends that is is a fine Exhibition, and it is being very muc -h appreciated. Miss Raya Bogdanova has helped a great deal with this work, and she also said a few words at the Inauguration. She has been with our family for many years with her sister, and she knows the paintings of Prof. Roerich. Please contact Mr. Belicov, and ask him for our news about the 90th. birth anniversary here. Many high dignatories of State from India sent messages, and I have sent

one copy of these messages sent to the USSR, for the 90th. Birth Anniversary to Mr. Belicov in this lot of messages are only those sent from here, and only those of great importance. They are from the Vice - President of the Indian Government, the Vice - (President of India), the Minister of Education & Culture to the Minister of Culture USSR, other Ministers, and from the President of the Academy of Arts, (the National Academy of Art, Delhi.) and other Academies, so it will be interesting if these messages were read at the Inauguration of the Exhibition? The Director of the Russian Museum also was sent messages, and you must inquire about these also if they were not read at the Inauguration of the Exhibition.

Please give us as much news about this Exhibition at both Moscow and Leningrad, also about the Radio Broadcast, etc, so that we may know and also at a later date have all the news and reports printed in a booklet. If it is possible we also would like to have some photographs of both these occasions, so I hope it will be possible for you to get some photographs?

With our best wishes to you and our warm greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(DEVIKA RANI ROERICH.)

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