

ROOM NO. 612,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay,
16th December 1948.

M.S. Randhawa, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Jullundur,
East Punjab.

Dear Mr. Randhawa,

Just a few lines to wish you
a very happy New Year. We often
think of you and hope that we shall
meet you very soon again.

Both my wife and I send to
Mrs. Randhawa and yourself our very
cordial greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Svetoslav Roerich.

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Room No. 212,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay, 25th February, 1949.

Dear Mr. Randhawa,

My wife and I we were very happy to have your letter and we were only sorry that we were not in Kulu when you visited our place.

Our family doctor, Dr. Yalovenko, is now in charge of our Kulu property and is looking after the place. I understand there were many things which deteriorated in the short time of our absence but most of the things have been repaired by now. Should you go to Kulu now I hope our Doctor will be able to take good care of you and make you as comfortable as we would want you to be.

I do not know as yet when we shall be going back to Kulu but I hope it will be before very long.

Do let us know how you are as we would always like to hear from you.

A Memoriam Volume on Father is being prepared in Bombay, I will send you a copy as soon as it is completed.

My wife and I we send to you both our cordial greetings and all best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

(S. Roerich).

M.S. Randhawa,
Commissioner,
Ambala Division,
Ambala,
East Punjab.

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S. ROERICH,

C/O The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore Cantonment,
Mysore State (South India).

(Spare copy)

18th September 1954.

Dear Mr. Randhawa,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th.

Kulu could hardly have a better person to help with its development than yourself.

There are so many problems to solve and one of them is the Road.

I understand that the road near Mandi is again broken and fruit cannot be exported. This is a constant and very serious handicap.

I always felt that one way to solve it, is to have the old road through Babu Pass and make^{it} motorable. It is much shorter than the Mandi road and I believe, would be much easier to maintain.

Another matter on which I shall seek your cooperation, is the subject of the proposed motor road through our property and near our House in Kulu.

If the present foot-pass is made into a motor road as planned, and as the Doctor writes to us, it will make our house completely exposed, since the road will pass within a couple of yards of the first floor bedrooms, on the level of the windows. I feel that^{if} a road is to be built on this side of the valley and to Naggar, which is a most excellent idea, the road should be

taken from Naggar onwards by a lower level on to Chakki and from there on to Jagatsukh and Manali.

The present plan, to have it to Sharan and from there to Chakki is a very long detour, first of all and then it will make it very difficult for us. The present foot-pass was provided by Col. Rennick, who built our house to give the back villages a short cut to Naggar. As a foot pass and b odle pass it does not matter much, but a motor road which has to be widened at the expense of our hillsides, trees, road to the upper houses, water supply etc., ~~and~~ would make all the houses below the road most uncomfortable, as all the dust, noise, petrol fumes etc., etc., would be carried directly into the windows of the houses which are on the road level a couple of yards away. As we planned our Kulu place as a sort of cultural Centre, these are very serious considerations and we shall be very grateful to you if something could be done to avert this misfortune.

I am delighted with your studies of the Hill School of Painting. Your Writings are indeed a very valuable, contribution to this fascinating subject.

I always felt it would be most important to find still earlier traces of pictorial art in the Hills. I am quite sure they existed and in my research I found considerable data to support this view.

When we meet, I shall tell you more about it.

In the meantime, if you are in Delhi on the 23rd of this month, you can meet my wife who will be there for a week. (Staying at Maiden's).

With our cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Randhawa.

Yours very sincerely,

(S. ROERICH)

M. S. Randhawa, Esq.,
Development Commissioner,
Chandigarh,
PUNJAB.

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BANGALORE 1.

October 2, 1964.

My Dear Dr. Randhawa,

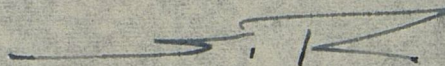
As you know on the 9th of October 1964, in the Soviet Union they are going to celebrate the 90th Birth Anniversary of my Father, Prof. Nicholas Roerich. I know they will greatly appreciate if you would send them a message which should reach them before or on the 9th of October 1964.

The message should be sent to the following address:

The Director,
State Tretyakov Gallery,
MOSCOW. U.S.S.R.

With our kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(SVETOSLAV ROERICH)

Dr. M. S. Randhawa, I.C.S.,
Adviser (Resources),
Planning Commission,
Yojna Bhavan,
NEW DELHI.

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C/o. The Indian Bank Ltd.,
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Cantonment,
BANGALORE - 1.


28th July 1967.

Dear Dr. Randhawa,

I am enclosing a copy of my Tribute to you for the Abhinandan Granth Volume, a copy of which I have already sent to the Editor Shri Jagindar Singh Ramdev.


With our kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(S. ROERICH)

P.S.

We have just reached Bangalore and shall now remain here for a while.


(S.R.)

Dr. M.S. Randhawa,
Chief Commissioner,
Union Territory,
CHANDIGARH.
PUNJAB.

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21st August 1967.

My Dear Dr. Randhawa,

I thank you for your letter of August 3rd. I have not forgotten our conversations on the subject of the Museum at Chandigarh. I will let you know when we visit Chandigarh next or if per chance we may be both in Delhi at the same time. I feel sure that the Chandigarh Museum will become a place of prominence under your guidance and enlightened interest.

With our kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(SVETOSLAV ROERICH)

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KARNATAKA, South India.

11th September 1974.

Dear Dr. Randhawa,

I am very grateful to you for your kind letter and the fine article on my Father. According to your suggestions I take the liberty of changing a few things which I hope will meet with your approval.

I do not know whether we should mention the para from Penelope Chetwode book since the chapter on Father contained many mis-statements and even wrong statements. Obviously written by a prejudiced person. She could have easily asked me if she wanted the correct facts since she came and visited us in Kulu while the book was being written. The Trustees of the Roerich Museum in New York and other allied organisations took a very strong exception to her writings and even wanted to start proceeding against her. Since the matter was referred to me I advised them not to do so. I have discussed the matter with some of my friends including the late Frank Moraes who said it is certainly not worthwhile as they did not think much of the publication. Though it is true that the British had certain misapprehensions and even caused difficulties, I feel we should not mention this for the Centenary as we are dealing with Father's art and cultural work.

You shall be happy to know that Father's books are being reprinted both in the United States and Soviet Russia and I am enclosing for you some of the events taking place in Russia. I will add that the biographies that have come out on my Father are very beautifully written and profusely documented from the archives which the Soviet Academy and Government have carefully preserved.

I am very happy that the Exhibition of a few of my Father's paintings will be also held at Chandigarh and I wish we could have visited the occasion.

You are right that Father's Art is beyond the narrow erratic orbits of the so-called "Modern Art" critics. Hence one would not expect to find him among the elites of these movements, yet the literature on him is enormous.

We both send to Mrs. Randhawa and you our kind regards. I send to you again my gratitude and every good wish.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(SVETOSLAV ROERICH)

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Dear Mr. Gandhwa,

Both my wife and I are very
grateful to you for your recent
letter and your kind invitation to
Jullundur. We would consider it
an honour to open the 2nd Punjab
Exhibition and we would have
certainly come were it not for
unavoidable circumstances which
must keep us South for about
the time. As regards my paintings
they were all sent ahead and
I have nothing on hand at the moment.

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~~But I would certainly have~~

^{by} I am very grateful for the

and Babine.
I am enclosing a message which should be
read at 8 o'clock.
As we were distressed to hear of all
the troubles and devastations ^{and floods}

which ~~came to~~ you took place
in the Punjab. Even now
seems to conspire to confound
man's constructive efforts. —

Perhaps to visit to Punjab this year
Wrote and we shall soon forward
to see you again.
With our kindest regards
to Mrs. Rand and yourself. Yours truly
5-11-08

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my dear Mr. Randhawa,

Both my wife and I are very grateful
for your letter inviting us to
Jullunder to open the ^{2nd Punjab} Exhibition
on Oct. ~~the~~ 14th ^{5/4} ~~at 11 am~~. very grateful
to you for this honour, which we hold
greatly appreciate. Unfortunately
I shall not be possible ^{to} ~~for me~~ to
avail ourselves of this your
kind invitation, nor to send
any of my paintings, as I have sent
them recently ahead and there is
nothing completed as yet. —

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I am enclosing a little message
which you may use if you
care to. - I hope to visit the
Punjab and truly sometimes
the year and like hope we could
meet then. It is very distressing
to read of all the floods and disturbances
which have ^{also} come to the Punjab
It is terrible to think of the loss
and destruction. —



We have been in the South of some
months and shall be going back soon.