Room No.212, Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay. 5th January, 1949. We were shocked and distressed to learn of the passing of Sir Akbar. It is indeed a great loss not only to India but to all his friends who knew him and always had the highest esteem and regard for him. Our family who was all gathered together at Khandala when we learnt of the sad news we all felt that in Sir Akbar we had lost a real and cherished friend. Should you be coming to Bombay please look us up as we would love to see you and your family soon. We send to you and to your family our heartfelt thoughts and we want you to know that we are with you in spirit and we all send you our affectionate regards and thoughts. S. Roerich. Her Excellency, Lady S. Hydari, Government House, Shillong, Assam.