

December 15, 1934

My very dear Svetik,

I received your letter of Nov. 22, and read it with deep thought and appreciation. Every one of your suggestions and ideas are most precious and foresighted. I had hoped this morning to be able to assemble for you certain plans, but due to many interruptions in the last few days have not had time to write these, but will do so by the next mail. In the meantime, I agree with you it is necessary to find out something of the inner workings of the awards. It seems to me that newspaper people often have inside knowledge of this, and I shall try to find someone who has contacts with the Scandinavian countries; in this way we may be armed with some knowledge. Perhaps I may be able to learn how awards in the other fields have been gotten. I shall also try to ascertain the personnel in the body of award, as you suggest. As I write it occurs to me that perhaps Stork who was ineffectual in other ways, may be very useful here because of his amazing contacts with Scandinavian sources.

As I wrote to Mother, perhaps Benjamin Cphen of Chile, who has now returned, may be more helpful in some ways than G-B. Scott could of course be very useful if he wishes to be. We must, of course, get a corresponding body in an many countries as possible, working to the one end. I also think that we must get, as you correctly write, interpretation of the Pact from its great use in times of Peace. In the last meeting here, I suggested some additions to the Pact emphasizing this character of it -- perhaps these could be in the forms of additional commentaries, but adding the plan of "Cataloguing cultural treasures, the League of Ancient Cities, and other similar constructive plans which Father had in mind. Not being an international jurist I do not know how these could be identified with Pact, but in some way these should be made an addenda, emphasizing the Peace aspect and educational aspect of the Pact also.

The important thing, as you say, is to get an imposing personnel --and for this I shall begin immediately try to set down all possibilities of approach. I am quite certain our friend will respond. I believe he will be in the city late next week, and by that time perhaps I can speak to him of it. In his case I would not hesitate to speak very openly. Your concern about the necessity of success is entirely justified, and hence this would have to be a consistent cumulative labor. As you perhaps remember, petitions for awards for the previous year are due on February 1 of the following year--which in this case would mean that ~~xxxxxx~~ during the coming year ~~xxxx~~ the requests for this award would have to reach the committee in increasing measure up to Feb. 1, 1936, from all countries possible. Immediately after the signing these should begin to reach the Committee, which means that they would have to be well crystallized in the next four or five months.

Please regard this letter as merely "thinking out loud" because it meant to convey to you my real appreciation of your letter and the great thought behind it. We take it with utmost seriousness and in my next letter I shall sent some more definitely crystallized outlines of procedure, which could begin at once.

In regard to the incense matter- in my report you will find some thing about it. Please correct me if I am wrong in this-- but is not your idea that this could become a very important ~~xxxxxxx~~ possibility, financial and industrially and that it is from this point of view, you and our friend could work on it. I spoke of it to him from this possibility. Was this correct? His elder son (now 19) is now carrying on some of our friend's agriculture projects in his home and might carry this on. Or our friend thought of the possibility of some acres near Wash. where he could oversee this, that is if the locality appears possible for the purpose. He is looking into this. Have you any thoughts on it? Just how soon do you think it could be begun in a larger way?

I am somewhat ashamed of the spasmodic character of this letter, but it has been written 'against time'. By my next letter I hope to write you more fully and with a more definite plans of action all around, perhaps already with some actual data, and steps undertaken. With all my appreciation, I close. This letter will reach you in 1925 -- may it mind us progressing towards the future with the complete tension and consecration worthy of the L.'s plans.

Your sister,

F.

Dec. 28.

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My very dear Brother,

You know all that happened this week from our letters to Mother, so I will not write of these things, since I will have to get this letter off ~~xxxx~~ very shortly. But we are all rejoicing at yesterday's victory, and feel Louis could be given all credit for this splendid accomplishment. Even at the last moment intruders arose, ~~xxxxx~~ and fortunately we were able to raise the moneys necessary to meet these 'extortionists' -- for that is truly what they were.

I am beginning to outline our plans on the committee for the Nobel, and when I go to Wash, hope ~~xxxxxx~~ to line up facts and people. Sponsors for this must come from certain ranks -- members of govts., members of the Inter-parliamentary Union; members of the International Peace Bureau; the Institute of International Law; members of the international court of arbitration; University Professors (in special universities accredited) of Political Science and Law, History and philosophy. Also previous ~~Nobel~~ Peace Prize winners. Our friend has also said he would help and as a member of a govt. has that authority; When in Washington, I met members of the inter-parliamentary Union, and shall see who of them is fit -- it also happens that Bloom is a member of this, and we could approach him; (he does not capacitate as a representative but does if he still is a member of this other society); I also know the General Secy. ~~but~~, but will have to feel him out; of course Dr. Scott could be most useful here also; and I believe my friend Benjamin Cohen is a member of the Institute of International Law, and some of our others South Americas, such as Alfaro. I am getting the personnel of these bureaus and thus we can study them -- I am sure we shall find many friends. In regard to Professors I believe my friend Mrs. Shepherd (widow of the great Prof. Shepherd, who died last summer, and who seems very devoted) may get us good contacts. We shall have to find Norwegian friends -- because it so happens that the Peace prize is the one Nobel prize assigned to Norway, not Sweden. Of course Chk. could get a fine comm. in France (Alvarex, Delapradelle, Laube, LeFur and others). If Bustamante is there, he is a fine name also.

We are getting opinions for the protection of the Pact. My brother will help. At my request he has, with the assistance of an eminent internationalist sought to find a precedent for a Name on a Pact or Treaty between countries -- and there was none. Hence they will write a positive opinion as to why the name should appear. I am also anxious to speak to Benjamin Cohen, because he has such prestige. And hence when I go to Wash. as I will have to soon, I will do so. I could not see him here as I hoped, because he went right back. Besides, Father has written of a most important coop. (about which you know), so probably it will be necessary to go to Wash. for this.

I am sending you herewith a letter from Mr. W. in answer to your several questions, together with a temperature charts, and graphs. You will understand why certain cryptic phrases are used.

Please forgive this brief note, which is not very adequate, but I will write again. There has been a good deal of copying to do to-day and hence, this note has suffered.

As you say -- let us pray that 1935 brings us opportunities for many achievements. With you, I feel so deeply that if we are truly valorous and courageous we shall have full Assistance from the Blessed Ones. Hence I am praying to fortify myself with such an armor.

With my heartiest love to you, believe me,

I'm hasty but with deep affection

January 10, 1935

Dearest Svetik,

You have probably wondered at my silence after your long, fine letter; but from our numerous letters and wires, you know the hectic times in which we are living. Nevertheless I write this tonight with a deep conviction in the ultimate brilliant victory. In fact, there is a special exhilaration in my note, because today we began at least some aggressive steps. The young attorneys had a most satisfactory conversation with Frieda --although the fact that the latter saw them at all is under the cloak of utter secrecy. The latter is ready to tell K. about it, but wants no one to know his connection--not even ourselves, he says. Possibly he fears it should ever come out. However the conversation proved most satisfactory; K. says that Frieda, who had not met these young men before, was pleasantly impressed by them, and in turn gave them much confidence in the case. He also assured them they would get the case and the fees, about which they seemed uncertain. He seemed pleasantly impressed at their plans for the proceeding of the case--both the case of our ousting, and the tax matter. It appears that it may be possible to solve the entire tax matter up here and not in Wash.

In any case to-day, they decided to begin harassing Levy -- they sent Mau. to ask him to produce the books of the corporation. Mau. went up to Levy's office, with Don Kim. as witness. They rang Levy's bell, and Levy was in there alone. He came out, and when he saw them turned white as a sheet, and began to pick his fingers (you remember his habit). Mau., as instructed by the attorneys demanded the books of the corp. which Levy answered by saying that he could get them from his or our lawyers. The attys. told me over the phone they would begin a series of harassments of Levy, thus egging him on to something. Well, it is a relief to star --because the tension of waiting without ~~anything~~ acting was much worse.

Today I saw Mrs. Spurborg, and she promised to serve on our committee, and actively help us. She was furious, and said how indignant she was. Her name is really important among the club women, and she is a bold spirit, so that I am glad this is accomplished.

I was planning to go and see Gil-Borges tonight -- and expected to call him and find out if he was in Wash tomorrow. The letter from Levy troubled me greatly. I stepped in however to my brother today, and learned that G-B left of a special govt. mission to Venezuela, last Monday. I believe this is the cause for his action in resigning from the Comm. But as Levy did not give us the letters, we are in the dark about it. David said he had seen G-B some days ago, and the latter was very kind and friendly. He asked Dave to do something for him in connection with the law, so that I doubt if he would do anything hostile to us or the Pact. We will see when we get the letters of resignation--Dr. For. will ask for them, as they will not very likely refuse him. I only hope the three resign from the Comm.--then we really could begin our active work. Because, there is no reason why we cannot reorganize with new friends, and important ones.

Since all that I write above came out since ~~breaking~~ mailing my earlier letter today to your Mother and Father, I would appreciate your transmitting the above facts.

Now, dear Svetik, all that you write about the 'friend' in connection with the valuable seeds, I hold in mind. We will bide our time, in view of the present matters. But the opportunity will come to demand some accounting, I am sure. His entire submission to the Trio is hideous, and outside of a terrible shock I do not know that anything will change him. I believe the

fact that many people know about his letter does not make him too comfortable. This act, all will harm him greatly --especially towards the summer when the political campaigns will be active and when the opposing party are avid to obtain facts against the present incumbents. We will remember this in time. Sch. --who is a dear--is eager to make use at the judicious moment of the letters I have, some of which will not probably let him sleep well by nights. Yes, ~~me~~ I remember the relations which he accepted in regard to the seeds very well -- and we shall remind him of them, at the judicious time.

Due to the tremendous pressure of these days, I have been able to gather material for the 'book' but not to begin compiling it as yet. When I have all facts assembled --it will come readily, I know. The case in itself is such a dramatic one, so deliberate, so mean and malicious. I shall bring all I can to it--of course, each day now adds its chapter to the book. It is remarkable how the actions go beyond the limits of all sanity --the gods have long ago rendered them mad!

~~xxxxxxxx~~ We are rejoicing at the steadfastness of our friends--and the results of this will be a renewed army of coworkers and real staunch workers. As I have written to M. and F., we will begin the committee, and they will become our future RM Comm., in truth, because they all feel the righteousness of the cause.

Just now I am finishing my page proofs on my book, which will come in February. I wish that the additional three months had been on my side in the writing, instead of delay in the printing. But perhaps it is just as good I finished in September, as the subsequent array of events would not have given me time for further work then, anyway. I do hope you will like it -- and also hope it will reach people who will be needed for us. I continue with S.A. Just now, I have had quite a number coming who approached through the Teachings. I feel that we will bind our links more strongly there. For the present I am keeping watch-- and will discover whether there was any truth in the statement of Ern's. that the monks have been working for the removal of the "ame." I do not believe it, but of course know that every effort will be made. The genius of the traitress for evil is limitless; she undoubtedly bargains with anyone for a price (

Last Week-end I was out to K. She has been kind beyond description to us all, and her help is invaluable. She is precious to all of us and constantly solicitous of our health, and our state of mind. She is a most beautiful spirit, and her devotion and faithfulness to you and our beloved Parents is most moving.

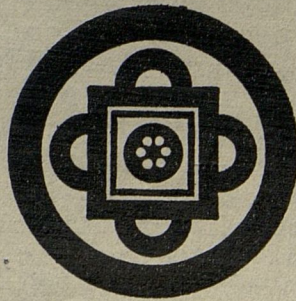
Now, dear Svetik, this note is extremely haphazard, and hardly worthy of your splendid long letter. But I have been feeling most remiss and determined to send this off tonight --both to tell you all the latest day's news in the first paragraphs, and to assure you that I will write more lucidly to you soon, also to George and Yer.

Accept all my love, and appreciation for all your thoughts which are an inspiration always. Believe me sincerely,

Your sister,

Modra

My loving regards to all.



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Most Beloved Svetik,

Your brotherly letter of Feb. 21, touched me greatly and its words of encouragement ^{were} very precious to me. I suppose we all --or I, at least, -- are all-too-human and there are times when we famish for an expression of hearty understanding, whether we deserve it or not.

I have given our Friend last Saturday your two notes--the personal one, and the one about the incense. I know he was happy to have them and asked me many questions about you. About the incense --the first sending was received and transmitted. It has been set out in North Carolina, in Minnesota and in Northern Iowa, to test its adaptability to each of these various conditions. Our friend thinks that possibly North Carolina will prove the best. Two other grounds will be tried-- near Wash. and in Colorado. Minnesota and Colorado are very cold in winter-- possibly colder than Kulu, so that this may militate against the best results. I understand that in Northern Iowa, the ginseng is grown under lathes for shade, so that this may also prove a possibly admirable solution. I am enclosing the table of rainfall and temperature of Colorado, which our friend gave me some time ago to send to you.

I know he appreciated your words about the Pact -- because I feel deeply confident that he is aware of its present and future implications, and is earnest in his desires to help it fully. I, too, am most happy that the present instrument seems to come closer to the larger purposes which Father foresaw. I still feel, Svetik, that the instrument itself, will gradually have to be made broader and more all-inclusive, and that it was drawn up by our little Parisian friend in a manner which failed to foresee many future problems. My talks with my brother in regard to the international legal aspect of many of the points, as well as our poignant experiences of the last months, have convinced me of this; much could have been avoided by a properly drawn original instrument, to include the name, the committee and the educational and peace-promoting aspects of the Pact. Chk. followed meticulously the letter of an international instrument; but the real humanitarian implications of the Pact have not been included, it seems to me. It will have to be enlarged by codicils and expanding interpretations of its import -- which, of course, will be the work of our Comm.

I also thank you for the message -- which we will send to the P.A.U. There will not be any messages read that day, as it is not in the nature of a convention or meeting, but of an actual formal signing of the Treaty. I do believe, however, that we ourselves, here should plan a public celebration after, when such messages should be read and the occasion given the informal and public character, which the formal signing cannot have. The

occasion will be broadcast-- in a speech by our friend, by Alfaro of Panama, and by Louis, so that it will be heard inter-continentially. But only officials and invited guests will be present, as well as the Press. Perhaps we may decide to have a celebration or dinner after. This could be done with little expense-- and in the case of the dinner with profit-- so that perhaps we will plan it. I have propped it -- although as yet, I am not sure if our friend could come, and without him, I am not sure if there would be sufficient response to a dinner to warrant our having it. At the luncheon on Saturday at which he spoke there were about 1000 present, as he is a great attraction.

I am happy, of course, that our Latin American contacts have proven so responsive. Sometimes during these past five years I must have seemed rather a nuisance in my emphasis on these Latin Americans, but it has been worth while and when we weigh them against some of our transoceanic friends, they stand up exceedingly well! I was happy that during his visit here I rather felt that the trips to S.A. and the subsequent contacts with them were yielding their results. The more one glances at the world panorama --the most one values the heartiness of the Americas, despite their limitations and errors. As yet it is revealing that no other country --notwithstanding all the florid expressions--has had the courage to come in line. Perhaps the April occasion will "call the bluff" of some of their objections. Let us see!

This week I was exceedingly worried at the failure of the seeds to arrive from Har. But yesterday they came, and our relief is very great. Because, as I wrote to George, the slanderers are only looking for some germ on which to pin criticism, and my worry lest Gord. failed to obey orders and send the seeds, was greater than I can tell you. I am most happy that the seeds came in time for their planting. You especially will understand my concern because of the closeness of the season/

My friend will also be happy of course to promote the Nob. matter --and the committee will of course be gathered from duly qualified people. The designation of these is very precise in the stipulations of the conditions -- and, as I understand it, Lepetit is not qualified to serve on this committee, although Baron de Taube, Lapradelle, Lefur, Alvarez, Burstamente Scott (who refused) and others in their class would be. Our friend, as the member of a Government, and Bloom as secretary of the ~~World Parliament~~ Interparliamentary Union, is also qualified. Certain professorates are included --and we shall ask Pepper again for this, and seek new ones.

Now dear Svetik I want to end again with my appreciation of your thoughtful words. Were you here, there is much that one could speak and say, which translated into written words seems inadequate and inexpressive. And one so often longs for the human intercourse which can mutually rekindle ~~and~~ the hearts' ecstasy. Truly when you write the words 'perilous and torturous' you express much; as you say, one must learn to sustain oneself in the thought that truth will prevail above the harrowing and poignant impacts, which rack the spirit. May the Lord grant us the strength of such a realization! As you know, dear Svetik, to some of us it is not easy, to bathe away the accompanying anguish and desperation of these moments -- but we shall strive and, in this striving, perhaps gain the necessary Fire of Spirit/

Believe me with appreciation and love,

Frances

Please tell Yer. I was thankful for his good wishes --and as I know how anxious he is to solve the question of the books, any solution he makes is satisfactory.

March 29, 1935

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My very dear Svetik

I am hastening to send you a note from my friend, as the information regarding the plant may be needed. By the time this letter arrives, the day of April 15th will have come -- and with it the momentous event to which we all look forward. As wired this week, Chile has ratified, and I feel confident that before April the other countries will come in -- I am not entirely sure of Paraguay and Bolivia because of the war situation but I sincerely hope the others will be with us! What a significant day it shall be for us -- one which we have anticipated and labored for, for a long time! Certainly we wish ~~xxx~~ Beloved Mother and you would be with us for this great day! Could you possibly listen at the radio, I wonder?

I know you will understand when I suggest that in ~~xxxxxx~~ answering our friend, and in general, it is better just to tell me what you wish transmitted instead of writing a letter. ~~ix~~ Since it is ~~xxxx~~ impossible to send mail either to the office or home, and equally difficult for him to write, due to conditions which you may imagine, it is best if I paraphrase your words. So that if you just let me know in your letter what you want to inform him, I shall be happy to re-paraphrase in the necessary wording. This seems to me the best way, in view of the fact that I shall probably not be in his home city very often after April, and must send communications in a somewhat circuitous fashion.

~~Ixxxx~~ We also cabled this week about the official circular letter, which was sent by OH to the governments. ~~OH~~ was sent in January, and in accordance with the proper diplomatic procedure, sent to the Ambassadors of each government in Wash, who in turn transmit it to their country. If it has not reached Lepetit's land and Str.'s land, their ambassadors failed to send it which does ~~xxx~~ seem likely. ~~Ixxxxxx~~ A number of governments have told me they received it (Ambassadors) -- it went out on Jan. 16th. As to the letters to the American ambassadors, this was a purely confidential matter, to go out after the Treaty was signed in April, or immediately before, and of course should never have been mentioned by Chk. to the Am-ambassador. Besides, now when we know what Lepetit's country has said about the R.P. and the attitude concerning Gen. it would be quite disastrous if the Foreign Office of his country told Str. their opinion, since he would have to transmit it to the OH -- opening some very unpleasant matters. Hence, it seems to me best, that Lepetit should not deal with the Am. embassy in this question at all since these communications are regarded as highly confidential and not supposed to be known to ~~xxxxxxx~~ others. Our friend, of course ~~tells~~ tells us everything, but we have to be careful that Lepetit does not tell the AMemb. these things. Of course, it may be that, in view of the attitude of Lepetit's country, they did not feel necessary to tell him if they received the communication.

Dear Svetik, I know my letter sounds hectic and hasty, but I am certain you will be able to make it out -- and add your own deep insight to all matters.

I close with my love to you, as ever, your sister Frances

Dea

May 22, 1935

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My very dear Svetik,

My deep thanks for your letter of April 22 with your lovely words of encouragement. I know that through these complicated -- and at times inexplicable times -- our thoughts cross, dear Svetik. Because often I think of you, and feel deeply your friendship, and how stimulating it would be to talk to you on many things. There are things which one may speak of, yet which are difficult to write -- but, somehow I know that many things are cognized in those inner relationships which transcend distance. You write of your interesting reading among the Christian Mystics; please write of them. For some reason, I feel strangely drawn to the Christian mystics -- and the writings of the Saints have helped we weather many austere moments this year. I have deep pleasure in your letters -- so please write me, if only a few words, whenever you can.

I was happy to be able to transmit the informations of your letter, to G. since last week-end I was invited to stay with some mutual friends. His moments outside of his work are rare, because the political situation, as you may imagine, is intensified with the approaching election of next season. The result is high feelings on all sides, and so our friend has been traveling a great deal speaking. He had been away from Wash, ~~one~~ ten days -- and came back only for a few hours when I saw him -- then left again immediately for the west. It is a most strenuous life. He feels that his home State (Iowa) will prove very good for the incense -- and if so, will be advantageous since he has all equipment there, and has a fine drying plant for his corn, which is splendidly applicable to drying the root also. He has asked me to ask you the following questions, which he wrote out: "If the roots of this plant were to be used in the United States, how would you suggest using them? Should a fluid extract be made from the roots? If so, what use should be made of the fluid extract? What is the proper dosage? If a tea should be made from the roots, how should it be used?"

"Do you know of any particular value which these roots would have under American conditions? If some chemists are available to do experimental work, can you give me a lead as to the direction in which they should experiment? In other words, what is the practical step to take with these roots?"

Our friend also wanted to know whether you thought the chief outlet for the incense would be export to China, which is the chief outlet for ginseng raised here. He is interested to know what, in your opinion the chief outlets would be for the commercial utilization of it. Write me all thoughts you have about it, as he wishes to give consideration to it. He also wanted to make some practical application of the 100 pounds of root you sent -- that is the occasion for the above questions regarding the actual application in practice of it.

In regard to the flower seeds, etc., originally intended for Katherine, I may say that your surmise as to what happened is entirely correct. Apparently Katherine told ~~Sixx~~ Esther about it. In any case, I received the box with no explanation, so I sent it as it was to G, who proceeded also to plant the other seeds (flowers etc.), so that I fear their return is now difficult. On receiving the box, he mentioned that you had added flower seeds, and the roots -- but since, I knew nothing about these, until your letter arrived, I presumed they were for him.

From the glimpses we hear about your studies, you must be making fascinating progress. I hope someday I will be able to learn from you at first hand all about these and to see your work with all its promise of

help to humanity. I was interested to read recently that the Haoma of the Zoroastrians was made from Ephedrin, which I had not read before -- it would be most interesting to know what its effect is, in this case.

I close now with all my love, and hope you will find time to write to me again.

With sincere affection,

Your friend & sister

T.

By the kindness of Mrs. Rosier

Mrs. S. N. Rosier

June 6, 1935

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Dearest Svetik

As I wrote to Mother, G. was here this week and I told him about your coming gift, which has not yet arrived. ~~xxxxxx~~ I tried to make him guess what it would be --which of course was impossible. He is delighted with it, and looks forward to its arrival. He was especially happy that Mother liked it also.

He seems to feel that his native state may provide a good locality for the incense and will see the results from his various experiments ~~xxxxt~~ in different parts.

I appreciated your words about the Lectures and the book. The latter I value in that it has provided an opportunity to intensify my reading in directions dear to us all--the great meaning of the devotional spirit and the benevolent heart grows with the readings. I agree with you, entirely, that the greatest possible attainment is the inner fortification, the enriching of the inner person. If one can only attain this strength --there are no assaults that could prevail against his equanimity of spirit. But this is already a great achievement. As I wrote to you, I have found much strength in the writings of the Saints this last winter--and I have reason to have gratitude to the "Imitation" and Saint Teresa's writings for many a moment's help, not to speak of the others. The aspect of devotion and Bhakti become very dear to me, and one wishes so much to develop within, that utter surrender to the One.

As I wrote to Mother -- the chapter on Iran has aroused in me a feeling of great closeness to Zoroaster and his very flaming doctrine. I am startled, as you must be, I am sure, by its constant analogies to the Teachings. The entire intense figure of Zarathustra and his inexorable striving, have drawn me very very close.

I also wonder whether the figure of Thomas Aquinas seems to you ~~xx~~ close ~~xxxxxxxx~~ --his personality has seemed a near one also.

Sometime I hope to be able to sit down and write you a real letter, with ~~somebting~~ ~~somebting~~ but this week has been so busy again. I think you will understand and excuse the brevity of this note.

Please extend to Yer. my most affectionate greetings--I often think of him and admire the painstaking things he does greatly.

As ever, your friend and sister,

Masha

Svetitsk

(By the kindness of mine Poerich)

August 15, 1935

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My dear Svetik,

Your note of July 24th reached me, and I valued it so much, because I realized the true cordiality which inspired it. I appreciate all you write about calmness-- it is indeed an achievement to be so master of yourself that neither praise nor criticism can disturb the tranquility of the spirit! I almost fear that instead of progressing towards this beautiful consummation, I go backward! One thing is to accept this in one's mind--quite another is to live it hourly and momentarily, so that the waters of the soul remain untroubled, undisturbed. The past six weeks, as you may imagine, have been an ordeal and test-- if, in their process I have learned anything, I shall have deemed them well worth while. My one real concern through this period had been a fear lest the work of the L. should be delayed in any way by what has happened or that anything I may have done should have diverted the Pl. Strangely enough, Svetik, as far back as I can remember for years, July has been an ordeal for me to live through, as though this month was my bete noir. But I do not remember quite as difficult a one before -- probably because the enemy in this case is an invisible one; one may fight an enemy which one knows, but the unknown is always more sinister. However, patience and time are wonderful allies! And against the trials of the Great Ones, and the tremendous burden born by the Parents of our spirits, how infinitesimal and picayune all these cares become! If only the way may be cleared to forge ahead -- that is the one thing which concerns me.

I want to thank you, Svetik, for your suggestions in regard to my few pages on India. I have sent you the chapter on China. And am sending here some more. Of course by the time this reaches you I shall have had to give in the Mss. to the publishers as they have already reminded me it is due. But, if there are flagrant mistakes please tell me of them, as I could get them on the proofs. In regard to the Agni Yoga, I think you are entirely right --as a matter of fact, I had intentionally included it, but perhaps I had best wait, for some other opportunity to write about the contemporary Teachings. The publishers wanted, really only the general outline of the ancient teachings. As you see, it is not an easy task to boil down the great doctrines to such a synthesis; but if it gives a fair glimpse into the story of the beginnings of these teachings, ~~that is the purpose~~ the purpose of the book will be accomplished. Sometime, I hope to do a work which does greater justice to the doctrines; but this book was pretty well definated by the publishers as to just what they wanted. I wonder, Svetik, if there is a photograph of Father's painting of Zoroaster. I do not believe we ever had this copy. I should like to have Father's paintings reproduced in the book, and would like to include this one, if I can get it in time. If not, I still have Buddha, Krishna, Conucius, Lao Tze, Mohammed.

Dear Svetik, I began this letter as you see, a week ago and have not found time since to continue. I am giving deep thought to your splendid suggestion about the Paintings of Father. There is one woman in Buenos Aires, who might be able to do something with Argentine: Mrs. de Botana there. I shall write here and throw out this possibility. And in the meantime I shall try to think of other threads.

Last night I spent with Katherine and Mrs. Welch--and we had great pleasure talk of all that is precious to us. I am grateful to Kath. for the discretion and kindness she has shown in so many ways. She probably has told you that the Leopard skin is still reposing in the customs. When it is released, I shall probably wire you to ask whether you want it transmitted as you first proposed.

This week I have anxiously awaited letter from Mother, corresponding to the cable of July 29th, but it has not come as yet.

Dear Svetik, be assured that what has happened has not disheartened me. I am so convinced that the way will be opened to the Future! I also want you to know how much your notes mean and how appreciative I am of the thoughts you express.

With my most affectionate greetings, believe me as ever,

Yours sister,

Miriam

October 14, 1935

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Dearest Svetik.

Your last note brought its usual encouragement, and my delay in answering has been due to the deluge of matters which you have surmised from my letters to Mother. We were restored to new courage this week by knowing that she was better and well enough to write

I shall do everything to 'cement the space', in the hope of consummating a new step with S.A. I have great confidence and signs seem to be gathering. All that you write of unity, and of the tension of striving is basic; it becomes a more evident truth hourly.

This week I paid an interesting visit and thought of you; it was with a young South American, son of a friend of mine, and one who is interested in the Teaching. This young man is working on the lines laid down by Abrams and Boyd, that of diagnosing the individual entirely on the 'emanations' which he emits. By percussing the individual, and testing the effects of certain medicines on the soundings of these percussions, they prescribe the necessary cure. The Abrams theory always seemed to me very fundamental; and all the work of this young man seems uniquely in line with our own Teachings. Now he is working on a machine which will test the effect of the vibrations of a given medicine on the vibrations of a man; but they no longer need to have the man present they use a specimen of his saliva or blood, since they find the emanations from these to be identical with those of the man himself naturally. Dr. Boyd, a London homeopath, seems to have been the pioneer, after Abram's work was rejected by the medical profession. Through Boyd's experiments, the homeopathic medicines were divided into twelve classes, and human beings were divided into the same classes according to their emanations. Boyd seems to relate this to the Zodiacal houses, but has not yet determined the exact relationship. A Dr. Stearn in New York, who also I met, is working on these lines. They have lent me some pamphlets, but unfortunately I must return them, as they have not duplicates. They have, however, a duplicate of the homeopathic classification, which I will send you. It is interesting to me that Valerian occupies a class by itself; also that the poisons seem all to be in one class, etc. To you it will probably offer some very interesting speculations. I shall be interested to hear what you think of it. If you are not aware of the Abrams system, let me know and I will see if I can obtain some books on it --since some years ago it created a great stir, but at once --as was to be expected--met the rabid hostility of the established medical profession.

I am copying an excerpt which I think will interest you --sometime ago Wal. gave me a horoscope made for him by an astrologist. Recently in going over some pages I came across it, and it strikes me as uniquely pointed. I mentioned it in my last letter to Mother, and would appreciate your showing it to her.

Analyzing the year for Wal. the astrologist says: During the year the progression of the Sun opposition the radical Neptune will be felt. Alan Leo states that 'this is perhaps the most tremendous obstacle that the individuality has to cope with; for the soul is here weighed in the balance and too often 'found wanting'. All the antagonistic forces of the lower nature or the undeveloped part of man rise up and seek to swamp him and powerful indeed must he be if he can breast them only them. ~~Only them~~ .. There may be annoying psychic conditions and care should be taken of frauds and schemes. One needs to be most careful in selecting associates and friends especially mediumistic types. And for the month of August she adds, among other things, Neptune governs psychism and with this opposition, with its possible struggle, one may be inclined to turn to the mediumistic for help; this would be a grave mistake especially at this time." This seems to me very interesting.

As I must send off the letter to Mother, I must close Svetik.

Forgive this brief note, but it carries with it all my affection and confidence for the Beauty of the Future.

As ever, your sister,

Ranee.

I wrote this Monday - but could not mail it until to-day (17")

Love to you.

Svetik

Sept. 6

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Dearest Svetik,

I will not have time to write other than a brief note today. Thus far I have been enabled to get the answer to one of your questions. L. was born at midnight on Dec. 29, 1888. I was able casually to ask his mother, in quite an offhand way. If the same opportunity arises in regard to the other one, I shall send it.

As you will see in the letter I have written to Mother, David is of course ready to give us all council and help us in all ways. And we will stand by our full rights. We await only Mother's sanction for this.

Some one is waiting to see me, so I cannot write more, just now but will write by the next mail.

Will you please also transmit to Yer. my thanks for his letter, about the books which I will answer. The first album has been sold and I believe we could dispose of four or five more. Then Yer. can tell me what books he wishes in exchange -- or we can send the cash for the sales, as he prefers.

We are full of courage and confidence, Svetik, I assure you. We know Who is with us and nothing else matters. I will close this brief note, in the anticipation of writing you the coming week

With all my deepest affection, as ever,

Raues

For Svetik

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Dear Svetik,

Your letter was a shock indeed, but a delightful one --and we all can forebear with such delightful shocks. Since letter-writing is also my bete-noir, I readily forgive you your long silence but hope you will not repeat it. Possibly my early reply is as great a shock to yourself.

I was delighted to hear of your progress in the medicinal fields; I know that my friend will be most interested in the memorandum of which you write. Sometime ago he sent me a memorandum given to him by one of his research workers on Hydrocotyle asiatica (centella asiatica according to some authors). I will show it to Goerge and then send it to you, as it may interest you also. The subject of Kut is one in which I believe there is great interest in the drug investigation dept.

Your research into astrological things is very fascinating; please write us more about it. I ask our friend the time of birth and he sent me the following which I transmit to you "Born 7.33 P.M. C.S.T. (central standard time I guess) 26 degrees and 21 minutes Taurus rising; 3 degrees and 48 minutes aquarius on mid heaven. Neptune 2 degrees and two minutes Gemini, Saturn 17 degrees and 45 minutes Leo Sun 15 degrees and 12 minutes Libra. Uranus 17 degrees and 20 minutes Libra. Venus 8 degrees and 48 minutes Scorpio. Mercury 10 degrees and 16 minutes Scorpio. Moon 19 degrees and 31 minutes Scorpio. These last five in the sixth house. In the seventh house Jupiter in 4 degrees and 16 minutes of Sagitarius and Mars 18 degrees and sixteen minutes of sagitarius. Besides Neptune in the first house is Pluto in 5 degrees and 40 minutes of Gemini." (He was born on a farm in Adair County, Iowa, October 7, 1888.) Do let me know all that you discover--our friend is interested in astrology.

We are awaiting with impatience and rejoicing the Arrival --and also look forward keenly to seeing your portraits, the photographs of which we have viewed with great admiration. During these months in Washington, when I saw the atrocious portraits of officials hanging in our federal buildings, I often thought what magic you could create in those halls by your real genius!

I must mail this letter if it is to reach to-day's ship. Please tell our thoughtful Yeruya that his note of Feb. 9 arrived, and although I cannot answer it to-day will do so soon. We received his money orders. We will send two additional copies of Fiery Stronghold as well as the reproductions and leaflets. We sell the large reproductions here for forty cents retail, but if this is too much he can come down to twenty-five cents. From this he can take off his discount of a third; is this satisfactory? I will write him at greater length.

I will close, hoping that your cordial letters indicates a reform and that I will hear from you very soon again. With my sincere love to you, devotedly,

Frances

Svetik darling,

I have transmitted the ~~incense~~ seeds to G. He writes me that he has planted five outdoors at once as though they were delphiniums. He will plant the remainder in the greenhouse this fall and the other half in the greenhouse in March. If there is any thoughts on this, let me know.

I fear this 'letter' is very meagre but I must get this batch of mail off, if I am to get the ship. All my love to you. As ever,

Your sister,

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Yours sister,

Well off, if I get to get into ship. All my love to you. As ever,

I hope this letter, is very welcome but I must get this paper of
Memoranda in reach. It there is any trouble on ship, let me know.

Being the messenger in the Memoranda this will be the other half in the
plane. Five outgoers at once as though they were delinquents. In this
I have permitted the messenger to go to G. He writes me that he has
particulars.

For
Sister

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Dearest Svetik,

Excuse this hasty note, as I have not quite had time to catch up with everything

Saw our friend this week, and he asked me to tell you that the seeds have been set out in different places -- Iowa, North Carolina, Minnesota and I believe Colorado, to see where they will go best. The flower seeds you sent among the others in your most recent sending have also been set out.

From all letters, you know how gloriously the Pact has been consummated. Now we must proceed on the Nob. ~~XXXX~~ award. Be assured we have wonderful material at hand.

I am not writing a letter, but will do so at the first chance. In the meantime, accept all my love to you, and my knowledge of how close your thoughts and love are with us here.

As ever, your sister,

Frances

Please tell Ye. that I received the fine little booklet on the Pact, and think it splendid.

Mr. S. Roerich

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Svetik darling,

I am enclosing a letter to you from our friend, in answer to Mother's words and your own note to me re K., which I read to G. He is ready and apparently eager to collaborate in this work, which we know is so near to the L.'s desire. We await any thing further which you may have to send and write. I shall be most happy to transmit it --since official channels are not to be trusted.

If you send the seeds, scatter them in the letter, as I mentioned to avoid difficulty, with quarantine regulations. I hope that this will lead to the greatest possibilities for your wonderful labors.

Your sister,

France

To Svetik

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Am sending, Svetik, straight mail under separate cover, some ~~documents~~ publications of the Dept. of Agriculture, on various plants sent me here, which I believe ~~xxxx~~ interest him. They were sent to me today.

Thanks dear Svetik for your notes of Nov. 19 --I shall have a chance to transmit their substance, ~~xxxx~~ Friday next. The last transmissions were received with pleasure. I shall write you by the next mail. I hope you will enjoy the various printed matter I have sent--the pamphlets reaching me to day looked useful, although I had no change to do other than glance at them.

This will reach you before Christmas--may Joy comrade us all together and the coming years. Please transmit to dear Yeruya, my affection and wishes of happiness, also to Oyana, my cordial wishes for joyful years ahead -- and to you, the deep wishes of a sister, for success and bliss.

M.

May 18, 1936

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My very dear Svetik,

Last week when I was at K.'s she gave me your note which I received with the greatest joy. I do not blame you for your silence, since I myself am so remiss and exact great patience and charity from all my close ones, in the matter of correspondence. I am glad you are sparing your hand and shoulder and hope that your difficulty is passing. Your hands are very precious and needed for your painting and your medicines.

Thank you, Svetik dear, for your precious words about the book. I do not know if it is an achievement--but I do feel it was a salvation, when I needed just such a happy task to give me balance. I am grateful to the destiny which gave me an opportunity to do it. I wonder if you also know, Svetik, how grateful I have always been to you for your letters over a period of great anguish.

You mention about Natalie Hammond. I have tried to locate her. The office of her father gave me an address in Massachusetts to which I wrote but received no reply. This may mean she is away or does not care to answer. Some months ago she was sued by an actor for alienating his wife's affections. And perhaps this has sent her out of town. I also, Mrs. Hale, and had word from her secretary, as I wrote in my last letter, that she was busy at this time. Of course, the Levys always saw to it that we were kept apart from the Dales, and my contacts with her were very few heretofore.

At the same time new friends are coming and the staunch friends of yesterday are being cemented even more closely. In the light of our present experience it is very interesting to judge human beings. I agree with you that this is a time of great testing--a kind of fire trial which forces people to revert to their true selves. On one side there is a procession of plunderers, sycophants, parasites; on the other, those who recognize truth and try to aid it.

It is good to read your courageous words of conviction about the Future. You are entirely right that these formulas bear constant repetition. And above all, they must be repeated constantly to oneself. Because as you know Svetik, it is almost easier to fight in the thick of battle than to retain this Faith in the Ultimate during an hour when arrogance and treason flourish and fatten apparently, and when success --superficially at least-- is to the vicious and the cruel. Only faith in the irresistible and inexorable action of the Cosmic Law sustains one. There are only two alternatives --faith or destruction. Therefore I value the reinforcement of your words. I hope that the future will include the possibilities of some cooperative work with you because I know what a joyful and stimulating experience it would be. It is most unfortunate that conditions here long since precluded so many wonderful possibilities, and dissipated the really glorious opportunities which were given to us. However, there is the Future -- and freed of this incubus, it will be a beautiful and radiant one I am certain.

In my letter to your Parents I have written about the general situation, so that I have not repeated it here. We are at a critical moment just now, because of a legal counter-play which we have to oppose. Perhaps it is a healthy thing, since I am afraid we were beginning to be too confident and underestimated the perfidy of the Levys.

I shall close now with my heartiest greetings and my love to all, and my appreciation for all your words of encouragement and good-cheer.

As ever,

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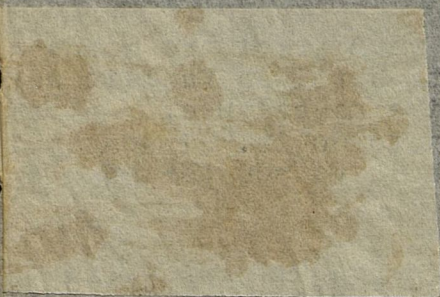
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My dear Svetoslav,

I received your letter of the 18th and was very glad to hear from you. I am glad you are still in the same place and that you are still working. I am glad you are still working. I am glad you are still working.

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Yours truly,
Svetoslav

July 30 1936

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My very dear Svetik,

I have before me your very welcome letters of June 24th, and July 9th, transmitted to me by K. All your thoughts are most practical and constructive, and before going on to any news, I should like to go over the points you mention.

We were also very pleased at the result of the case of Mrs. Schafron in the municipal court. Morally, it was an excellent thing, since apparently they were extremely confident of their victory. They came to the court in gala attire, prepared to flaunt their triumph in our faces, I presume. Miss L. was ~~xxxxxx~~ conspicuous by her absence; but this even is very characteristic, since she always kept her own precious skirts cleared, and let others perform her dirty work. They went out with their tails between their legs and figuratively at least we were able to thumb our noses at them. The subsequent delays in this case were also fortunate, because it kept the case undecided until the granting of the injunction last week, which brought everything to the state of protection, until the trial or referee hearing.

I also am very pleased with Miller's entry into the case -- Mrs. Scott and I have often talked of the way his name came up in our conversation, otherwise we might never have known he was the indicated person. Last Sunday Mrs. Scott and I had lunch again together, and Mr. Miller asked to join us. We talked about you all and about the Philosophy, and of course he has much sensitiveness to it. I also conveyed to him your greetings, since I had already received your letter. Mr. Miller likes Pl. and Davis and is very tactful, in his work with them. Coming from an older man, I think this shows especial finesse. His situation, as he tells me -- or rather as Mrs. Scott has also told me -- is this: he has not a staff or office force; hence his role will have to be that of adviser and worker behind the scenes. For instance, in securing as an associate in the case, Mr. Cohalan, he showed extremely good judgement, because Mr. Cohalan, though no genius, has an exceedingly prominent father and uncle, who know all judges, and have fine contacts. Moreover, this Mr. Cohalan also knows Pl. so in this way no conflicts have been precipitated. Thus, as far as Mr. Miller is concerned everything has gone very well.

This brings me to another point in your letter -- one exceedingly well taken and correct, that of the possibility of united meetings in which all phases of the case could be openly discussed and each one contribute their ideas and opinions. This, dear Svetik, would be the much-desired consummation. Because we have most admirable individual advisors, each of whom could contribute very definitely to the solution of the problem. But I am sorry to say the present situation does not present this possibility. There does not seem to be much sympathy between the various advisers, although they all individually are most sympathetic to us. Brother does not seem very much attracted to Mr. Miller; he also feels that Mr. Pl. resents his criticisms or advises. Mr. Craven (of Frieda's office) is now leaning backwards to be neutral and 'not involve' his firm in the case. Mr. Stck. likes very much Pl. but does not seem to like some of the others. And there you are! Just how these complications came about, I do not know. But I fear there was a good deal of cross-current. The only one who seems to be liked by them all is David, who would have been delighted to bring everyone together, and could have, I am certain. But other things prevented. And so, we are now stalemated as far as these united conferences are concerned, for the time being anyways. A few weeks ago, one Saturday, Brother called me and asked me for lunch. He told me he would like to clarify matters between himself and Pl. and asked me to tell David to call him, as he would like to see him, and explain things to him. Since this was a spontaneous gesture from him, I did it with great pleasure. David called him up the next day, and Mr. Schultz expressed great pleasure over the phone and said he would call him back the next day and make an appointment. This he never did; and it is now several weeks already. David yesterday left on his vacation, to be gone until the 18th of August, so that this possibility has flown out of the window also. Perhaps some new situation will arise to effect this unity; but for the moment, I must frankly say, it does not exist. I am sorry to have to write this, but it would be equally wrong to conceal it.

I called Mr. Rudert, in accordance with your suggestion. He is leaving town today for three weeks, and so I shall see him on his return. I also feel that this contact may be very useful.

In regard to the South American Exhibition--I have written there asking the exact number of paintings and the exact date required. If they give me ample time, I believe this can be admirably consummated. I am especially anxious to consummate this, because it will mean so much prestige for us--the fact that they turned to us rather than any other agencies they could have requested for cooperation, speaks strongly for their confidence. I am not worried as to the choice of paintings, because this is their first exhibition and I am au courant with their preferences in this regard, as well as the representative choices for such an exhibition.

It is the need of getting the cooperation of groups here--because, due to the present situation, we cannot assume any financial responsibility and I will have to get the artists to cooperate in taking their own insurance. Unless I can get some Pan Americanists to help in bearing the expense. I see a fine possibility for good-will, which I shall endeavor to utilize in the best possible way.

You ask about our contacts with "Landon" --I am certain we could get these, without difficulty. It happens that the woman who has been appointed the head of the Women's campaign is the sister of a friend of mine, Miss Natalie Couch. But the real question involved is how far we are ready to go. I do not doubt that they would welcome us with open arms if we volunteered to help in the campaign with speeches etc. But this would openly place us as enemies of the present administration. Do we wish it? At present the indications are quite uncertain, and undoubtedly the election will be bitterly fought. Everyone hesitates to foretell the results. I am trying to watch the situation very carefully on both sides but as yet there is no way of defining where the wind blows. Much depends on eventualities between now and November. Sometimes ~~very~~ seemingly inconsequential things can sway the entire election. There is also another possible contact through the Eastern manager of Landon, a man named Martin, to whom it may be possible to get an approach.

I am sorry to hear about the situation of 'k'. By now I am sure something could have been moving along these lines, if the Gleen defection had not occurred. The other day in speaking to Mr. Stokes, he told me that all the help he gave us and Urus. came through royalties to him on his invention of a drug 'estivin' for hayfever. Do you know it? It seems to be very effective, and was put out by Shieffelein (George I think met them at Crane's one evening.) Have you any product which could be marketed as yet. If so, maybe we could approach them or others on the subject. Probably, this question is a very idle one, because you would have told us if you had. But I am just thinking out loud, and as I wrote this occurred to me.

Now about us here--for the last week or so, since the injunction was obtained, there has been a kind of suspense. I generally am suspicious of these suspenses, because they invariably precede much stress. Beside they always encourage a 'let-down' in tension, and this is somewhat insidious. However, this is summer and many people are away, so that it is not possible to do what one would like to. Battle, Wagner and others are away. The trio are just now in the country. Crane has gone up to Woods hole. Our telephones to his office have not been of avail--I believe Mr. Brodie wishes to protect him from any requests for a loan or money. People are very chary of helping--that is why I so much value the graciousness of Mr. Stok. who has given with the most generous spirit, "heartily as unto God, not unto men." Of course, we cannot hide that our financial situation, all around, is serious to the extreme. However, we have confidence that means will not be lacking, and that we shall find ways.

I see and accept your explanation of the "immaculate conception" --I think this ghost is slain for the time being. The Philadelphia group was here, and I had opportunity to talk with the lady concerned. Without mentioning the definite stories I heard, I told her I was sure no such pretensions had ever been made, etc. (although I fear they were). But the result is that things were calmed down. It gave me an awful fright, however. Because I cannot imagine a more embarrassing baggage to add to our present one than a claim to immaculate conception. The day I learned of this was a poignant in my memory!! I think however things there now are alright. The visit here of the group was most pleasant, and they left, I am sure, much uplifted.

I enjoy your letters so much--because they provide a lovely pause out of the immediate into the permanent. I agree with all you say. So much I feel the need of returning to the Lives of the Saints for a renewal of strength. Did I tell you of my dream of Teresa? Her chapters of prayer seem very close to me; and just now I fear my well is dry and needful of refilling. I hope next week if possible to go away for two or three days to rest, and particularly to think and recharge my spirit. I too feel the future will unfold beautifully ahead.

It is so nice just to be able to 'converse' with you on paper, and write just as I think. Please know my letters are written with this complete sense of heartiness and rapport.

As ever,

F.

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Frances R. Grant

Apt. 16C
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New York 23, N.Y.
February 13, 1958

Dear Svetoslav,

After the lapse of so many years, perhaps you will not wish to hear from me. But today is your mother's birthday, and I feel impelled to write and tell you that the years have also brought me a realization of the illumined spirits of your Mother and Father.

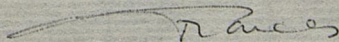
I wish I could tell them some of the words which were left unspoken, but this is no longer possible, although I am certain they are aware of my thoughts. But to you, who bear so much of their spirit, I want to say that their image lives and has grown in my heart in deep appreciation and love.

I do not know if you care to write to you, or even if this will reach you. But if you should wish to answer, I shall regard it as a precious opportunity of renewal and inspiration.

My work in the past years have thrust me into the fight for freedom in Latin America. I can only hope it has served the cause of human understanding which so glowed in the hearts of your mother and father.

I hope this letter reaches you and that you may feel moved to reply.

Very sincerely,



INTER-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM

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May 18, 1958.

Dear Svetoslav,

I cannot tell you how happy I was to receive your letter, in answer to mine. I had already despaired of it having reached you. It brought with it a warmth of spirit and friendship, which seemed to erase these too-many years. For me, it would be a joy to renew our friendship and, in its interchange, find ways to serve those great Objectives, which so infused your Father and Mother.

First, I want to thank you for sending me the photograph of the Stupa at Kalimpong. I have placed it with other treasured objects, which I recur to constantly, to recharge my spirit. I should be happy to have a similar photo of the Stupa at Kulu. How significant that these two monuments to the Eternal Verities of Beauty and Truth guard the east and west gates to the North! someday I hope to be able to make a pilgrimage to both, in a spirit of love and appreciation. If you have time in your busy life, and feel moved to do so, I would be happy to know more of the life of your parents, in the last years in both Kulu and Kalimpong.

I was most interested to learn about your own work, and to know that you are continuing your creative expression in the various facets of your talent. Your painting must be really stirring. I imagine that your plantations must be yielding many of the medicinal and other plants, in which you were already beginning to experiment years ago.

My own work in these years proceeded along two lines: On one hand, I worked professionally as Managing Editor of my brother-in-law's publications devoted to food distribution. On the other hand -- and I must confess that my avocation absorbed me far more than my professional vocation -- I was devoting all my free moments to the Inter-American work. My mother -- who lived with me, since 1952, when she became ill -- died late in 1956, and since then I have given up my editorial work, and am devoting myself entirely to the Pan American work, through three associations. One is a women's organization, started in the Museum, and which I have carried on in these years. The other two organizations are concerned with human rights; one is the International league for the Rights of Man, a Non-Governmental United Nations Consultative agency, of which I am secretary, and chairman for Latin America. And the other is the Inter-American Association for Democracy and Freedom, which is a Hemispheric organization, devoted to the defence of human rights; and which has come to be perhaps the most appreciated link between the various American peoples, in their struggle for well-being.

In my Inter-American work, I have always hoped that it was serving a Higher Purpose, and I was greatly moved by your words that your Mother and Father felt well about it.

Now that I live along again, I have been re-studying the Writings of your Mother, with a new awareness of their Magnitude and Significance. They are an inexhaustible source of study; one's appreciation of their regenerative force grows with each reading. Also a new awareness of the truly planetary mission of your Mother and Father.

I shall look forward to hearing from you, whenever you find time to reply. And if ever you have advice or suggestions as to ways which could link our efforts; or carry on the Objectives of your Father and Mother. I hope you

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Dear Sviatoslav and Devika,

I have before me three beautiful letters from you that, I am ashamed to say, still remain unanswered. However, I must explain that I have been traveling again, although it was only briefly to Puerto Rico. I was invited to a special celebration there for the Cuban hero, Marti; and my friends arranged it all: travel, etc., (even the wonderful sunshine and the indescribable view of the Caribbean from my window). So, once again, I left the frigid winter of New York for an interlude of spring! And met again with dear and affectionate colleagues.

I was happy, indeed, to receive from both Sviatoslav and Devika, letters expressing pleasure at my article; your letters crossed my own stating that I hoped to write a more extensive one, and one more expressive of my appreciation of Sviatoslav's extraordinary versatility of creation in so many facets of life and art. In Sviatoslav's letter he virtually ~~form~~ explains my desire "to do better" when he quotes his father as saying that "the best work is the one that has not yet been done!" And so, with a subject one loves, one feels that "one can always do better!"

In any case, do go ahead; ~~do use~~ the article, and I shall turn to the new one as soon as I have some leisure. Unfortunately these winter months here are the most occupied with unexpected commitments; so, whenever it is done I will send it but, by all means, do not delay the publication of the Monograph.

I share your idea, Devika, that Sviatoslav should set down some of his earlier recollections. But I find it difficult to dictate into a recording machine also--like speaking into a vacuum! Somehow speaking to another person or writing, is more natural and even awakens long-forgotten remembrances. Sviatoslav's knowledge of art and his sensibility and interests, so wide, that I do hope he continues to write. But we all race against "the immediate" and the permanent has to give way to the momentary, alas!

I shall be anxious to hear of your plans and, of course, the Exhibition. But I too live a life of "impromptu" activity, so I can understand how difficult it is for you also to plan too far ahead! I shall leave to a Providence which has so often been kind to me (witness my wonderful visit to India with you both) to decide when and where we next may have our reunion.

I need not tell you again how much I rejoice in our mutual friendship and understanding. As always

Lovingly

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