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December 10, 1970

Dr. Svetoslav Roerich,
C/o The Indian Bank Ltd.,
Lady Curzon Road,
Bangalore-1.

Dear Dr. Roerich,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Members of the Executive Committee of the Calcutta Art Society have decided unanimously to award the Society's Medal-of-Honour on you for your outstanding achievements in the field of art, and for your meritorious exposition of various forms of art through your works on canvas, for this year.

This Medal is awarded on "Art and Humanism", and was initiated in 1962 on the occasion of the Society's silver jubilee and Tagore's birth centenary celebrated together in 1961. This is awarded to a person for his or her outstanding contribution in the field of art, and for meritorious services rendered for the better understanding in the human relationship through visual expression of art and literature. This has since been awarded to 8 Indians like, Nandalal Bose, Jamini Roy, O.C. Gangooly, C.P. Ramaswami Iyer, G. Venkatachalam, Cowasji Jehangir, Smt. Cumi H. Dallas, and S.G. Thakore Singh, and 7 foreigners like, Guiseppe Tucci, Leonard K. Elmhirst, Tadaeuz Juliesiwicz (Poland) A.A. Plastov and S.T. Konenkov (USSR), Baiei Henmi (Japan), and Petar Lubarda (Jugoslavia).

The Members of the Executive Committee have rightly selected you for receiving this distinguished Medal along with other gifts like, "Anga-Bastram" (silk dhoti & shawl) and "Tamra-Lipi" (citation in sanskrit inscribed on copper plate). The Members of the Society will feel honoured if you are pleased to accept the Honour that has been decided to be conferred on you for this year.

The Members of the Committee are further of opinion that this Honour should be formally handed over to you at a ceremony, should you please so agree, sometime early February 1971 at Calcutta, the land of Tagores and the cradle of Indian Renaissance. It has also been decided that the Society will, should you please so agree to accept, pay you and Shrimati Devika Rani Roerich, costs for travelling by Air from Bangalore to Calcutta and back, and will arrange for your hospitality for stay in Calcutta.

With kind regards;
Yours sincerely,

Pranabesh Chandra Sinha

Hony. General Secretary.

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January 13, 1971

Dear Dr. Roerich,

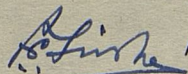
Your telegram of December 16 stating that you would inform me in the first week of January this year upon your return from Bombay about the dates of your visit to and stay in Calcutta during February next.

We have been waiting since then to hear from you, and I shall appreciate an early reply in this regard.

It may be, you are hesitant in your commitment about dates in February due to the ensuing elections in India which will keep many of us engaged actively or otherwise. We have also the same apprehension. But then what is the alternative? Will you favour any dates in the 3rd week of March after the election? But I am afraid, election fever will still persist after the elections results are out and for the formation of the Central and State Cabinets. Advise what can be done. We are ready. Only we need time for proper notice and due publicity.

With kind regards;

Yours sincerely,



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January 18, 1971

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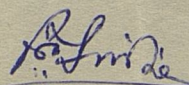
Dear Dr. Roerich,

The Members of the Executive Committee decided unanimously to hold the special convocation for the conferment of the Society's Medal-of-Honour on you^x on a day convenient to you between February 10 and 14 next. It was felt that delay in the matter owing to ensuing elections might minimise the importance of the occasion, and also that this delay would cause us to take it back to a date sometime next winter, because you might not be available here during April and November this year. I would request you therefore, to kindly send me your reply by wire the dates you would be able to stay here along with Shrimati Devika Rani.

It may be mentioned here that separate functions are to be arranged for you and for Shrimati Devika Rani, and an Afternoon Party to meet you both.

With kind regards;

Yours sincerely,


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16th February 1971

Dear Dr. Roerich,

Your majestic disposition bearing the saint-like appearance endeared you to all those who had the occasion to be in contact with you during your brief stay in Calcutta last week. Personally I feel now that I have been the proudest and happiest man to have had the thanks and congratulations showered on me for being able to bring you here. At the same time I have been questioning myself whether I was justified in causing inconvenience to you bringing you here for a trivial engagement. However, I find the weight is heavier on my side because a large number of people did have the opportunity of associating themselves with you to know and understand your knowledge and wisdom.

I feel acutely today my diffidence in not making arrangements for your speech being tape-recorded just what Devika Rani had suggested to me earlier in the day. Unfortunately very little time was then there at my disposal. We missed to record your most splendid and interesting speech.

With my best regards and good wishes;

Yours sincerely,

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26th February 1971

Dr.S.Roerich,
Bangalore-1.

Dear Dr.Roerich,

I have just received your letter of the 22nd instant together with the enclosure of a cheque for Rs.130.00 for Shri P.K.Datta.

This is unfortunate that Shri Datta had approached you direct without informing anything about it. I have ~~chided~~ chided him for ~~doing~~ this. He had no business to send the photographs and the bills direct to Shrimati Devika Rani quoting rates really higher than what we pay here i.e. @ Rs.4/- each. I got this news from Devika's letter of the 15th instant and atonce I told him not to send any more photographs, because I wanted to send some selected pieces collecting from different Newspapers. Now I have done that, and I shall send them along with the paper clippings. This I informed Devika earlier. However, I am handing over the cheque to Shri Datta with a reprimand. You were our guests, and this is a very ^{bad} practice that you had to pay the bills.

Achut Kanya which was not available on the 19th instant, has reached us today, and we are screening this on the 28th. A card is enclosed for your information. The Governor and Shrimati Dhavan are coming.

Please leave me your address of Kulu where you would be staying for about a couple of months. Please also tell me when you propose to leave. During your very short stay here I could not show you some small collections brought by me from my recent tours to Nairobi and Addis Ababa. After Achut Kanya, the German Consulate General want to yoke me for arranging Guebher Duerer's 500th birth anniversary coming off during May next. But my proposed tour to Europe and America may be undertaken during May-June.

With kind regards;

Yours sincerely,

