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- Dear Mr. Roerich,

In her letter to me, dated September 26th 1979, Mrs Katherine Stibbe wrote the following: "...we feel that the affair of Mr. Augustat has been blown all out of proportion, as from the very beginning we did not give him the impression that we (Katherine and Inge) were the ones to decide whether we could cooperate or not. It all has to be decided by the Trustees of the Agni Yoga Society in New York, and also by Mr. Svetoslav Roerich."

In pursuance of these last words mentioning your name, I take the extreme liberty to write to you today. Being in charge of the European Center since two years in Geneva, together with Miss Marie-Antoinette Steudler responsible for the French translations, I feel deeply desperate, hurt in my identity with the Great Whole, trying to understand what is going on.

Miss Steudler and myself, having heard of the incompatibilities of ideas and interpretations and also of the great misunderstandings that occurred in the time of Leopold Brandstätter, felt that the moment had come to erase a past situation and to start with a "new era" of cooperation, when Mr. Augustat proposed to collaborate with us. But feeling and noticing the great opposition coming from the A.Y. Society in N.Y. and especially from Mrs Sina Fosdick - she put in her mind, that the German people have no right to receive the Great Teaching (!) and also in order to avoid a harmful clivage between New York and Geneva, we gradually decided not to pursue our relations with Mr. Augustat, but refused on the other hand, to participate to the creation of a Distribution Center of our own in Germany. You will find more details of the work we tried to do, in the enclosed copy of my letter of Sept. 8th 1979 to Katherine Stibbe and Inge Fritschy.

Then for months the "German problem" was no more spoken about between New York and the European Center, and we sincerely thought, that better days would come, offering the right solution. But at the last Committee Meeting, our President Katherine Stibbe, very unexpectedly, decided to

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dissolve the European Center, and I felt that something unknown was lying behind that incomprehensible and to us sudden decision. Now, a month later, we are stricken by the truth as if by lightning: the Agni Yoga Society had instituted legal proceedings against the German group. Neither Katherine nor Inge have ever told me anything about their intention of undertaking that kind of action!

Dear Mr. Roerich, please excuse me to write to you about this problem, but it is of such an international proportion and spiritual importance, that nobody can ignore it. It looks as if a black cloud had come from New York down over Germany and further on, over Switzerland, too, as the "European Center". And all that, because one person and fanatic personality, named Sina Fosdick, has lost the sense of unity. I am sure, that without her destructive influence, which unluckily has been at work for years, our dear friends Katherine and Inge wouldn't have agreed to such a move.

The aim of this letter is a call to ask for your help, in the name of your beloved and deeply respected Mother and Father. Let us try to see the situation in its spiritual deep sense, according to the High Teaching and to find what is expected from all of us, namely: COMMUNITY and BROTHERHOOD. Marie-Antoinette and myself, are praying that LIGHT may render that unthinkable "spiritual war" impossible.

To let such a law suit go on and to let it pollute the mental atmosphere and space, cannot be spiritual, can it? It would destroy people spiritually! Isn't the Master calling our attention, all the time, upon Harmony and the necessity for Unity? Are Harmony and Unity to be found in that particular situation? In "Letters II", p. 428, Mme Helena Roerich is writing about the last book "Brotherhood": "When the inevitable meeting with the Great Teacher takes place, shall we be able to look into his eyes if we fail to fulfill the fundamental covenant regarding Unity?" We ^{have} to define which side we are on, and at least try to fight for this harmony.

Dear Mr. Roerich, once more I beg your pardon for this letter, but as Mrs Stibbe wrote to me about your power of decision, I felt that I had to apply to you and I do sincerely, profoundly hope and pray, that whatever you decide will be for the sake of Unity.

With my sincerest and thankful greetings, I remain

respectfully yours

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