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5, QUEEN VICTORIA ROAD,
NEW DELHI.

New Delhi, December 20, 1947.

Dear Mr. Roerich,

I received your telegram conveying to me the sad news about the passing away of your revered father. Even though he has lived a full life, with great achievements to his credit, his death must cause deep sorrow to all those who are interested in humanity and culture. His life and work will ever remain as sources of inspiration in every part of the world. Please accept my sincere sympathy in your bereavement which is shared with you by thousands of people in all parts of the world.

I am leaving for Madras tomorrow and shall be back in Delhi on the 4th of January. Please convey my compliments to Devika Rani.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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7th January '49.

My dear Mr. Roerich,

I must apologise for the delay in replying to your kind letter dated 15th December. I hope you have completely recovered from *an* indisposition. Though we have not been corresponding, I have had news about you through Venka. When are you coming to Bangalore?

I returned from Madras three days back. I expect to stay in Coimbatore till about the first week of February. I intend going to Delhi during the second week of February to attend the Budget Session of Parliament. If you are coming to Bangalore, you should arrange to visit Coimbatore also. It would be a great pleasure to have you and Devika Rani here for a few days. I expect to spend the summer in Ooty.

I am glad to know that the Government has accepted the Roerich Pact. I hope the Government will take steps to publish this *fact*. International good will seems to be receding more and more into the back ground. The Pact may probably prove to be the magic wand which may bring the world to a sense of better appreciation of the fundamentals of human life.

I spend most of my time in study. My enforced retirement from active public life is perhaps a blessing in disguise.

I send you and Devika Rani my cordial greetings and good wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
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