

12, rue de Poitiers, Paris VII

November 11th 1931

Dearest Brother,

I hasten to report about Your orders. The big box with canvasses and powder-colors from Lefranc's has left Paris today. They had made a box out of very thin planks, so I went into their depot and had the box changed. Now it is made of strong planks with iron circles around it, so that it will stand the voyage to Kulu. The box is being sent "grande vitesse". The shipment has been made throu Hernu, Perron & Co, who are the transport agents of the P. & O. Line. As to the declaration accompanying the box it has had to be done in strict conformity with the accounts, otherwise we could get into all kinds of trouble. I have thoroughly investigated the question with the higher officials of the Lefranc establishments. Please find enclosed a copy of the account for the things included in the box sent today. The total is Frs. 3958,80. I have

exchanged the Rs. 300 which You sent me thru Miss Lichtmann and obtained Frs. 2100 for them, the rate of exchange being Rs. 100 = Frs. 700. You will notice that Your Rs. 300 have been converted into francs at a better rate than the Rs. 100 which were sent by Brother Georgy (for which I obtained only 650 francs). That is a result of the financial and monetary uncertainty of our time. I changed dear Georgy's rupees on the day they were transmitted to me and then the rate was Rs. 100 = Frs. 650, whereas I changed Your Rs. 300 a few days later when the rate was already higher, i.e. Rs. 100 = Frs. 700. So I paid the Frs. 2100 (= Rs. 300) to Lfrances & Co. Please find enclosed their receipt. They requested me at Lfrances' to forward You a copy of the account of Professor de Roerich (amounting to Frs. 1642,50 for orders October 1930 - February 1931).

Now I pass to the chemicals. I have seen M. Roché, Director General of Poilenc & Co, who has been extremely nice, saying that his son owes to me his diplomatic career. Monsieur Roché will attend personally to Your orders. All the chemicals have been identified and they can procure all of them, except may be "gllagic acid" which is unknown to them. Are You quite sure

of the name? All the other species will be sent without delay. Moreover Monsieur Roche said that all the chemicals sent to Naggar would be charged at producer's cost, i.e. Poulenc & Co will take no profit. Thus You will have all those products at the lowest possible prices. As to the total cost of all the chemicals, M. Roche could not tell ^{it} me outright, as some of them are not on stock for the moment.

I have seen M. Benisovitch again and he has submitted a Memorandum which he requested me to transmit to You. I am sending it with the ordinary mails. Mr. Benisovitch thinks some preliminary organization work as regards the old paintings to be bought and sold in U.S.A. and in Europe could be undertaken now, in prevision of a general betterment of business which is foreseen in the year 1932. Of course I do not know what Your views are on the subject. Will You please instruct me as to the attitude to be observed towards these proposals. Mr. Benisovitch asked me also to forward a copy of his Memorandum to New York.

Photographs of the Bruges Medal will be ready Nov. 16th. As to the postcards, we have no corrected proofs. When Professor de Roerich's cable with instructions concerning the corrections was received,

I was in Switzerland, and Madame de Vaux transmitted the instructions to Peyronnet, giving also the permission to proceed with the printing. Thus there are no second corrected proofs. All the postcards will be ready before December 1st. I am sending You 100 copies of "Terra Slavonia". Then "Masters' Command" will follow and then "S^t Pantelimon" and "Queen of Heaven". In my letter to Professor de Roerich I depict the situation here. A great battle is being fought. Our new Siberian and Young Friends' Branches are being built up. More than ever we have to be watchful and united. I am doing every effort to carry on our activities cautiously, but energetically, avoiding whatever could divide our co-workers' unity. All difficulties will be overcome if we openly, boldly proclaim our faith in the great Ideals set up by our Master. Please give my best love to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother. My Parents are sending You their greetings. I will be very happy to get word from You. It is always a deep joy for me to recall the glorious days spent with You. I am sending You, Dearest Svetik, my best thoughts and wishes and remain always Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers 3.

Paris VII

January 13th 1932

My dear Brother Svetik,

For some time already I have been planning to write You a more detailed letter, but was prevented by the really tremendous pressure of work. Thus I usually have to sit up at my writing desk until 2 A.M. The translation of "Agni-Yoga" is progressing: one quarter of the Book is already translated. I will send two copies of the text as soon as it will be typed; as a matter of fact, the secretary can type it only at night, because the whole day is taken of course by our daily round of current correspondence. I have also a lot of new work in connection with my "American" lectures. I will have even to appear in the novel part of a "preacher" at the evening-service at the American Holy Trinity Cathedral. Just to-morrow I must see the pastor Dr. Cochran to settle the date. Each one of these American lectures requires

a special preparation, as the audience is in each case different. At the American Public Library I will speak mainly of Professor de Roerich's art, because the people who gather there are mostly interested in art and in the history of artistic movements. At the American Women's Club I will have to stress the social aspect of Professor de Roerich's activities; in view of the special requirements of that circle, I will have even to put some "stories" into the lecture, so as to give the audience what they call "relief"! And at the Cathedral I will speak more of the Roerich Pact and of Professor de Roerich's leadership in the movement towards universal peace through Culture. As You see, Dear Brother, here is quite a series of new tasks. I hope that as a consequence of these appeals to the different layers of the American Colony in Paris, a number of Americans will be closer interested in the development of our Center. I must mention that Mrs. Dudley and also Mr. and Mrs. Benisevitch have come in quite handy in connection with these new enterprises.

our co-workers here and also in Belgium. I am
enclosing herewith a Memorandum of M^{me} de Veux
which is the mildest expression of these views. I
must say that one of the reasons why that opposition
arose, is that from New-York they sent proposals
directly to M^{me} de Veux (for instance, a cable about
the Church services) which created a "shock"; may be,
if these instructions had been addressed confidentially
to me, I would have presented them in a form which
would have appeared acceptable to our European co-
workers. In other fields our activities develop swiftly.
The group "Affirmation" is having another meeting
shortly. My negotiations with the representatives of
the Baltic States progress in an atmosphere of mutual
goodwill and confidence. I have also found much
understanding of our great aims among the higher
representatives of the Orthodox Church. Please kindly
let me know, my Dear Brother, whether You have re-
ceived the things from Lefranc and Poulenc. I would
be so glad to hear from You soon! My Parents are
sending You their greetings. Please give my love to Professor
and Madame de Koerich and to Dear Georgy, and believe
me always Your affectionate and obedient brother
George

In several of my precedent letters I have mentioned to You, my Dear Brother, the various difficulties which we encounter here, e.g. as regards our finances. Of course, Dear Svetik, You should not think that difficulties or obstacles make me reduce the activities of the Center: on the contrary I am convinced that it is by expanding our activities that we will overcome all difficulties and obstacles, which only provide us with an occasion to demonstrate our faith in our ideals and our resourcefulness. The main difficulty just now is the unwillingness of our co-workers here to follow the new line of action. The idea of having special services in the Churches dedicated to the Banner of Peace, the "World Pilgrimage" proposal, the subscriptions campaigns, further the adaptation of the Pact not only to war-time, but also to peace purposes, and above all the manifestations in favor of World Peace under the Roerich Banner, all these new departures outlined in Professor de Roerich's Messages and in the letters from New-York have met with a decided opposition on the part of

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Paris VII

January 20th 1932

Dear Brother Svetik,

This week has been fertile in events of all kinds: lectures, meetings, negotiations with diplomats and Church authorities etc. My lecture at the American Public Library entitled "Nicholas de Roerich's Creative Activities" has been, I am glad to say, very favorably commented. The New-York Herald had a paragraph about it. I seldom saw an audience so attentive and appreciative. The hall of the Library was so over-filled that they had to open the windows. Now I am preparing my next lectures which I am to deliver at the American Club and at the American Church. My chief aim is to interest prominent Members of the American Colony in the work of our Center. By the way I found the Pastor of the American Church Dr. Cochran and his wife

very well disposed towards our Institutions.

On the 22nd ^{of January} we are holding a meeting of the Siberian Union, on the 23rd a meeting of the Young Friends' Group, on the 29 a meeting of the French Association. On the 15th of January we have had a meeting of the Russian Committee. It is somewhat painful to witness that our advisors seem to fear anything unusual. You know already that M^{me} de Vaux and Baron Taube have energetically protested against the Pilgrimage of the Banner of Peace, the Church manifestations in favor of the Pact. ~~etc.~~ Even the terms "Banner of Peace" and "Culture" are condemned and it is proposed to use instead the words "Banner for the protection of monuments in time of war" and "Civilization". Of course, I have explained why it is essential to use "Culture", because of its inner meaning and of its relation with the conception of "cult". All our advisors have written "strong letters" and Memoranda to New-York. M^{me} de Vaux has even raised the "Cabinet question" if the Pilgrimage is upheld. I quite realize how disagreeable such

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communications must be to New-York. The only advice I hear is "slower, slower, slower". Thus it has also been decided to postpone the publication of Professor de Roerich's article "Pantheon of Russian Culture". It has also been decided not to approach the Disarmament Conference with the Pact question. Let us hope that this state of mind is only temporary and that the "fear-wave" will roll back again. In the meanwhile I have to take many decisions on my personal responsibility, otherwise the work of the Center would be hampered: thus I have conducted personally and completely independently, as Professor de Roerich's Representative, all the affairs pertaining to the work in American circles, to the Young Friends' Group, to the Siberian Union, to the publication of Professor de Roerich's articles "Soul of Nations" and "Legend of Asia", to the negotiations with the Baltic States etc. etc. You know, my Dear Brother, that there are no obstacles which would stop me from doing what I deem it my duty to do in the interest of our Cause and in the Name of the Teacher.

I enclose herewith a letter of M^{me} de Vaux and a copy of M. Pulpinick's letter to her, both protesting once more against the Pilgrimage proposal and against any appearance of the Banner until better times. My Dear Brother, are there any plans for Your return soon? Or do You think there is a possibility of having me work at Naggar? I would be so happy to hear from You! The translation of "Agni-Yoga" is progressing, although I can work at it only late at night. The Manuscript of the book "Infinity" is at Povolozky's, only they want payment in advance of one third of the price, i. e. Frs. 2000. Please kindly let me know whether You have received the boxes from Lefranc and Poulenc and also the box with the pills and tooth-paste. I am a little worried not having heard about the receipt of all these sendings. Can I do anything else for You, my Dear Svetik? Please give my love to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Georgy. I am always, with best wishes,
Your affectionate and obedient brother George

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But instead of asking me to cooperate in the safeguarding
of our position, Miss Grant assails me like that in letters
to third parties. Really all this was quite unnecessary
in the difficult times we are passing thru. As to
myself, I will consider that Miss Grant acted thus,
prompted only by her zeal, and my friendly attitude
towards her will in no way be altered. Now, concerning
affairs here, in Paris, I feel myself compelled to go
ahead more boldly than some of our Advisors would
like. You see how Metropolitan Plato responded in
New-York to a bold move. The same thing could have
occured here, if the whole appeal to the Churches
had not been pronounced from the outset as "impossible".
Also the idea of the "Pilgrimage" has been pronounced
by our advisors as "impossible". Of course, it is na-
tural that older people should look upon unusual
proposals with some apprehension. But we have
been witnesses of so many instances when quite
"extraordinary" moves brought magnificent results!
In spite of all the obstacles, things are advancing here,
as far as the circle under my direct control is con-
cerned. Various new groups are being attracted by

our Center - thus for instance the Siberian and Far East Society, the "Ykon" Society etc. We have received the thanks of the King of Norway for "Realm of Light", and also of the President of the French Republic. On February 21st I will represent our Center at the solemn celebration in honor of Washington. President Doumer will be present, and Premier Laval will make a speech. The negotiations with the Baltic States are progressing, and I hope we can soon add Helsinki and Tallinn (how geographical names have changed too!) to the list of our Branches. The young group "Affirmation" is active, and thus, with the development of the various Associations, more and more of my evenings are taken by meetings. As a consequence, I generally sit up to 2 A. M. to cope with the mass of correspondence and to go on with the translation of "Agni-Yoga". My Parents wish to be remembered to You. Please give my love to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother. I hope to hear from You soon! Even a few lines would make me happy!

I am always, Dear Svetik, with best wishes,
Your affectionate and obedient brother
George

12, rue de Poitiers 8
Paris VII
February 1st 1932

My dear Brother Svetik,

It is always a pleasure when I can stay quietly rue de Poitiers at lunch-time, instead of going out, and thus get a chance to write You, without being interrupted by visitors, 'phone-calls etc. All the rest of my time is taken by intense work and at night, if there is no meeting, I hasten to translate some pages of "Agni-Yoga". Soon one half of the Book will be ready. Once more, just as during the glorious days we spent together at Villars-sur-Oron, I feel enwrapped by the infinite deepness and beauty of this great Book of Life. I put all my heart in my effort to render in French with utmost exactness the meaning and also the force and inner rhythm of each sentence. The translation is being typed by our secretary (who, by the way, proves to be a very reliable and conscientious person), but I will send the first draft to Naggan only after having re-read it carefully.

I am writing Professor de Roerich in detail about my experience at the American Church meeting. Indeed I felt a little intimidated at first, having to speak without any notes, standing on a high platform and facing a congregation of more than 200 people. Well, everything went all right and the pastor who presided said all kind of nice things about me, stating that I "had been crowned as speaker in English" etc. Most of the hearers were American students and they manifested a true interest in Professor de Roerich's work and the Roerich Pact, not only by enthusiastic cheers and applause, but also by asking many questions and striving to comprehend the loftiness and many-sidedness of the Master's appeal. Now I will have to speak at the American Women's Club and this too will not be an easy affair. The French meeting of January 29th was a real success. M. Landowski is an excellent orator and his lecture has been a first-class contribution to our effort on behalf of the Pact. Next Saturday - February 6th - we are having a Russian meeting: Prince Serge Volkonsky will deliver a lecture and the poet Alexander Kotoukine will read some of his poems dedicated to Professor de Roerich.

From time to time I see Mr. Benisovitch who has become a friend of our Center. He requests me to convey to You his greetings. You know already that we are experiencing some difficulties at present, because of the divergence of opinions between M^{re} de V.-Ph., Baron de Taube etc. on the one hand and our New-York co-workers on the other hand. I am trying of course to re-establish unity and mutual understanding. I think I already mentioned that the divergence arose from two reasons: in the first place, the "shock" created here by the announcements pertaining to the Pilgrimage of the Banner of Peace, to the reading of the Message in the Churches and to the campaigns. Then, in the second place, the "discontent" at the alterations which were introduced in New-York into some of my Reports. You have in Naggar copies of all my Reports and of the annexed documents and You understand of course that I could never write that Count Fleury is "Under-Secretary of State" or that Professor de Roerich has sent a Message for the opening of the Ykons' Exhibition when no such Message was sent etc. etc. It is very important that my Reports should be reproduced in New-York as accurately as possible, with only stylistic ameliorations when needed. Naturally all this is not so

threatening, as appears to M^{me} de V.-Ph. and Baron de Traube, but You must take into account their fear of too "sonorous formulae" and the general distrust of older people towards things unusual. It would not be practicable to have my reports signed by M^{me} de V.-Ph. or the Baron, because M^{me} de V.-Ph. comes here only once a week and is not present at all my interviews, calls, meetings etc., and as to the Baron he is mostly abroad. Moreover no one has ever expressed the slightest doubt at the absolute accurateness of my reports and Mrs. Dudley meant in her letter that what she termed "garbling" takes place in New-York. This she has confirmed in her letters to New-York, expressing the views of M^{me} de V.-Ph. Well, let us hope that all this is but a temporary obstacle which will enable us to reach a new step in our effort. As to me, You may rest assured, Dear Brother, that I continue to steer the barge of the European Center with my eyes fixed on the one true Light, and nothing will divert me from the course indicated by the Master's commands. Please give my love and devotion to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother. My Parents are sending You their greetings. Believe me always, Dear Svetik, Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

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Paris VII

February 16th 1932

My Dear Brother Svetik,

I would be very, very happy indeed to have a word from You. How is Your work progressing? Have You been satisfied with the chemicals I sent You thru Poulenc & Co? Some time ago I forwarded a case with medicaments and I would like to know whether it reached You safely. I so often think of You, Dear Brother, and of the great joy of seeing You and Yours again. When will that be? Of course it may be difficult to say as yet, but in thought I am always with You. From my previous letters You know how a certain opposition rose here against some of the policies followed in New York and also how I have had to fight to uphold our Headquarters' position. My efforts in that respect have not been facilitated by letters from New York; thus a few days ago Miss Grant wrote to M^{me} de Vaux-Phalipau suggesting that my Reports are inaccurate and asking whether M^{me} de V.-Ph. agrees

with their contents. You can imagine how greatly
M^{rs} de V.-Ph. was surprised at such a suggestion
which seemingly tends to inspire suspicion - this
awful feeling - in one coworker against the other.
Of course, M^{rs} de V.-Ph. replied that she agrees
with every word of my Reports, as does also Baron
de Paube. Well, it is enough to look throu my Reports
and to compare them with some items in the New-York
publications to see where "deviations" occur. Well, after
all, I am sure Miss Grant had in view the best
interests of our Institutions, but is ^{it} not, I would say,
"clumsy" to try to attack me by suggestions of that
kind addressed to my coworkers here? Memoranda
from New-York accusing me of "lack of cooperation" have
even been sent to strangers! I will certainly not follow
that example, and what I tell You only, Dear Brother,
I will tell to no one here. On the contrary, I defend
Miss Grant's good faith and declare to all that I
can vouch for her devotion (and this is indeed my ^{inner}
conviction). I would have been ready even to take all
the blame for the "deviations" made in New-York on
myself if I had been asked to do so, in order to
vindicate the prestige of the New-York publications.

M. P.
M. A.
I. B. A.

12, rue de Poitiers ^{11.50}

Paris VII

Nov. 22nd 1932

Dear Brother Svetik!

The announcement that Your beautiful painting of "Professor de Roerich in Eastern Garment" will be reproduced in the form of a colored postcard and spread throughout the World, has filled me with joy. Thus not only the Image of our beloved Leader will be brought nearer to the masses in all Countries but also one of Your most radiant masterpieces will obtain universal recognition. And whatever brings new glory to Your Name makes me happy. In my letter to V.-A. Shibayer I inform him that personally I subscribe 100 copies of the postcard and that I am sending a postal order for same. When can we expect

to get these postcards? By the way, repro-
ductions of Your painting adorn the walls of
both our Office-chambers and of course those
of my home - where I enjoy the coveted privi-
lege of living and working surrounded by Your
creations. With what boundless gratitude I
turn my thoughts towards You, my dear Brother!
As mentioned in my precedent letter to You, pre-
liminary steps will be taken for the renewal
of Your passport. But, in that connection, it
would be essential to know (quite confidential-
ly, only for the Ministry's information) whether
You intend to return to France in the next se-
mestrial period following the prolongation of
Your passport in February. An affirmative
answer now would help greatly in obtaining
the requested prolongation. All these formalities
have become more complicated and one has to apply
much diplomacy to avoid delays and obstacles.
Bureaucracy and red-tape are to be found in every country!

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Paris VII^e
January 2nd 1933

My Dear Brother,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for Your kind letter which is a new proof of Your benevolence towards our work here. It is not for me to tell You the power which is exercised by thought. And certainly Your good thoughts help us greatly in our strenuous efforts. You know, my Dear Svetik, how I appreciate every line from Your Hand! Allow me, Brother, to convey to You once more, on the threshold of the New Year, my best wishes and affectionate greetings. I must also express to You my gratitude for transmitting to Professor de Roerich the suggestion about the painting to be given to the French Foreign Office - which suggestion, as I see from Professor de Roerich's cable, has been graciously accepted. I have had a conversation with the Chief of the Section of Artistic and Literary Relations concerning this donation. He is the official who supported my request about the sending of 600 French photos to the Bruges exhibition. We drafted a Memorandum for His Excellency M. Paul-Boncour, and will await

the Minister's decision concerning the formal acceptance and the desired size of the painting. As soon as I get news from the Premier's Secretariat, I will cable. In my letter to Professor de Roerich I ask whether it would be His pleasure to grant His Portrait with His Sign Manual to the devoted Secretary General of our Siberian Branch - Alexander Kirilloff. That good co-worker attributes - very justly - such a great significance to the possession of the picture - which in his eyes will be the token and the symbol of his close connection with our work - that I venture to pray that his plea be agreed to. Of course if the portrait could be a reproduction of the one you painted, the value of it would be yet enhanced.

We have had some interesting meetings lately - for instance those of "Affirmation" and of the Siberians. The activities of our various groups mean of course a considerable increase of work for me, so that I ~~have~~ have to "camp" rue de Poitiers, there being no time to return home for dinner. But I am very glad indeed that the life of the Center is being thus intensified. At every meeting I have either to preside or to speak or to control the proceedings. The Secretary General of the various groups assist me in this loyally.

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The Assetic Committee is issuing N=1 of its Bulletin which I am forwarding per ordinary mail. I have re-read again the proofs of "Infinity"; the book will be ready by January 15th. The translation of "Agni-Yoga" is finished and if things go on smoothly the French edition will be out for the great day of the 24th of March. During this month ^{of January} will take place, I hope, the formal election of Professor de Roerich, as Life-Member of the French Red Cross: at my request, the President of the Red Cross Society himself - the Marquis de Lillers - and the Marquis d'Andigné will act as Sponsors for Professor de Roerich.

As regards Your passport, You need not worry, my Dear Brother! All You have to do is to copy and sign the form which I have sent You, and forward it, together with Your passport, to the French Consul in Calcutta. Also please let me know (by cable) the date at which the request has been forwarded to the Consul. Then I will take measures for the speedy sending of instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Consul in Calcutta. We have to follow that way of proceeding

because the authority in whose district the person concerned resides is alone entitled to grant the prolongation of validity of a passport. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs could do it (through the Prefecture of Police) only if You resided in Paris (and through the Departmental Prefecture if You resided in one of the French Departments). Thus, in spite of all my striving to avoid even the slightest trouble for You, I have to ask You, Dear Brother, to send the form to the Consul, as explained above. We have examined the question in detail - Count Fleury, V.-A. Paris, M. Wass (of the Passport Section of the Foreign Office) and myself, and have come to the conclusion that everything can be done for You, but that we have to act in conformity with the existing laws and regulations. So don't worry, my Dear Svetik, all will be well. You can rely upon me. You know how happy I am to be of service to You. I am in receipt of Rs. 5 which You sent me and which cover entirely the debit of Your account. My Parents are sending You their cordial greetings. Please give my love and respects to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to dear Brother, and believe me ever Your affectionate and obedient brother
George.

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My dear Brother, in Your serene mountain-abode,
in the pure air of the summits, You can hardly
imagine how tense is the fight here, in the midst
of the great City. I have to meet people of different
nationalities, classes, religions, of widely-differing
intellectual and spiritual levels - and I must try
to make use of each one for the Cause of Culture,
or at least to limit the harm which inconsiderate
words or acts of the one or the other may bring to
our work. Everyone, of course, has his own ideas
as to what should be done, and my task is to
maintain firmly the line of policy which in my
heart and conscience I consider as corresponding
to our aims and to the plans of the Supreme
Command. For this, I know, I am assailed on
many sides and the most unexpected formulae
are circulated. The one ascribes ^{to me} too much temerity
and is of opinion that the activities of the Center
should be diminished, because "who knows whether
we will be able to pay the rent"! The other proffers
the reproach of timidity and goes on saying that I
am "terrorised" (sic!), only because I always strive

to apply to life the suggestions of my Superiors. Some again say that I am too benevolent and gentle with people who show nothing but ingratitude to me (which remark, I admit, may be justified in some cases, as it lies in my character to be lenient towards others' faults), while certain persons go so far as to declare that I have been too stringent with so and so, and have not been "diplomatic enough". I must say that the latter accusation has greatly surprised me: indeed when have I made use of "uncultured methods"?! But people are always so exulting when they can bring forth accusations and send these poisoned statements "directly to Naggar!"

Only the soothing hand of the Teacher and the constant spiritual communion with my beloved Brothers give me the strength to resist to all assaults. As You know Dear Svetik, the activities of the Center are developing, the meetings are increasing in number and importance, the printing of the Books is progressing. The strain is of course very big, as I have to be rue de Poitiers up to late in the night - without a moment of relaxation. But I rejoice that through united efforts the great constructive work is going on! Please give my love to Professor and Madame de Koerich and to dear Brother. My Parents send their greetings. I am always, with best wishes, Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

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Paris XV

February 21st 1933

Dear Brother Svetik,

Many thanks for Your kind letter of February 2nd.
It was a great joy to read about Your activities and
still more to learn from You that we will be together
again soon. It will really be a glorious day - the day
of Your return! In conformity with Your instructions
I have taken measures to obtain a cable from the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the papers. As
happens sometimes in those intricate matters, always
full of unexpected complications, a few obstacles of
a formal character have arisen, but we have good
hope to overcome them rapidly. So don't worry, my
Dear Brother, all will be well. I am very grateful
to You for the information concerning the Rockefeller
Center. As Yourself I think that this enormous
enterprise lacks the fundamental stimulus. "Indeed
the Spirit is not there". This new endeavour has aroused
some interest here at first, but now, I find, no one

mentions it any more. The newspapers too are silent, since the first articles of "paid publicity" appeared. A few days ago I attended a dinner of the "France-Amérique" Committee; speeches on Franco-American "rapprochement" were exchanged, but no allusion was made to the Rockefeller house. By the way, I thought it strange that the Director of the Fogg Art Museum (Mr. Paul Sachs), in whose honor the dinner was arranged, gave absolutely no response to my repeated statements about the Roerich Museum and our cultural activities. Should he be ranked as a member of the adverse forces? On the contrary, the new Director General of Fine Arts (M. Bollaert) was extremely nice as regards our Institutions and asked me to come and see him at the Ministry to learn more from me about our activities. The other day I lectured on the Institutions at a Franco-American Club headed by a Mrs. Hough, of Virginia. It is always my aim to interest Members of the American Colony in the activities of the European Center - which I strive to develop in every direction.

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Needless to tell You, my Dear Soetik, how glad I was to read Your kind words about our efforts here. It would be of course extremely desirable for the Center to expand, I mean to enlarge its premises. But unfortunately the times are not favorable, and - temporarily at least - we must renounce new "annexations." Just now at 12, rue de Poitiers there are two flats free: one on the same floor as our Offices (the rooms occupied up to now by the American Agricultural Machines Bureau "Case & Co") and, on the 1st floor a small apartment consisting of two rooms and bath. They are willing to let it for Frs. 5000 per year. Would not that be an ideal place for You when You sojourn in Paris or for Members of our Staff staying in the French capital? As regards the Case Offices (which we viewed with Professor de Roerich and Dear Brother Georgy in 1930), I hoped Dzamboulet would take them for his film-business, but it appears that he too, for the moment, is rather impecunious. Still this was an occasion to stretch our sovereignty all over the house! However we will be on the look out!

I am sending (per boat-mail) a photograph taken in the Grand Hall of the Sorbonne when I was delivering my speech there, on the 22nd of December. Behind me are seated the Minister of Public Education (M. Le Monzie) and the Professors of the Faculty of Laws, but the President of the Republic, the Diplomatic Corps and the Generals etc. were seated in front of me, so they can't be seen on that photograph. We are eagerly awaiting the advent of the new Administration in America. It is not yet definitely known who will be appointed Ambassador in Paris: according to certain rumours it will be Mr. Norman Davies. The new U.S. Embassy, on the Place de la Concorde, will be ready by the end of the summer. Well, my Dear Svetik, it is after midnight now, and I must close. From my weekly reports you are aware of all the happenings here which keep on flowing like a tumultuous stream. My Parents and all our Friends wish to be remembered to you. Please give my love and respects to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother, and believe me always,
Dear Svetik, with all best wishes
Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII
March 14th 1933

My Dear Brother Svetik,

Many thanks for Your letter of February 23rd.
I see with pleasure that the Consul, of his own accord,
has prolonged Your passport for six months. In the
meanwhile I have obtained from the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs a cable (March 6th) authorizing the
Consul in Calcutta to prolongate Your passport for
one year. Therefore it is essential to send the pass-
port again to Calcutta, so that the six-months prolon-
gation may be transformed into an yearly one. The
brown booklets of Professor de Roerich and of Dear
Brother Georgy should be sent there too, in order to
be prolonged up to June 1934. Please find enclosed
herewith the draft of a letter to be addressed to the
French Consul. I have written to the Consul requesting
him to show all possible diligence, courtesy and

coöperation, in conformity with the Ministry's instructions. I have had to conduct a big style campaign and to mobilize considerable forces until these instructions were obtained. It was quite a hard time and You know, Dear Brother, how this sort of business tells upon one's nerves. But You remember I wrote You that You should not worry, that final victory would be ours. And so it finally turned out! In spite of all the pessimistic forecasts of some advisers! The annoying thing in our triumph over our very powerful and very wicked foes - is the comparatively high expence of the campaign: somewhat more than 500 francs (821). The Ministry has cabled its detailed instructions to the Consul in full tariff and in cipher, thus raising the cost. Then I have been under the obligation to pay a dinner, to give two books; and to present also some flowers to M^{me} Paon, the wife of one of the officials who aided me; and then again there were the inevitable tips. You know, my Dear Brother,

that the settlement of those administrative affairs always requires most unexpected and exasperating expenses, to say nothing of the time waisted in running from one end of the town to the other.... Well, it is all over now! Of course, my Dear Brother, it would be a great kindness on Your part if You were to forward to me soon the 500 frs. in question, as this sum is quite a big capital for me. Now that the passport question has been satisfactorily solved, I am intensifying more than ever our activities on all the fronts. You know already that my negotiations with the Ministers of Czechoslovakia and Persia are progressing steadily. To-morrow I will see the new Director General of Fine Arts (M. Bollaert) who enjoys considerable influence in Governmental circles as he has been "Chef de Cabinet" to the former Prime Minister M. Herriot (in the higher interest of our Mission we must have contacts with the parties in power). The day after to-morrow I will have an interview with Marshal Lyautey. The meetings at our Center continue regularly.

and as I have of course to attend each of them, I have often to stay from early morning to midnight at rue de Poitiers. But it is such a joy to see our work expand! We eagerly await Professor de Roerich's paintings for His Holiness the Pope, for the President of Czechoslovakia and for the French Ministry of Public Education. From Your letter I gather that You, my Dear, my well-beloved Brother Svetik, will not return until next winter! You can imagine how sad it is for me to realise that You will be away for so many months yet! Really I had hoped You would be with us this summer. It is only from the thought of the magnitude of the task which You are achieving away there that I can draw some consolation. My Dear Svetik, do grant me Your fraternal spiritual support, write me again, I will be so thankful to You! My Parents wish to be remembered to You. Please give my love and respects to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother, and believe me, with best wishes,
as ever Your affectionate and obedient brother George

397, rue de Vaugirard 19
Paris XV

October 2nd 1933

My Dear Brother Svetik,

You will receive this letter on the eve of Your Birthday. Throu the space I am sending You my heartfelt congratulations and my best thoughts. I pray, Dear Svetik, that You may always be happy and triumphantly ascend the beautiful path which You are following. For ever I remember the days when You gave me so many invaluable instructions - and immeasurable is the debt which I owe You, my well-beloved Brother, for all Your kindness towards me and goodwill. Please accept this expression of my feelings of devotion and gratitude. I hope that it will be given to me to express them to You personally in a not too distant future - on the happy day when You set foot again in Europe. May this day come soon! Or perhaps

the Call will resound summoning me ~~to~~ Service
in the Blessed Valley of Kulu. Many times - and
once again quite recently - I have dreamt of that.
So often too I see You and Yours in my dreams!
I hear that You are painting a beautiful Portrait
of Professor de Roerich. My Dear Svetik, need
I say how glad I would be if You were to forward
to me a photograph of Your new creation? Also I
would like to have, if possible, photos of Professor
de Roerich and of Dear Georgy. I hardly dare
to ask for a photograph of the Great Inspiratrice
of all our endeavours, for I know that She does
not approve of being photographed. Although what
a cherished treasure would be Her Picture! The Book
"Hierarchy" is on its way to Naggar. It would give
me pleasure, Dear Svetik, to know what You think
of this edition. Every effort has been made to bring out
the Book in an outer form worthy of its destination.

The French edition of Agni-Yoga is in the process of printing and the first copies will reach You before the Washington Convention is inaugurated. I have worked day and night at the proofs of "Radiant City". The instructions concerning this book reached me very late (probably the earlier ones were included in the letter №34 which unfortunately disappeared at the Post Office!). Then the foreman at Zeluk's broke his leg falling from ^{a)} bus and that again created delays. But with God's help the book will be in U.S.A. well in advance of the Convention, so that it may be circulated in due time. We are awaiting the return of the proofs of "Heart" and the Manuscript of the next issue. The journal "Ossetia" has also had to be corrected three times until it was in good shape. You can't imagine, Dear Svetik, how many worries and difficulties one has with the printers. And yet, I must say, that Zeluk is the most reliable one of those we have tried. Of course all this work comes on the top

of my activities in connection with the Washington Convention on which all our attention is now concentrated. I have reported to Professor de Roerich the diplomatic steps which I have taken. In U.S.A. the work as regards the Convention is progressing brilliantly - the letters and cables from our Friends bring excellent news. Here we had favorable developments with the Baltic States, Japan, Persia, Czechoslovakia etc. Then, in addition there is all the usual tide of correspondence at the Office and it is rather difficult to cope with ^{it} at present, as our Secretary is ill already for some time and her substitute is by no means as efficient. I have been very pleased - as You may think - to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the negotiations concerning the reduction of our rent - thus alleviating our annual budget by Fis. 5000. These have been long and complicated negotiations. Please give my love and respects to Professor and Madame de Roerich and to Dear Brother. My Parents wish me to convey to You their cordial greetings. I am, as ever, Dear Svetik, Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII
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My Dear Brother,

These have been indeed days of radiant sunshine, of great and perfect happiness: Professor de Roerich and Dear Brother Georgy were with us! Every moment was filled with joy, and You will understand how my heart vibrated when I saw Them and embraced Them after three and a half years of separation! The whole time of Their sojourn here we have worked hard, from early morning to midnight, we have examined all the problems, studied the documents, interviewed lots of people. And I am glad to say that our beloved Master has approved the methods and results of my efforts and has declared that the activities in Paris ~~are~~ are "under a good sign". I have introduced to our High Guests the representatives of our various Groups and organizations, and they have all expressed to our Leader their feelings of admiration and devotion. In my detailed Report on the events of this momentous fortnight You will find all the information on the constructive work which has

been done here. The meeting with Louis Marin has been very cordial and the Minister has promised to support the Pact in French Governmental circles. Another notable event has been the visit of the Japanese Ambassador. We have had also an interview with the Apostolic Nuncio. It is impossible to enumerate all the developments which took place during this time. The question of passports has been happily solved with the cooperation of M. Marin and of M. Barthou, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. As regards Your passport we have also arranged things in the most satisfactory manner: in June You will send me Your passport per registered mail, I will have its validity prolonged for a year and will forward it back to You. Thus, my Dear Brother, You need not worry over that question. But I do hope that we will meet even before the validity of Your passport has expired!!! There is a question I must ask You: a canteen-box has been left here full of victuals (such as corn-flakes etc.). Please let me know whether I am to keep the box here or to send it to You. Professor de Roerich said that You would instruct me on that point. I am forwarding to You a number of books and

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publications on scientific matters, including several booklets given to us by Prof. Medalnikof, of the Pasteur Institute.

In this connection I hasten to tell You, Dear Brother, that I will go to the National Library and consult the book of Planiscampi - if they have it in the Library. I will forward to You the information concerning Sal Philosophorum. I am sending You copies of two new books of the Doctrine, the printing of which has been completed just while our Dear Ones were here: "Heart" and "Radiant World". Professor de Roerich has been pleased to approve the aspect of both books. I have been very happy to receive a beautiful painting by Professor de Roerich. My collection of Tibetan objects has also been enriched by a splendid dagger and a Ganesha image. I am very glad to hear of Your new creations; Professor de Roerich and Dear Georgy have told me that You have painted magnificent portraits; and they have shown me some of the photographs. I would be very thankful to You, my Dear Brother, if You were to send me a few photos of Your latest works. You know how greatly I admire Your art, and

how precious these images of Your works will be to me.
Please kindly give me news about Madame de Roerich's health.
We are all sending Her our best thoughts. The operation upon
my Father's eye has been quite successful and he is recovering
well, although he must ^{be} very careful not to strain his eyes.
My Mother has not been very well lately, but we hope that there
is nothing serious in her ailments. My Parents wish me to con-
vey to Madame de Roerich and to You, Dear Svetik, their
very best greetings. All our mutual friends here are also
sending You their greetings. Please kindly remember me to Mrs
Lichtmann and to Mr. Shibayev. Professor de Roerich and Dear
Georgy were all the time in excellent health. I accompanied
Them on board the Paris and, by the way, we were so absorbed
by our conversation that we did not notice the liner's departure
and I had subsequently to return to the Havre from the high
sea in the boat of the pilot. But thus I have had the happi-
ness to spend a half hour more with our Dear Ones. Please
convey my feelings of veneration and my best thoughts to
Madame de Roerich and believe me always, my Dear Svetik,
Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers (1)
Paris VII 23

May 28th 1934

My Dear Brother,

I was very glad to receive Your letter and I wish to express to You my heartfelt gratitude for the spiritual help and support which You so kindly extend to me on every occasion. It took some time to find out at the Bibliothèque Nationale some of the data which You mentioned in Your letter. Hour after hour I have studied the in-folios of de Planis Caupy (which are printed in the particularly unreadable type "characters" of the early XVIIth century) to hunt up references to the Salts in question. I have discovered some additional information as regards the Sel des Philosophes, with some indications as to the preparation of the said salt. There, where Planis Caupy gives the list of ingredients, contained in my previous communication, he does not give any data as to their preparation (p. 528). But I have found a passage where the author speaks of

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the "Or potable des Philosophes - vrai Sel des Philosophes" (p. 197) where he explains how that Salt is obtained, and also what are its virtues. Then I have been fortunate to find out, after much research-work, information regarding the methods of preparation and the virtues of the Salts Antimony and Vitriol which You especially mentioned in Your letter. In every reference I have put the explanations in modern French, following of course closely and exactly the original. As to the Salt of Gold, also referred to in Your letter, it corresponds to the "Vrai Sel des Philosophes" (p. 197), as mentioned above. So You have everything concerning the Salts of Gold, Antimony and Vitriol. In the enclosed pages I have included also a list of Salts of mineral, animal and vegetal origin with which Plani's Campy deals in various parts of his works. Are these Salts of interest to You? I am very glad to be of assistance to You, Dear Brother, and will carry out every direction which You will give me. I know also of what great import to Humanity are the labors which You are pursuing, and I wish I could be at Your side and work under Your immediate guidance!

There is another question which I must mention, my Dear Brother: it has become urgent now to send here Your documents for prolongation. Our friend in the Office is taking his leave (summer vacation) on July 15th and the matter should be settled before that. Therefore, upon receipt of the present letter, please kindly forward to me per air-mail Your passport 2) Your French carte d'identite (the little booklet delivered by the Prefecture) and 3) six photographs of the ordinary passport size. As soon as I receive the documents, I will get the prolongation and then send them back to You, per registered mail. In Your letter You say that You will send me soon photographs of Your new paintings. It will be a great joy for me to see the reproductions of Your recent creations. You know that I am and always have been an admirer of Your Art. I am so happy to live surrounded by Your paintings and drawings - a magnificent collection, the sight of which fills my heart with ever-lasting gratitude.

All these weeks the strenuous work has continued here without a moment of relaxation, as many of our meetings take place on Sundays. Some days I am at Rue de Poitiers from 9 A.M. to 11 p.m. - in these cases I take some food with me from home. There is an enormous amount of correspondence to cope with. The constant strain tells of course on one's nervous system. For the month of August when Paris is practically empty there is a project put forward by our Yugoslavian friends: that I should visit their country and the Roerich Centers in Belgrade and Zagreb. Life is very cheap in Yugoslavia, and only the voyage would require an extra-expenditure of approximately 1000^{frs}. The visit of Professor de Roerich's representative would be a sort of tribute to a country which has manifested an especial admiration for our Master. Please ask Madame de Roerich what is Her opinion as regards that Yugoslavian suggestion. As per instructions, You will receive regularly the Paris newspaper "Renaissance". My Parents are sending You their best greetings. Please convey my love and devotion and my deep reverence to Madame de Roerich. Cordial greetings to Miss Licht and Mr. Shib. With best wishes, I am as ever,
 Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

12, rue de Poitiers

Paris VII

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July 9th 1934

My Dear Brother,

I was very glad indeed to receive Your kind letter of June 12th and to read Your words of guidance, which, You may rest assured of that, will be strictly followed. In these difficult and troubled times when I have to battle hard and keep watch on all those who would be only too eager to assail our Institutions, Your advice and instructions are particularly precious to me: Your letters show that You affectionately remember the lonely sentinel who has to go through so many trials. Just now great anxieties are being caused here by the financial situation of the Center. Since the middle of May we received nothing from New York and our debts are accumulating. However, I don't lose courage, and the work is progressing in spite of all the extreme difficulties which the question of finance is putting in our way. It gives me pleasure to tell You how truly

responsive the Japanese diplomatic representatives here have been to the prospects which have sprung up in connection with Professor de Roerich's trip to the Far-East. My interviews with Ambassador Sato and with the Charge' d'Affaires Mr. Mitani have given me an opportunity to convey to the Tokyo Cabinet some suggestions as to the world significance of our Beloved Master's voyage and of His momentous declarations. In Siberian circles too I have had some meetings which gave me especial opportunities to fittingly enhance the significance of the present events - preparing the Great Future. The Group "Affirmation" is also working with constant energy and striving: the Group has started now instruction classes for the juniors. Our other meetings continue regularly. I am in busy correspondence with Belgium where some new moves have taken place, of which I speak in detail in my weekly Reports. By the way, I am forwarding this week to Madame de Roerich a big package containing my Reports Nos 199 and 200 with many enclosures (Letters, Press Report for April-June etc.) and copies of a number of letters written by and to our correspondents in the Baltic countries.

When he showed me copies of his letters, I remonstrated very strongly with him, saying that the tone and contents were quite inadmissible. In my letters to Professor de Roerich, already very long ago, I mentioned that I am pained to see Mr. Far's "conceit and unwarranted self-assurance". I wrote the same to our Mr. Shibayev, in reply to his inquiry. It may be, that with my constant tendency to see people better than they really are, I have been too lenient in my judgement on Mr. Far. Now, I have stopped all that entirely, and our correspondents are aware of the true situation of Mr. Far. I must emphasize also that Mr. Far. has always written exclusively as a private individual and that he never dared to speak in the name of the Center of which I am responsible. This, my Dear Brother, is the exact position as regards that matter. I thank You for having submitted to Madame de Roerich our Yugoslavian friends' proposal concerning my trip to that country. I am very glad that I have received now definite Instructions on that subject and that thus the proposal is to be rejected. My health has been very poor lately and I beg, Dear Svetik, that You send me Your benevolent thoughts to bear the strain of work. Please convey to Madame de Roerich my feelings of respect and devotion. Cordial greetings to Miss Lichtmann and Mr. Shibayev. My Parents are sending You their kindest regards. With best wishes, I am, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother
 George.

In connection with a remark in Your letter, I must explain that sometimes confidential papers have been mailed together with official Reports, because we have always in view to reduce the postage charges, and accordingly we prefer to send one package than several. I must mention also that our Secretary who does all the typing is a very reliable person and I feel sure of her discretion. In the case of the Planis- campy notes, they have been sent with all the ^{other} papers per boat-mail, in accordance with our general rule that a copy of any important documents sent per air-mail should be at the same time forwarded by ordinary mail, so as to be quite sure that the Addressee will receive it. However, Your indications have been carefully noted and henceforth I will act exactly in conformity with them. Now, as regards Mr. Par., I have written an extensive statement for Madame de Roerich. I hope it has reached Her already: when I gave to Mr. Par. the addresses of several of our correspondents (five in number, all together), I thought that some benefit would accrue to Par. himself from an intercourse with people sincerely interested in the study of the Doctrine. The idea never crossed my mind that that young man could pose as an Instructor or even Councillor.

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII
November 19th 1934

My Dear Brother,

Since I wrote You in October so many events have occurred that it is hardly possible to enumerate them all! As regards the official side of my activities You are kept informed through my weekly reports. Here I would like to add only a few data concerning the very latest facts. Today I received from New York a cable stating that a Japanese newspaper of Harbin ("The Harbin Times") which, I must say, until recently had been quite friendly, has ignominiously attacked our Beloved Leader printing abominable calumnies about Him and even "distorting" the beautiful Portrait of Professor de Roerich. I am requested to communicate with the Embassy about this outburst of some hidden and hideous enemy and to see what measures may be taken against those dark forces. I also hear from

New-York that Father Boulgakoff, who is a Professor of
Theology in Paris and who is now lecturing in U.S.A.,
has spoken there in the most awful way, slandering
not only our Institutions, but even the memory of
Father Spassky. Such behavior on the part of Boulga-
koff does not surprise me however, as he comes from
the same evil nest as John Shakhowskoy who is now
exercising his talents in Berlin. Saturday Nov. 17th,
on the occasion of the 40th day of the passing of our
August Friend King Alexander, I saw Metropolitan
Julogius who is always gentle and benevolent, and
also Generals Miller and Goulevitch and a great
many other Russian friends whose staunch supports
is far over-balancing the mischief done by a few
possessed ones whom we are of course closely watching.
I have received per air-mail a letter for Mr. Parasoff.
I will transmit it to him. With reference to the trip
of our Dear Ones in China, I have written to a good
acquaintance of mine Dr. Siu-Tchoan-pao who is Pro-
fessor of International Law in the University of Nanking

year's activities. With Professor de La Pradelle's consent,
 I will publish an article on the ratification of the
 Roerich Pact in the "Revue de Droit International".
 Paul de La Pradelle is again passing an examination for
 Assistant-Professor and let us hope that this time he
 will be successful. Our friend M. Louis Marin has
 been appointed in the present Cabinet "Minister of State,"
 i.e., "Minister without portfolio" or, in other words, ad-
 visor to the Prime Minister. M. Marin is always as de-
 voted and benevolent as ever. My Father's health
 is still very precarious. We are awaiting the package
 of musk which Madame de Roerich has kindly pro-
 mised to send us. My Parents wish to be remembered
 to You. Please convey to Madame de Roerich my fee-
 lings of devotion and reverence. I am sending my
 cordial greetings to Miss Lichtmann and to Mr. Shi-
 bayer (he will get soon the books mentioned in his letter).
 I would be glad, Dearest Svetik, to hear from You
 soon! I am always
 Your affectionate and obedient
 brother George
 All our mutual friends here are sending You their
 warmest greetings.

and an influential person in China. He may orga-
nize an appropriate reception for the High Visitors.
At the request of Dear Brother Georgy I am sending
to Madame de Roerich the Russian book "Dobro-
tolubie" (5 volumes) which I have ordered from
Mount Athos, as it is not to be found here. By the
way, has Miss Lichtmann received the books which
I have sent her ("Aspasie" etc.)? I have just re-
ceived an advertisement from the firm Lajaunie, Fils
from whom I obtained for You some months ago a
box of mushrooms. Do You need at present any of
these products? Next Saturday, November 24th
we have at the Center a big French meeting. Our
friend Marc Chesneau, the poet, will deliver a
speech on "Nicholas de Roerich, Apostle of Peace
and Guide of Consciousness". Then I will speak on
"Nicholas de Roerich, the Creator of Pact and
Banner for the Protection of Culture". December 15th
we are having the annual "General Assembly" of
our French Association: I will read the Report on

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My Dear Brother,

I had just finished my letter to Madame de Roerich and was going to write to You when I got quite unexpectedly a phone-call announcing that Miss Lichtmann had arrived and wished to see me. Then a few moments later Your air-mail letter of Feb. 15th was brought up to me. Thank You very much, Dear Brother, for Your letter and for all the most valuable information conveyed therewith! I will be very glad to see Miss Lichtmann, to hear from her direct news from Naggar and to discuss with her the current affairs. Thus Miss Lichtmann will be able to submit to the New-York authorities all the data concerning the situation here. How happy I would be to hear that You are coming back to Europe soon! We have received Your splendid article on the activities of the Himalayan Research Institute and the photographs which accompany it. The article has already been translated into French and will be read at a meeting of the Ethnographical Society, at the Sorbonne, under the Presidency of M. Louis Marin. Your work is a great contribution to the already so remarkable achievements of the Urusvati Institute. The Nobel Prize question is one of the questions which has ever since 1929 attracted my special attention. As You are aware, on the 8th of January of the present year I have sent to Oslo a petition to which I got an official answer from the N. Committee stating that our Beloved Master's Name had been taken in^{to} consideration. Baron Faube has long ago sent a letter supporting the proposal. It will be an excellent thing if the U.S.A. give their full support to Professor de Roerich's candidature. I have made on my part a thorough investigation of the matter and have spoken about the question to Prof. Alvarez and to the Greek Minister,

M. Politis (who is a well-known Professor of International Law), as well as with the Norwegian Minister in Paris. From all that I heard, I come to the conclusion that the award is an affair of high politics where the various Governments exert all their power and influence. For the time being Titulesco is being spoken of, but it appears that Pierre Zaval and Sir John Simon may also be brought forward. The suggestions emanating from the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs are said to carry a great weight with the Nobel Committee. Personal intercourse with the Members of the Committee is considered as essential and as capable of counter-acting the influence of purely political factors. The mere accumulation of petitions, ~~without~~ without "personal touch" is not sufficient to achieve success. Thus I am told that the Brazilian statesman Mello-Franco secured resolutions of five Parliaments in his favour, without any tangible result. A German scientist got 2000 of his colleagues to write letters of recommendation in his behalf, and did not reach the goal. Therefore, as we do not wield (as yet!) direct political influence (against the interference of which there have been happily vehement protests in Norway itself), the ideal plan would be arrange a trip of Professor de Roerich thru the Scandinavian Countries where He is well-known already and with which He has numerous connections. If that be impossible at the present moment, then we should send to Scandinavia some trusted co-worker who could come in touch personally with the social and political circles of Norway (Starting, Oslo University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs etc.) from which the actual decision depends. I will send to You a Memorandum on that problem. I am very grateful to You, my Dear Svetik, for Your encouragements as regards the future of our Center here. As I have often said, as long as my heart beats, I will serve the Great Cause. My Parents send their kindest regards. Please convey to Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. Best wishes to Mr. Shik! I am as ever
Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers

Paris VII

April 21st 1935

My Dear Brother,

I hope You are in receipt of my letters and Memorandum, in which I endeavored to give a full reply to Your questions. Today I want to draw Your attention to the business concerning Your documents which were "renewed" in June 1934. Will You please see whether the "carte d'identite" and the visa on the passport are valid until June of next year or whether they expire this year. In the latter case (which I think is improbable) it would be necessary to forward to me without delay both documents, i.e. the "carte d'identite" and the passport, so as to enable me to take the steps needed for their renewal.

As You know, such a procedure always takes considerable time, so that it is expedient to take measures well ahead. Our friend Mr. Paris has been appointed to a new post at Headquarters of the Prefecture. I have seen ^{him} twice lately, and he asked me to convey to You his cordial greetings. Please kindly let me know, Dear Brother, as rapidly as possible, how things stand regarding the question stated above. It would of course cause me the greatest joy if You were to

advise me that in the course of the present year You will return to Europe. Is there any prospect of Your coming in the near future? As to us, we are traversing exceedingly difficult times. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the terrible trials imposed upon me. Our situation indeed is more awful than anything You may imagine. In this extreme peril of sheer starvation Your moral support, Dear Brother, is for us of utmost importance. I am sure You will think of me, as I am always sending You my best thoughts. How is Your work proceeding? I would be glad to know of Your new achievements. In my regular Reports I have given an outline of what has been ^{done} here as regards the activities of the Center. I was happy to succeed in placing a number of "communiqués" on the Part in the local Press. All this demanded of course considerable efforts. It has been a great joy for me to receive recently letters from Professor de Roerich and from our beloved Brother. All the friends of the Institutions here wish to be remembered to You. My Parents are sending You their greetings. Please convey to Madame de Roerich the expression of my feelings of devotion and reverence. Cordial greetings to Mr. Shibayev. With best wishes, I am, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother George

All the things
fit admirably
with my size.

397, rue de Vaugirard

Paris XV

June 2nd 1935

Dear Brother Svetik,

In the midst of the hard ordeal through which I am now passing, it is a joy for me to turn my thoughts towards Naggar and to seek spiritual union with You. My Dear Svetik, every day is bringing its hardships, we don't know whether we will have a roof over our heads tomorrow and how we will get our daily bread. But one thing remains for ever and helps me in my plight: it is my ardent faith in our Supreme Leader Who is gloriously marching towards new victories. All my strength is given to the Service, and You may have seen from the Reports that even in the present unfavorable circumstances we have arrived at some results as regards the Press and the various groups connected with our Center. As You know, one of my chief tasks of late has been to spread right ideas and formulae among our own compatriots, fighting at the same time the horrid gossip arising from ignorance and darkness. I must say that in that incessant struggle with the forces of evil we did have some success, as not only most of the young people, but also representatives of the older generations have repeatedly assured me of their friendly feelings. We have been lucky in

repulsing the most formidable onslaughts and in not allowing the local Press to re-echo the calumnies of the Harbin papers.

In spite of all difficulties we placed a number of articles and statements in the French, Belgian, Swiss, Russian etc. newspapers. Our groups have well kept their ground and the best elements among them have been deeply imbued with the Maeterlinck conception of the Future. In the field of general policy, Madame de Roerich rightly points out the news about the Saavedra-Lamas Pact due to the initiative of the Foreign Minister of the Argentine Republic; however the European Great Powers have refused to ratify that Pact which, by the way, has an object much different from ours. With the French, Senor Saavedra has come to no conclusion at all.

Yesterday, at the Sorbonne the outcome of Your scientific work at Naggar has been duly praised by M^{me} de Vaux-Phalipan in her very able lecture. I will be glad to know about Your latest research. My Dear Brother, I wish to express to You my heartfelt thanks for the things which You have been kind enough to send me. In the hard time we are going through now, all these things are of the greatest value to me (I still wear some of the things You gave me in 1936). The parcel has arrived today and I was very happy indeed to get that token of Your brotherly solicitude. Many, many thanks to You, my beloved Brother! Please convey my feelings of reverence and devotion to Madame de Roerich whose letters are such a great inspiration in my strenuous life. My Parents are sending You their best greetings. Please remember me to Mr. Shiberger. With best wishes, I remain, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother
George

12, rue de Poitiers

Paris VII

June 16th 1935

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My Dear Brother,

Many thanks for Your letter of May 31st. Immediately upon receipt of that letter - June 12th - I had a consultation with our friend and then on the following days with other officials. You know how things have become difficult nowadays. However it will be possible to settle satisfactorily the whole question, but on one condition only: we must have without delay Your carte d'identité, so as to present it along with the passport. In order to obtain the renewal of the visa, it must be arranged as if You visited this country and that can be done only "in the presence" of Your carte d'identité. Therefore, immediately upon receipt of my present letter, please send me per air-mail Your carte d'identité.

With both documents in hand I will then proceed to the Prefecture, arrange the whole business and return You both the passport and the carte d'identité with all the inscriptions and stamps needed. It is essential to settle the question before Mr. Paris leaves for his vacation. I expect to get Your carte d'identité by July 15th. The disbursements will be as follows: 74 frs. for renewal of visa, 50 frs. for special stamp (Kansen tax) and 200 frs. for lunch to Mr. & Mrs. Paris, ^(new) as usual, and various small tips, making all together Frs. 324. I would be very grateful to You, my Dear Soetik, if You were to kindly forward to me, at the same time as the carte d'identité, the aforesaid sum, as it is extremely difficult for

me to spend that money in advance. You know, Dear Svetik, our position, there is indeed not a frame available. I wish to thank You very much for Your contribution to the upkeep of the Center. It is also with deep gratitude that I acknowledge receipt of the package containing the things which You have had the great kindness to give me. Each one of these things proves to be extremely precious and the sizes, as I wrote You, fit admirably. I have still some of Your things of 1926, so excellent was their quality. Not only are these things valuable in themselves, but they remind me every day of Your brotherly affection and care. If You happen to have any more of things You don't want, I will be very thankful if You will send them to me. At Zefran's where I called again this week, they told me that the total debt was Frs. 3501.30, they acknowledge receipt of Frs. 1517.95 (8100), therefore there is still Frs. 1983.35 to be paid. I went thru their books and I think the amount stated is correct. Now I believe that there is no need to hurry with that debt. Having received Frs. 1517.95 a few months ago, they can wait for a while. The price of "toile sans apprêts" is Frs. 30 per square meter. Please let me know if I should order some for You. I will see to it that the canvases be packed so as to endure the voyage to India. I pointed out to Messrs. Zefran & Co that their previous sendings were packed quite badly. I am glad to hear of Your new beautiful creations. Please convey to Madame de Roerich the expression of my feelings of reverence and devotion. My Parents send their kindest regards. Cordial greetings to Mr. Shibejev. Once more I thank You heartily and I remain, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

12, rue de Poitiers 33

Paris VII

July 21st 1935

My Dear Brother,

Many thanks for Your letter of June 21st. Immediately upon receipt of Your "carte d'identité" I have renewed my efforts pertaining to the "papers". I have had to sign another application addressed to the Prefect and to take various steps which I will explain to You when You will be with us again. The solving of these questions has become extremely difficult now and one has to make use of every possible support in order to obtain a positive result. However, after many letters and calls and conversations, it is all settled now, and I am sending You (per boat-mail) all the papers provided with the necessary visas and stamps. I wish to acknowledge receipt of Rs. 100/- for which they gave me at the Bank Frs. 500/- exactly. I will submit to You a special report on the expenses in connection with the "papers"; these expenses have been somewhat higher than my first estimates, as it has been necessary to invite not only Mr. P., but also his

wife for lunch, and then there are several minor officials who have intervened etc. In compliance with Your instructions the rest of the money will be paid to Lefranc & Co. Your order for 10 meters of "toile sans apprêt" has been transmitted by me to Lefranc & Co, and I hope that You will receive these canvases soon. I have pointed out to Lefranc that the packing should be faultless, so as to stand the voyage from Paris to Kulu. Please let me know when Lefranc's sending has arrived and whether it has arrived in good state. You mention, Dear Brother, that You may eventually forward some other "things" here. I thank You heartily in advance for Your great kindness. The things You have already sent have been so extremely useful! Are You going up to Zahel this summer? I feel very much in need of a little fresh air after all these months of work in the office and travel in the underground, but I do not know whether the present circumstances will permit even a short stay in the country. I would be very happy, my Dear Svetik, if You send me photographs of some of Your new paintings. My Parents and all our Friends are sending You their cordial greetings. Please convey my feelings of reverence and devotion to Madame de Roerich. Greetings to Mr. Shibayer. With best wishes, I am, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother George

397, rue de Vaugirard ³⁴
Paris XV
August 4th 1935

My Dear Svetik,

Here are the "papers", all fixed
up in full order.

Please convey to Madame de Roerich
my feelings of reverence and devotion.

I am, as ever,

Yours George

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII
September 1st 1935

My Dear Brother,

I am glad to announce that this week I am sending You (per boat-mail, registered) Your papers all fixed up in due form. From the time which was needed to arrive at this result You can see how arduous the settling of this problem was. Indeed we have had to put into motion every possible influence at our disposal, so as to overcome the formidable obstacles in our way. The passport is valid until August 20th 1936. The visa which enables You to return to France at any time You choose is also valid until August 20th 1936. The carte d'identité remains valid, of course, until June 14th 1936; a supplementary stamp (for the present year) has been stuck upon it. Here is the list of expenses incurred in connection with the papers. Owing to circumstances these disbursements have been somewhat higher than at first anticipated. But we had to take into consideration some of Mr. P.'s assistants.

Expences: Passport 70 frs.; Fiscal stamp on passport 20 frs.;
visa on passport (stamp) 50 frs.; fiscal stamp on Carte d'identite
5 gold-francs, i.e. 25 frs. (for 1935); stamped paper for request
addressed to Prefect 4 frs.; Photographs (which had to be taken
from Your big-size Photo in my possession and then reduced
to regular size) 25 frs.; luncheon to Mr. & Mrs. P. 120 frs.;
allowances given in accordance with Mr. P.'s directions 150 frs.

Total of all expences: 464 frs. As You sent me for this purpose
a sum of 500 frs., I have still 36 frs. left at Your disposal.

I hope You are in receipt of the canvasses from Lefranc & Co.

The cost of these including packing, is Frs. 610. Per boat-mail

I will forward to You copies of their bills. I would be

~~so~~ happy to hear that You are coming back soon! It is

now more than four years since You were here! It would

also give me great pleasure to have photographs of Your re-

cent works. As You know my health is not very good of late:

I suffer from neuralgia in the shoulders, so that even the

process of writing becomes difficult. Please convey to Madame

de Koerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. My Parents

are sending their cordial greetings. Remember me please to Mr. Shibayer.

With best wishes, I am, Dear Surtik, as ever

Your affectionate and obedient brother George

P.S. Please sign
the Passport, w/
the photo.

12, rue de Poitiers 36
Paris VII
September 4th/1935

My Dear Brother,

Three days ago I forwarded to You per air-mail a letter in which I told You how had been secured - after many difficulties - the decision concerning the "papers". Here now are the papers themselves. Please kindly let me know when You have received them. In my letter of September 1st I have reported the expenses incurred in connection with these papers, a total of Frs. 464. Many thanks for Your letter of August 24th just received. I will order at Lefranc's the "paints" mentioned in Your list. I hope that in the meanwhile You have duly received the case containing the canvases. Please find enclosed the originals of Lefranc & Co's bills and letters. I also beg to enclose the originals of the chemist's bill and accompanying letter. The cost of the pills, including postage, amounts to Frs. 155. The boxes (we had to arrange them in two packages owing to their weight) should reach You at the same time as the present letter. As You will perceive from the chemist's letter, they - quite exceptionally - granted us a delay for payment, but they want a settlement of their bill not later than October 15th.

I herewith acknowledge receipt of Rs. 10 which amount to exactly 50 francs. But a ticket of the French National Lottery costs 100 francs; therefore it has not been possible for me to purchase one for You. Moreover all the tickets for the next "tirage" are sold out. Now, if You approve of it, I would purchase for You with the above-mentioned 50 francs five tenth parts of five different tickets of the French National Lottery. Each tenth part costs 10 francs, and thus You would have five chances instead of one. Most people here take tenths, staking thus their money not on one, but on several numbers. Please kindly let me know whether You authorize me to get five tenths for You when the next series of tickets is issued. Meanwhile I keep the 50 francs in custody. I was very glad to receive letters from our Dear Ones in Mongolia. A good review of "Trails" has been placed in "L'Ethnographie". The allowance for August has not yet been received; again the financial situation has become so strained that I hardly can find the money to stamp the letters. But however difficult is the situation (and the ache in my shoulder makes it still "worse") I am ready to fight in the Name of our Blissful Leader. Please convey to Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. My Parents send their cordial greetings. I will write next week to Mr. Shibayer; remember me please to him. With best wishes, I am, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers 37

Paris VII

September 29th 1935

My Dear Brother,

I hope this letter will reach You on the eve of Your birthday and thus will bring You in time my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes. In these days beset with dangers and responsibilities I feel more than ever the infinite value of the good thoughts which You are sending me and of which Your recent letters have been the precious tokens. I always think of You, my Dear Svetik, with deep gratitude and affection, and I am particularly happy when I am permitted to do something for You. Probably, You are now in receipt of the "papers" (sent per boat-mail Sept. 5th) and of the first case from Lefranc's containing the canvases. In accordance with Your orders I have given Lefranc the list of paints You require, and this other sending which includes a second set of canvases should also reach You soon. The assistant at Lefranc's told me that the paints will cost Frs. 300 approximately, and the canvases about Frs. 600, as the previous set. I wish to acknowledge receipt of the Rs. 130 which You forwarded to me and which have amounted to Frs. 650 exactly. Please instruct me, Dear Svetik, whether for the next issue of the French National Lottery I should buy for You a full ticket (at Frs. 100) or "tenth parts" (at Frs. 10 each) in ten different tickets. The latter combination appears to be more advantageous, as it gives You ten chances to win instead of one. You ask whether I meet Mr. Benisovitch; yes, I see him from time to time and

just recently I received a letter from him in connection with a matter (about an old painting) communicated to me by Dr. Arloff, of Kharbin, a Member of our Committee there. M. Benisovitch who is much interested in our activities asked me to remember him to You. Business, he told me, is rather slack for the time being, but he has some independent means. You also inquired as to the views entertained here regarding the general situation. If a prophecy may be ventured, I would say that war in East Africa seems inevitable, but that developments still more terrible may yet be averted. However, the tension at present is much alike the one we lived thru in 1914. The most dangerous point is perhaps not on the shores of the Red Sea, but in the North-East of Europe. Poland, as was to be expected, has deliberately betrayed her French Ally and gone over "bag and baggage" into the German camp. Lithuania appears to be the first victim chosen by this newly formed coalition. Our friends in Kaunas are greatly alarmed. In spite of the League of Nations and of the "safeguards" of International Law (alas!) we have come to a state of things when ^{a country} can be assailed with impunity and quietly "swallowed" by its stronger neighbour. The general anxiety felt in all quarters adds to the difficulties which we encounter in our task here concerning the Pact etc. We have to proceed with extreme caution and to adapt our plans to constantly changing conditions. How happy You must feel at the thought that Professor de Roerich and dear Brother will soon be with You again! Give Them my best love. I keep secret the news of Their return to Naggar. Please tell Madame de Roerich that we all send our fervent wishes for Her speedy recovery. Cordial greetings from my Parents. Please remember me to Mr. Shibuya. I remain, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother

George.

12, rue de Poitiers

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Paris VII

November 4th 1935

My Dear Brother Svetik,

I am very thankful to You for Your good letter of Oct. 8th. What a great joy the return of Professor de Roerich and of Dear Georgy must have been for You! Under separate cover I am sending You the tickets which I had bought in Your Name: five 10th parts for the 11th issue ("tranche") of the French National Lottery. Alas, none of these five tickets has won, and I am sending them to You only as documentary proofs of this first venture. For the next issue (the 12th) I will again buy for You five 10th parts. The main thing in this matter is to persevere, and the mathematical law of probabilities gives us a certainty that out of a given number of attempts one must be successful. The investment is, after all, small, and even one tenth may bring a gain of Frs. 300,000. Concerning the activities here, one of the important features has been my interview with the U.S. Ambassador and the negotiations connected with it. There is also a new development in Czechoslovakia which, I hope, will result in the creation of a new Roerich Fact Committee. A number of other facts are recorded in my regular Reports

of which I beg You to take cognizance. It is so important for me feel that You, my beloved Brother, follow my efforts here and that we are in constant spiritual union! Of course there are facts which can't be included in the official Reports and which still are worth recording as they throw light on the underground doings and motives of our enemies. Recently I had an interview with Princess Czetur. who asked me to communicate the following: several people from abroad (Russians) came to visit her and repeated various slander about our Master which, they say, is current (sic!) in the Russian Colonies ^{U.S.A. etc.} in their respective countries. When the Princess inquired why is Professor de Roerich so abominably assailed, these people answered: "because He is too mysterious". This is the exact account of the Princess' conversation. As You know, she is always a most faithful friend. So, You see, how absurd people are: whenever they can't understand something being too "dense" for lofty ideals, they, with their dirty minds, "suspect" and declare that it is "too mysterious"! On the other hand, it is rejoicing to see how many true friends we have, especially among the members of the younger generation, as our big and brilliant meeting of October 31st has shown. My Parents wish to be remembered to You. Please convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. Best love to Dear Brother. Cordial greetings to Mr. Shibayev. I am, as ever, Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

397 rue de Vaugirard

Paris XV

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December 15th 1935

My Dear Brother Svetik,

I am sending You my very best wishes for happy Christmas and New Year. May the coming year, as well as the other years to come, be a time of success and new achievements in all the fields of Your activities. I hope also that in 1936 I shall have the great joy of welcoming You here. I was so glad to hear that You have decided to send to Paris two Portraits of Professor de Roerich. They will be exhibited at the Center, and then one of them is to be forwarded to Bruges, and the other will be offered to the Louvre (Pavillon de Marsan). I will speak to M. Chabas about Your Membership in the "Société des Artistes Français", so as to secure for Your paintings a place at the Salon organized by that Society. M. Tulpinc wrote me that he is eagerly awaiting Your creation which is to adorn the Hall of Honor of the Roerich Foundation at Bruges. My Dear Svetik, I hardly dare to impose a new task upon You, but will You allow me to submit a prayer from the European Center: could it be possible to have for our premises also an Image of our Beloved Master painted by You? All our mutual Friends here have asked me to convey to You their kindest regards. December 6th I delivered a lecture at the American Club. A numerous audience attended the meeting. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Benisovitch who also wish to be reminded to You. After the lecture I was guest of honor at the

luncheon offered by the Club. I will probably speak also at the American School. The Headmaster told me that the boys are much interested in current events. And what could be more timely, now that war is again raging, than the question of the Sacred Labarum for the Protection of Culture? My Dear Brother, I must render account to You about Your tickets for the French National Lottery. I have spent 100 francs altogether: I bought five $\frac{1}{10}$ parts of the 11th issue and five $\frac{1}{10}$ of the 12th issue [each $\frac{1}{10}$ part costs Frs. 10]. I keep all these tickets at home in a special envelope. I don't send them to You, because I heard that there is a law prohibiting the introduction of ^{foreign} lottery tickets into British possessions. If this is not so, please let me know, and I will forward the tickets to You. Up to now the ten tickets in question have brought no gain, but, as I wrote You before, the great thing in this matter is to persevere. In virtue of the theory of probabilities we must have a chance to win. So I am taking another $\frac{1}{10}$ for You - for the 13th issue which is to take place in about a fortnight. Please tell me how am I to act in this matter, on Your behalf, in the future. I would be so happy to present You with Frs. 300,000! Were the things sent by Lafreuc also alright? You will receive the tin with the "Cham-pignons secs" from Zagarde very soon. Please kindly convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. Best love to Dear Georgy. I am sending Him books. My Parents are sending You their kindest regards. Many thanks for the Christmas cards from Naggar, with the beautiful pictures, which have just arrived today. Cordial greetings to Mr. Shibayer. With best wishes, I am, as ever,
Your affectionate and obedient brother George.

397 rue de Vaugirard 40
Paris XV
January 27th 1936

My Dear Brother Svetik,

I wish to thank You heartily for Your letter of Dec. 31st. You say, my beloved Brother, that may be we shall soon meet again: these words of Yours filled me with overwhelming joy. In our time of trouble and anxiety I would be so happy to be with You, to take Your advice, to exchange thoughts with You over all the happenings. You know that these weeks have indeed been crowded with events both in public life and in our private existence. In the first place we have of course been deeply grieved by the passing of His Gracious Majesty King George V. I have expressed our condolences to the British Embassy here and have attended the Church services in memoriam of the deceased noble Monarch. I am in touch with Mr. Benisevitch (who wishes to be remembered to You) regarding the sale of Professor de Roerich's painting which was to be sent to Persia and has been kept until now at our Paris Center. Mr. Ben. will make inquiries, but he says that, in a general way, the market is "slack." As to the Salon d'Automne, I confirm that Professor de Roerich may exhibit there four paintings. Many, many thanks, Dear Svetik, for Your kind thought of painting a Portrait of our Leader for the Paris Center. I will be particularly happy to receive Your new creation and to place it in our Helena de Roerich Hall which

we all regard as a Sanctuary. I am glad the question of the books for Professor de Roerich and Dear Georgy has come today to a completely successful conclusion. It has cost many strenuous efforts and I feel as if all my nervous system has been shaken after going through these trying weeks, when the tidings from New-York made the situation so terribly threatening. During that time I have had recourse to the musk which You had the kindness to send me and which I have ever since preciousely treasured. I must say that it helped me a lot. For this too I owe You much gratitude, Dear Brother. I also take valerian tea. Concerning the "tickets," as I wrote our Dear Georgy, Your $\frac{1}{10}$ has won 10 francs. It is not much of course, but it is a good beginning and it enabled me to buy for You another tenth part for the next issue. I have renewed to a certain extent my contacts with the American Colony. In December, as You know, I lectured at the American Club; then, January 21st/₂ I delivered a lecture at the American School of Paris. All the boys seemed much interested in the lecture, and the Headmaster thanked me in very flattering terms. Please convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of love and devotion. Best love to Dear Georgy. My Parents are sending You their cordial greetings. All our mutual Friends wish to be remembered to You. Greetings to Mr. Shibayer. I am always, Dear Svetik, Your affectionate and obedient brother George

12, rue de Poitiers

Paris VII

9^{го} февраля 1936 г.

Дорогой Братъ Святых!

Очень был обрадованъ Твоимъ милымъ письмомъ отъ 24^{го} днв. Да, действительно, какъ Ты пишешь, "человеческая природа довольно сложная машина": но когда наблюдаешь факты подобные твоимъ, которые развернулись сейчасъ, приходишь къ выводу, что машина эта сдѣлана во многихъ случаяхъ изъ ржавья и прогнившихъ материаловъ. Черезъ очень толстый испытанiя пришлось намъ пройти, вѣдь даже люди, на которыхъ, казалось, можно было разчитываться, обернулись предателями и клеветниками. Биографическiя данныя, которыя Ты сообщаемъ объ этой русской особѣ меня не удивляютъ: тотъ, который она употребила здѣсь въ разговорахъ достаточно правдивый хулуатурный уровень. По-впрямую-ли, что въ запискахъ Комитета 31^{го} Октября 1931 г. она такая пошленная мур какъ княз. Вк. Котей, или покойная D-ра Лукина называла просто по фамилии, приблизительно такъ: "Эй, поспушайте, м-не Гетвертинская", "Подождите М-г Лукина"! что по русски звучитъ особенно невнятно. Со мною она была совершенно исключительно груба: настолько, что, какъ вижу изъ своихъ тогдашнихъ записей, Мих. Ан. мнѣ вечеромъ позвонилъ, чтобы выразить свое возмущенiе. Вели-бн М^т де V-Ph. теперь узнала, что эта особа была просто божьей, а въ особенности, что она соприкасалась съ германской контр-развѣдкой! Спасибо также за сообщенiе о Wallace'я: все это старинныя, которыми мы сможемъ поражать враговъ. Зналъ теперь, что это за типъ, а слогу удивлять здѣсь нашихъ соратниковъ, что уходи такого

Министра не смущает придавать значение. Мне очень обра-
довало, что Ты пишешь, родной Святислав, что мы скоро вновь
увидимся. Мы мы тогда сообщим все дополнительные факты
и а слову Тебе рассказать все то, что не укладывается в
письмо. Радо было также узнать, что Ты закончил Портрет
Николая Константиновича для Эрмитажа. Я предупрежу Мюль-
ника, что Портрет будет послан ему непосредственно; вно-
вляю ему и о поминания статьи о Король Александр. Из помин-
ания Цекера убрал фотографии М. Кошк'а и М^{ме} de V.-Ph. Очень
хотелось бы иметь, дорогой Святислав, Твое Изображение для
Цекера (Портрет нашего Верховного Воеводы и дорогого Брата Юши
уже имеются там). Дома у меня есть хорошая Твоя фотография, ко-
торая дорожка его и хочу сохранить именно у себя. Будь добры, милый
Святислав, скажи когда Ты думаешь съехать нам новую радость:
прислать для Цекера писанный Тобой Портрет Николая Кон-
стантиновича? Прости, мой Братик, дорогой, еще одну просьбу:
невозможно ли послать несколько стержней Шалайских растений для Mrs.
Veisovitch? Тебе будет интересно узнать, что И. А. Вильямс (и
вместе с ним Шекотихина) уезжает в М-у. Tout simplement!
Парасюдой почтой посылает книгу Фелзена "Письма о Сергеевн" -
подарок автора Николаю Константиновичу. Все наши общие
Друзья просили передать Тебе, дорогой, искренний привет. Я по-
лучил интересное письмо Влад. Ан-га от 24^{го} днв. и отдал ему на
этой неделе; будь добры передать ему мой привет. Родители и сестры
Тебе сердечный привет. Послать Николаю Константиновичу и дяди
Ивановича гуслави гудка о почитания. Поцелуй от меня дорогого
Брата Юшимку. Крепко обнимаю Тебя, Анем мой любимый
Святислав, и остаюсь всегда Братски Твой Морж.

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII

22^{го} Марта 1936г.

Дорогой Брат Святик,

После завтра наступит День, который мы ждем с особым и который будит воспоминания о великих явлениях свидетелями которых мы были в составе Битв вьетнам, шестнадцатилетием тому назад. Мы радостно в эти дни мысленно побеседовали с Моботом, дорогой Святик, и заодно вспоминаем наши Битвы за прошедшие годы - в Тариван и среди гор. В нетерпении жду получения фотографий Портрета Николая Константиновича, написанного Моботом. Я предупредил Маминика, что Портрет идет в Амстердам на пароходе "Либенфельд". Меня очень тревожит положение с кор. книжками. Крайне мотивов обиды характера, о которых я писал, в Мин-вн Инстр. Дни вновь обратил мое внимание на то, что за время пользования логотипом совершенно исключительной, Мр Коку была дана эта "несмысленная привилегия" почти не прикоснувшись к француз. землям. Если бы они были здесь до истечения срока (25^{го} Унал) у нас создался бы новый вьетский аргумент в пользу продолжения привилегий. Во вьетнам слухам надо подождать исхода выборов. Сейчас уже идет Палата, Бывшие Депутаты все разрыхлили по своим округам. И никто не знает из кого будет состоять Правительство, которое и будет сформировано когда (в Унал) соберется будущая Палата. Сейчас избирательная, точнее можно сказать "избивательная", кампания в полном разгаре. По этому

поводу забавно - и в то же время печально - видеть повсюду в
городе разставленные Муниципалитетом большие деревянные
щиты с номерами; на этих щитах каждой кандидатуры иклет
право клеветы афиши с клеветой и руганью, безмятно и без-
наказанно. Но что можно просить на этих щитах не под-
дается описанию. Между тем, грозные события идут своим
ходом. Были начаты зюзи (7^{го} - 9^{го} Марта), когда опасались
немедленной войны. Теперь выставляется как будто что дело бу-
дет улажено, хотя и с уроном для Франции, т.к. немцы ни под
каким видом из Рейнской зоны не уйдут, а Франция никакой
компенсаций не получит, и, должно быть, не получит. Пока что
захлопение франко-сов. пакта очень уменьшило влияние "напру-
ства", что не осталось без последствий и в нашем мире в Мин.
Швейцар. Дни. Этот фактор тоже следует учесть. Это касается
Твоего личного положения, мой родной Святинка, то лучше
всего, конечно, было бы, чтобы Ты принял сюда до истечения
визы. Если же это окажется невозможным, то можно будет
прислать документы и я постараюсь, при содействии Влад. Ан.
устроить дело как в прошлом году. Княз. Э. Конст. говорила
мне, что Эстер. Михал. с самого начала призвала на нее впервую
не крайне-идеальную геловку; но эта особа и в La Celle-S. Cloud
называла себя "наидовольнейшей соотрудницей". Помнишь, дорогой
Святинка, как она всегда была против меня, как и зловещий ее
образец - М. Н. Германова! Передай, пожалуйста, мою любовь и по-
чтение Николаю Константиновичу и Звени Иванович и поцелуй от
меня дорогого Брата Юрика. Родители шлют привет. Заходишь
Васюлю и проси велич. кланяться. Криво Медя обнимаю, родной
мой горячо-любимый Святинка и остаюсь всегда братски Твоей
Морей.

10th Mar 1936.

Дорогой Брат Святослав!

В эти самые напряженные время, мысль моя часто обращается к Тебе; вспоминаю дни проведенные вместе, когда мы могли действовать сообща и когда Ты Своим присутствием так поддерживал меня в моем устремлении. И теперь я чувствую, что Ты, родной Святослав, добрыми мыслями помогаешь мне. А время, двойственным, тяжелое, не только вследствие угрозы как положений в мире и, в частности, в этой стране, но еще вследствие тех материальных условий, в которых приходится жить. У нас на квартире двое жильцов, очень это стеснительно, и все-таки никак нельзя это называться "светом концы с концами". С отбращением думаю о преступниках преданных в Нью-Йорк, о Коржике, Ай. Лихтенмане и проч., но уверенны что они получат заслуженное наказание. Как обстоят дело с Твоими вещами, которые были в здании на Riverside Drive? Неужели воры захватили и их? Меня тоже интересуют поздравл. Д. Урекидакова. Я очень давно не слышал от него известий. Раз, что чудесной Горарей Николай Константинович написанный Мобото близколично прибыл в Брюксель. Родной мой Святослав, пишу Тебе заранее по поводу урегулирования вопроса о Твоих документах, каковой вопрос я надеюсь, при содействии нескольких диалограсположенных лиц, разрешится в должном смысле. Для этого, будь добры, родной Святослав, прислать мне в Уточн Твои паспорт, carte d'identite и шесть фотографий. Присылка

carte d'identité необходима, даме если эта carte еще в силе,
потому что мы должны действовать как если-бы Мы были
здесь лично. На обратной стороне открытой из фото расписались
по французски, т.к. Мвал пошлени будет нужна здеш (для про-
шения). Ты знаешь, мой добрый Брат Святислава, каких ван-
нени мы претерпели вследствие неприбытия в срок, 15-му
Апреля, денег для квартала Цекера. Плата, конечно, не тре-
буется до 15^{го}; но зато 15^{го} она должна быть внесена обя-
зательно до двенадцати часов дня; иначе могут случиться
серьезные катасарофические вещи. Этот раз, слава Богу, про-
несло, несмотря на запоздание, но, уверяю Медя, была "очень
продная дипломатия". Так называемые "терте" за квар-
тал наступают, как я сообщал еще прошлыми письмами
в следующие сроки: 15^{го} Января, 15^{го} Апреля, 15^{го} Июля и
15^{го} Октября. Следовательно, предстоящий "терте" наступит
15^{го} Июля. Я пошлю с моим Репортажем квитанцию за Март,
о которой пишет Вл. Ан. (прямо передать ему привить). Спасибо
за копию доклада С.И. Зенкевича. Я пошлю в Кагарэ экземп-
"Free Press" - довольно старая газетка, издающаяся без ад-
реса. Подпись шлю Медя сердечный привить, также и Вен-
Друзья. Кланяется Медя Вологод. Раз буду пошлю от
Медя, родной, восточку. Будь добры передать Николаю Констан-
тиновичу и Ивану Ивановичу мою любовь и почитание, и пошлю
от меня дорогого Брата Юрика. Криво, криво Медя об-
нимаю и целую и остаюсь всегда Братски Твой Морис.

12, rue de Poitiers 44
Paris VII

6^{го} сентября 1936 г.

Дорогой Братъ Свѣтик

Я думаю, что одновременно
Медь Твоя бумага, но, как

сложилось так
официально
как предполагается
средств у меня
Свѣтика, до
было единично
гари какими

я пишу, свою посылать
мы знаем, ответственность
отложить совершение этих
окта сентября. Дело в том,
то суму, а соответств. ввиду
можешь себя представить, до
в средствах!) и не у кого
денег приобрести, оказался раз
когда не только Ви. Ал., но и

другие необходимые для нас люди находились в отъезде.
Действовать же без них совершенно невозможно, ввиду
"особых условий" настоящего турал. Поэтому-то и при-
ходится ждать, пока вернется Ви. Ал., М. Зедас и проч. Но
Мн, конечно, не бездельничать, дорогой мой Свѣтик, все будет
сделано и документа Мн получены (пароходной поштой)
без промедления, как только жизнь в канцелярии Трехк-
туры возобновится. Трудное, ответственное время теперь!
Всем раньше приходилось бороться упорно (Мн пришлось воз-
взять кампания, которой мы проводим сообща, напр., в 1928 г.,
когда Мн в Париже должны были получить визу в Индию), по-
этому приходится штурмовать каждую позицию. Как хотелось

туда Мы были здешь и что было дружба
рука об руку, как в эти годы. Родной Святинка, есть еще
один вопрос, о котором я упоминаю в моих предыдущих
письмах к Медю и о котором я хотел бы напомнить Меду:
это о французской Национальной Лотереи. Почему Медю, дорогой
Братик, опять не попробуй своего счастья? Выиграть

десяти билет стоит 10 фр.
300.000 франков. Счастлив, Святинка
Медю и, я уверен, всегда и во
Медю. Раз уж так, как я Медю
10 фр. Собирай мир, пока у тебя
Шел одну или две десятилетия.

франции в Испанию и разлучил
которых Мы видели во время своей поездки
Но в Нью-Йорк'е тоже совершилось отвратительное пре-
ступление против Кудряшова. Дней потратили известием
о козачестве в Гасовки Турк. Сергия. Но эти вандализм
постыжены заслуженная или кара. Родной Святинка, я
был бы счастлив поиграть с Медю в лотерею! Напиши

мне как и у Медю новая картинка. Будь добры передать мои
поздравления и почитания Николаю Консидановичу и
Василию Ивановичу и поцелуй от меня дорогого Брата Юрия
Родителям и Медю привети. Крепко Медю обнимаю и
люблю и остаюсь всегда, родной Святинка, Твой Моржик.

12, rue de Poitiers
Paris VII

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4th Octobre 1936.

Дорогой Братъ Святыхъ!

Это письмо Мое получено, должно быть, накануне Твоего дня Рождения. Посылаю Тебе самые сердечные поздравления и наилучшие пожелания. Я уверен, родной Святыха, в Твоем предсильнии, как в Твоем искусстве, так и во всем в жизни. Мне хотълось-бы по этому случаю выразить Тебе, родной Святыха, глубокое чувство благодарности за Твое добро и братское внимание ко мне; эту благодарность я всегда храню и буду хранить во своем сердце. Обнимаю Тебя, Англи Милый Святыха, и крестик Тебе целую. Надеюсь, дорогой Братъ, что одно-временно с настоящим письмом, в Нарварь придет иудейскъ пароходной почтой пакетъ включающий Твои документы (паспортъ возобновленный до Сентябрь 1937 года и визы на немъ тоже до этого срока, а также Carte d'Identite действительная до 1939 года). Тамъ также находится обязательная записка. Впрочем, в письме къ дорогому Брату Юль за №237 я подробно изложилъ все пережитыя и обстоятельства этого дня, которое, несмотря на все очень значительныя трудности, завершилось полнымъ успехомъ — такъ что я тутъ не буду вдаваться в различные эпизоды этой "визной кампании", в течение которой мне пришлось "impersonate" Тебя.... Менери я хотъ-бы довести до Твоего сведения о сядущемъ дне. В разговоры с М. Руроннет, онъ заявилъ ртъ о томъ "триптихъ" "Разъясн", который принадлежит покойному М. Sortais и который Мое,

кажется, у кого когда-то видны (во всяком случае, этого "триптиха"
было в свое время показано Николаю Константиновичу). Когда-то вла-
дильцы хотели продать эту вещь за огромную сумму. Теперь его вдова
весьма и весьма понизила цену. Словом, она согласна продать "три-
птих" за три миллиона девальвированных франков. Возможны, конечно,
переговоры о дальнейшей уступке. Как Мне думается, родной Святиш,
мож-бы Мне взять на Себя посредничество (в виде переписки) по про-
даже "триптиха" в U.S.A.? Искются во виду провинциальные амери-
канские музеи или какие-нибудь меценаты. В случае уступки, в
Мую пользу должна поступить весьма существенная комиссия. Я
думаю, что Мне должны получить 15% с цены. Или Мне полагается,
боюсь-может, что было-бы удобнее написать об этом предложение
Зак. Три-ми в Нью-Йорк? Будь добры сообщить свое мнение по этому
вопросу. "Триптих" снабжен огромным количеством первоклассных
сертификатов, экспертиз, журнальных статей, историко-крити-
ческих исследований на всех языках, доказывающих его подлин-
ность. Выше и репродукция в красках, изданная М. Ружонет, и
представляющая сама по себе некоторые достиженья искусства....
Будь добры сообщить по адресу - или лично, который Лефранс в С^е послал
недавно в Нантер, согласно заказу (денег за этот заказ у Лефранс
платили). Все Друзья здесь шлют Моему привет. Передай, пожалуйста,
Николаю Константиновичу и вдове Ивакович мою любовь и почитание.
Родители шлют Моему сердечный привет. Целую дорогого Брата
Юшину. Крестко Моем, родной Святиш, обнимаю и целую и
остаюсь всегда братски Твой Жорж.

12, rue de Poitiers 46

Paris VII

27th Decembre 1936.

Дорогой Братъ Свѣтликъ!

На порогахъ Нового Года шлю Тебѣ, родной Свѣтликъ, лучшія пожеланія здоровья и счастья. Я часто думаю о Тебѣ, о тѣхъ временахъ, которое мы провели вмѣстѣ, о томъ какъ Ты всегда проявлялъ высокія качества Твоего сердца. Вспоминая о тѣхъ трудныхъ дняхъ, я знаю, что Ты сейчасъ также благожелательно смотришь на мою работу и на долготелость Цекитра и оказываешь свое драгоценное содѣйствіе. Это сознаніе духовнаго единенія съ Тобой укрѣпляетъ меня въ трудной борьбѣ, которую приходится здѣсь вести. Тебѣ, дорогой Братъ Свѣтликъ, известно, что темныя силы не останавливаются ни передъ чѣмъ, чтобы погубить единственную силу, которая протавостоятъ въ мірѣ ихъ натиску. Мы имѣемъ и въ Америкѣ, и въ Далеко-Вост. странахъ примѣры ихъ отвратительныхъ покушеній. Но и здѣсь каждой день приходится сталкиваться съ этими темными силами. У насъ въ Центри "на Туайвз" — цитадель, гдѣ ощущается, кажется, чистый воздухъ благословенной долины Куду. Какъ счастливы Ты, родной мой Свѣтликъ, что живешь у самого Огара, откуда благодѣтельные вибраціи распространяются по всему міру! Теперь, когда началъ функционировать нашъ Кружокъ по изученію "Живой Этими", мы с

особой силой погубствовали мощную поддержку исходящую
из Нагара. Сообщите, пожалуйста, дорогой Святислава, получили-
ли репродукции "триптиха" Рафаэля? Быть-может, удастся
в U.S.A. или в Индии что-либо сделать по этому поводу? Я
счастливы бы-бы, родной, получить от Мейл известия, а также,
если возможно, и фотографии. Напиши мне, хотя-бы мысленно
строчку! Очень буду рад, если смогу что-либо сделать лично для
Мейл. Мне так хотелось-бы выразить как крепко я Мейл люблю,
дорогой Брат Святислава, и как я благодарен Мейл за все то добро,
которое Мы делаем и делаем, чтобы помочь мне! Жизнь наша здесь
протекает в более трудных, неизмеримо более трудных условиях
чем когда-бы то ни было. Вся сила приходится напрягать - и ду-
ховно и физически - чтобы выдержать испытания. В писемках и
рапортках я не говорю о себе, но Мы, Святислава, знаем как мне
тяжело! Еще раз скажу - письмо от Мейл будет для меня большой
радостью. Будь добр, мой Ангел Святислава, передай мои чувства
любви и почитания Николаю Константиновичу и Элене Ивановне
и поцелуй от меня дорогого нашего горячо-любимого Брата
Юханника. Родители шлют Мейл сердечной приветы. Крепко,
крепко Мейл обнимаю и целую и остаюсь всегда Твоей
любимый брат Жорж.

397, rue de Valenciennes

Paris XV

3^{го} Октября 1937г.

Дорогой Брат Святослав!

Мы получили это письмо перед самым днем Вашего Рождения. Шлю Тебе, дорогой, мои поздравления и лучшие пожелания. Вспоминаю те годы, когда мы проводили этот день вместе и надеемся, Святослав, что скоро наступит опять время свидания - где - здесь, во Франции, на Востоке или в нашей стране? Думаю, что третий гипотеза наиболее близка к осуществлению. Мы часто обращаемся к Тебе и в особенности восхищаемся Тобой, родной наш Святослав, получив репродукции написанного Тобой Портрета Николая Константиновича. Это величайшее произведение, свидетельствующее о том, что Твой гудный талант поднялся еще на новую высоту. По значительности, по глубине выражения, по мастерству, этот Портрет превосходит даже все Твои предыдущие прекрасные творения. И при том мы видим лишь репродукцию (хотя и очень хорошо сделанную)! Очень я бы рад получить фотографии других Твоих произведений. Буду у меня, благодаря Твоему доброму братскому сердцу, иметь коллекция, отображающая целый период Твоего творчества: годы 1918-1924. Фотографии с Твоими новыми произведениями позвоят пополнить эту коллекцию и представить последующие этапы Твоего творческого пути. Мы были очень обеспокоены тем, что писал

дорогой-любимый Братъ Юша о своемъ здоровьи. Надулся, что Онь
теперь совсѣмъ поправился отъ послѣдствій лихорадки. Мы знаемъ,
дорогой Святиславъ, какъ у насъ сейчасъ неурядицы съ помеще-
нiемъ на Пудявъ. Я думаю, что при создавшихся условiяхъ, когда насъ
хотѣтъ лишить права управлять собранiемъ ввѣраемъ, лучше от-
казаться отъ этого помещенiя, несмотря на все остальные пре-
имущества, которое представляетъ 12, rue de Пудявъ. Въ этомъ-
же кварталѣ или въ другомъ подходящемъ районѣ можно найти, я
увѣренъ, къ 15-му декабря, помещенiе, которое вполнѣ будетъ со-
отвѣтствовать потребностямъ Цесаря и прiятно, возможно, бу-
детъ обходиться намъ дешевле. Я передамъ Тебѣ привѣтъ 2-му
Пьеру Влади, Директору Compagnie de la Chine. Все здравствуй
друзьямъ поистинно вспоминаю Тебѣ и проситъ передать Тебѣ
привѣтъ. Между прочимъ, глядя на книжечки соборiя, удивляешься
какъ Мы были правы, родной, что сторожились, будучи здѣсь, отъ
эмиграци. Сколько здѣсь вредителей! Кстасти также, очень пра-
вильно Николай Константиновичъ назвалъ другого вредителя - Корнiя
Троцкистомъ. Восточу тебѣ силъ орудовать. Я болѣ-лъ очень радъ,
если-бы Мы, Ангелъ нашъ, дорогой Святиславъ, написалъ тебѣ, хотѣ-
лъ бы нѣсколько строкъ. Родителямъ шлю Тебѣ сердечный привѣтъ и
поздравиенiя. Передай, пожалуйста, мои чувства любви и почитанiя
Николаю Константиновичу и Аннѣ Ивановнѣ, и поцелуй отъ меня
крѣпко дорогого Брата Юрика. Привѣтъ Влад. Ан-гу, которому
шлю разныя марки. Цѣлую Тебѣ крѣпко, дорогой Святиславъ, и остаюсь
всегда Твоимъ Жоржемъ.

397 rue de Valenciennes

Paris XV 48

April 24th 1938

My Dear Brother Svetik,

Many thanks for Your letter of April 9th. I must also express to You my deep gratitude and appreciation for the Portrait of Madame de Roerich. Up to now I have had no Image of Her, and it has been such a great joy to receive that photograph. Of course, as You say, a photo is not the original, but still - and especially as this is a very good photo indeed - one can see at once what a beautiful work of art You have created. Your genius for painting which was apparent in Your very first canvases has attained the highest summits of Art. When can You send here Your Portrait of Professor de Roerich? I hope that it will be possible to arrange the inclusion of this painting in the French State Collections, but, naturally, officials will raise all kinds of objections, as, for instance, that the Museums under Government control acquire paintings only of elderly artists and so forth.... However, we expect to overcome all the obstacles created by red-tape routine. Another question is that of an exhibition of Your paintings in London. Mr. Barnett D. Conlan has sent already to Naggar a number of information on galleries etc. Next month he is going to London and will then investigate the matter personally. He hopes - and so do I too - that an exhibition of

Professor de Roerich's paintings can be arranged also. It is essential to know how many paintings will be sent for the exhibition and when it could take place. Now as regards the book on Talashkino, I believe ~~that~~ the necessary data have already reached You, my Dear Svetik, through Princess Czertwintzky who told me that she had forwarded to Naggar views of Talashkino Church. The Princess asked me to convey to You her kind regards. I have searched further for information concerning "Chrysonemus"; but there are no indications on that subject in the various dictionaries and Encyclopaedia I consulted. I have looked through all the words beginning with "chryso" and have also put the question to Dr. Gushenetzky who, as You know, is a botanist, but it appears that the above-mentioned name is unknown in the nomenclatures of Natural Sciences. As soon as I received Your letter, I made inquiries about Dr. Alfred Roux's book "Vérités sur le Diagnostic Radiesthésique" and hope to be able to forward it to You soon. My Parents asked me to remember them to You. Please kindly convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of devotion and reverence. Best love to Dear Brother. Could I have a photo of You and Him, as it is so long I had no images of my beloved Brothers? With all best wishes, I am, Dear Svetik,
ever Yours George

Kind regards to Mr. Shibayev

397, rue de Vaugirard 49

Paris XV

May 22nd 1938

My Dear Brother Svetik,

I was very glad indeed to get Your letter of May 5th.
It is such a joy to hear from You directly, my Dear Brother!
You know how fond I am of You, and so it was a particular
pleasure for me to read that soon I may have a photograph
of You. Thus a new valuable piece will be added to my col-
lection which extends over twenty years of Your life. Now
I am thinking of the Portrait of Professor Roerich which
will be in Marseilles in a few days. Many thanks, Dear
Svetia, for all the technical indications given in Your letter.
All Your instructions will be followed most strictly. From the
Customs I will take the painting straight to the glass-maker and
have it put under glass. I will see that when the picture is taken
out of the frame for glass, the black strips are not removed, though
the little strips between the frame and the black ones, may, as
You say, be taken off. These strips will be replaced when the glass
will have been slipped in, exactly as mentioned in Your directions.
Then I will take the painting to the Palais-Royal where it
will be on view necessarily for some time. We will place it in
the Helena de Roerich Hall, so that the light comes from the
left. By the way, I am making, as well as I can, a plan of our
premises, and when it will reach You, You will see that the
Portrait will be placed on the wall opposite to the one where
the big paintings "Guru-Guri-Dhar" and "Tibet" are hung up,
whereas "Protectrix" is on the third wall, between the windows.
On the 4th of June we have a Committee Meeting and we will discuss

then the way to be chosen for the presentation of the Portrait to the French Government. This must be a grand occasion and new fame must surround Your Name, already so glorious! From Your description, Dear Brother, I can imagine the quiet, beautiful evenings at Naggar-Kuler when dusk creeps over the mountains and You stand near Your canvas with Your brushes, and all our Dear Ones are around You. How happy I would be to spend these evenings with You like in the Chalet Pointe-à-Pic!

You are quite right in pointing out that it is an unheard of thing that a Member of the Executive should bring pressure upon the Judiciary. Indeed, I think it is only in U.S.A. that such scandalous proceedings can occur. In any other country such doings would bring forth an action on the part of the Public Prosecutor. As regards Your question about "Chryso-manus", I have not yet met with any indications in the reference-books, Encyclopaedias etc. which I consulted. Nor is there any mention of the topic in *Planiscampi*. Again I must say that the combination in the name of a Greek and ^{the} Latin root seems to me very strange: even in the Middle Ages when classic studies were rudimentary, they would not, I believe, put these words together. However, I am consulting some old French "Dictionnaires" or "Atlas" of Natural Sciences and I will see whether some reference may be found there. My Dear Svetik, please kindly convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence and devotion. My Parents send their kindest regards. Best love to good dear Georgy. Please remember me to Mr. Shibayev.

I am always, with best wishes,
Your affectionate brother George

397, rue de Valenciennes

Paris XV 50

July 3rd 1938

My Dear Brother Svetik,

It is a pleasure and an honour for me to convey to You the unanimous expression of praise and admiration which Your splendid Portrait of Professor de Roerich elicited from all those who have seen it. Every visitor said the Portrait is a real masterpiece, a Chef-d'oeuvre both of design and of colour-composition. Those who have met Professor de Roerich admire also the perfect resemblance with the Model, a likeness which only a great Artist like You could achieve. To me each detail - the Statue of the Blessed One standing to the right of the Master, the beautiful mountain-landscape on His left, are full of deep significance. And what a magnificent symphony of yellow, gold, black and blue! From the depth of my heart I congratulate You, my dear Svetia, upon this great attainment! The Portrait, as You already know, has been placed under glass, in strict accordance with Your directions. As to the cardinal point - the presentation to the French Government - we have had to consider the circumstances of place and time - ratione loci and ratione temporum as we say in Law. The fact is that authorities here - and especially the "Direction Générale des Beaux-Arts" - are entirely taken up by the preparations for the big official festivities, and then comes the period of "vacances" when the Ministries are practically empty. It would therefore be quite unreasonable to hand them over the Portrait now, when the proceedings concerning the acceptance of the painting by the State can't receive due attention.

In these circumstances we have thought that it would be wiser to await a few weeks until we can present the Portrait at a favorable moment. You understand, my Dear Brother, that I wish to make this occasion a great success for You, an official recognition and consecration of Your Art, and this is to be done with prudence and knowledge of the ground on which we have to operate. It is Your interest which commands our conduct. And the presentation of this Portrait - of this embodiment of Your artistic genius - is an occasion too important that we should take chances. Many thanks for the photographs of the Portrait, they are very good indeed. In my letters to Professor de Roerich I did not mention the state of my health, so as not to worry Him with this matter, but I must say that I really feel very badly. It is the consequence of over-work for years without a respite. Living near the snow-clad peaks, in the pure mountain air, You can hardly imagine what it means to be always, from New Year day to year's end, in the midst of city-turmoil. And very often I have eighteen-hours of work a day: for instance during the negotiations with the fiscal authorities I left home early in the morning and when there was a meeting in the evening, came home after 1 A. M. with the latest "metro." Every one tells me I should, after all these years take at least a fortnight of rest in the country. This is however very difficult owing to material circumstances, but perhaps I will accept an invitation from French friends for a short period - end of July and beginning of August. I have searched further for Dr. Roux's book and have been told that the book may be found - possibly - at some provincial publishers. Please convey my love and devotion to Professor and Madame de Roerich. Best love to Dear Georgy. My Parents send You their kindest regards. Please remember me to Mr. Shibagev. With best wishes, I am as ever,
Dear Brother Svetik,
Fondly Yours George

397, rue de Valenciennes

Paris XV 51

July 10th 1938

My Dear Brother Svetik,

Many thanks for Your letter of June 28th. I was so happy to see Your writing! I hope You are in receipt of my letter of July 3rd in which I explained the position as regards the presentation of the Portrait to the French Government. I must emphasize that the presentation should take place at a favourable moment, and just now they have numerous anxieties in official quarters. The Minister of Education has gone across the Channel to discuss the questions of next week's festivities. However, I have gathered information as to the best way of approach and in accordance with the hints from the Ministry I have drafted a letter addressed to the Head of National Education and asking him to accept the Portrait as a gift to the State and as a homage to France. The draft is enclosed in my Report N^o 314. Will You please read it and kindly let me know whether You approve. In that Memorandum I have endeavoured to show the links between the great Personality of Professor de Roerich and France, and then I have depicted Your especial merits and achievements. I was particularly glad to write about You, my Dear Brother, and to give a full account of Your splendid work. The Portrait is every day admired by visitors who like to sit in front of it and to study the canvas as a whole and in its details. "Magnificent boldness of conception" and "superb harmony of colours" are the expressions one hears most often from our guests.

I am in receipt of the two photos of the Portrait and I have given one of them to Mr. Zeeler for his Magazine. A letter from our friends in Prague tells me that Your other Portrait of Professor de Roerich which is in the Museum there is also very greatly admired. From Your letter I learn that You are sending me a recent photo of Yours. I thank You in advance, my Dear Svetlana, it will be such a joy to have a new image of Yourself. I have in my room four photos of Yours, one of them dating back to 1912, another ~~to~~ 1918 and so on: thus I have a sort of film of Your life for more than twenty five years. Just now I have had my portrait drawn by the Lithuanian artist Peter Parabilda. To say the truth, people say the likeness is not quite perfect, but I am depicted as the Advocate of the Pact, with the Sign of the Banner and even the text of the Pact in the background. ~~So the~~ ^{the} intention of the artist is quite laudable. I have conveyed to Mr. Barnett D. Conlan Your appreciation of his work and he wishes to thank You for Your kind words. I am glad that that study is being published in "Flanma". With my Report № 314 I enclose a letter to our friend Mr. Shibayev, in reply to his letter concerning "Flanma". Mr. Peyronnet has not yet assembled the documents pertaining to the Raphael painting, but he promised to do it without delay - after his "vacances". I have the pleasure to inform You that Dr. Roux's book on Radicals has been discovered and is already on its way to Kiggar. As Yourself I am indignant about the injustice in N.-Y. But let us hope that the new lawyers will put down those awful bandits. Please convey to Professor and Madame de Roerich my feelings of love and devotion. My Parents send their kind regards. Best love to good Dear Georgy. Kind regards to Mr. Shibayev. With best wishes, I am, Dear Brother, as ever, fondly yours George.

397, rue de Valenciennes 52

Paris XV

25th Сентябрь 1938.

Дорогой Братъ Святых!

Спасибо за Твое письмо отъ 9^{го} Сентября. Очень меня обра-
довали вѣсти, которая Твои сообщаемы. Я долженъ поблаго-
дарить Тебя также за Твою фотопартию: я былъ счастливъ
получить Твое Изображение и очень былъ тронутъ надписью,
которую Ты сделалъ на фотопартии. Это письмо Ты прочитаешь,
должно быть, по возвращении изъ Твоей Экспедиции в гора. Ко-
гда Твоего Рождения, къ 23^{му} Октябрю, шлю Тебя, мой дорогой
Братъ, поздравления и самые лучшие пожелания. Мои добрые
мысли будутъ также сопровождать Тебя, Ангелъ Святыхъ нашихъ,
во все время Твоего путешествия, чтобы охранить Тебя отъ всякой
опасности и чтобы поездка Твоя увенчалась блестящими успехами.
Мой дорогой Святыхъ, Ты понимаешь какое счастье для меня из-
вѣстие о возможности Твоего приезда. Макс хотѣлъ бы увидеть
Тебя, милый Братъ! Но, по совести и по великой долге не могу
посоветовать Тебе приехать теперь, когда все въ Европѣ такъ
напряжено и можно всякій день ожидать всемирнаго взрыва.
Разумъ диктуетъ, что въ такое время лучше оставаться въ
горахъ. Великіе Гималаи — самое лучшее убежище въ мирѣ.
Вотъ здѣсь люди уже сейчасъ кампанируютъ себя убежища въ го-
рахъ, напр., въ Оверни. Но что Овернь по сравнению съ мощной
цѣпью гор, среди которыхъ Ты находишься! Туда не дале-
ко, никакіе авіоны, не проникнутъ никакіе газы! Предприимчивы
какіе-либо шаги въ Министерствѣ сейчасъ невозможно: все зависитъ
только отъ приваженіи саранки въ полную готовность. Макс, напр., и въ
Генеральной Дирекціи Вѣщихъ Arts въ работѣ исключительно по
осуществленію плана эвакуаціи музеевъ и историческихъ уни-

ностей, которые подлежат перевозке, как, напр., картины, скульптура, мебель, изделия из стекла и т.п. Поэтому сейчас неслучайно возбужден вопрос о Торарейт. Самой Торарейт крадет у нас в Цехитри и посылает, так сказать, преимуществами того плана "пассивной обороны", о котором я сообщал Николаю Константиновичу в моем письме от 18^{го} сентября за № 36. Мы спрашиваем, мой дорогой Святослав, как быть с ввозом картин в Францию. Некоторую посылку придется заплатить непременно, но эту посылку можно значительно сократить, объявив минимальную стоимость картин. Ввиду за Торарейт пришлось заплатить большую сумму - 521 фр. - ввиду того, что при отправке была объявлена высокая стоимость, а именно 13000 фр. В тоже время неслучайно, конечно, и сумма как преимущественная стоимость, т.к. иная таможенник подтверждает производства картин - экспортеры, а это дорого стоит и обидно - вечно кончается в пользу таможенника, которая вдобавок еще налагает штраф за неправильную декларацию. Одним словом, за такую картину, как, напр., Торарейт надо бы назначить цену в 3000-4000 фр. и они тогда возмущают соответствующий процент (4%) ad valorem. Сурой этой вполне параллельно сурой с кинематографом, о чем я пишу дорогому Брату Юрику. Я получил из Л-града расписку Беленко-Ходяков. Искренне при Академии наук о получении твоего письма на имя С. Щудренко. Поэтому эту расписку при моем Репортан № 318. Будь добры, дорогой Святослав, передавай Николаю Константиновичу и внем Ивану мое глубокое пожелание. Родители твои Медь и твоими сердечный привит. Пожалуйста, поцелуй от меня дорогого Братца горного, любимого Юрика. Криво, криво Медь, родной Святослав мой, обнимаю и целую и остаюсь всегда твоей любящей брати Морж.

Приветствуй Влад. Край-чу.

18²⁰ Декабря 1938г.

Дорогой мой Брат Святослав!

Мы получили это письмо, должно быть, накануне Нового года (письма идут теперь так медленно) и мы хотели послать Тебе, родной Святослав, сердечное поздравление и лучших пожеланий. Много знаменательных событий свершилось в истекшем году и еще плотные тучи заволочили горизонт на наступающему году. Во всей старомой Европе напряженное ожидание: в какую сторону двинутся завоевательные орды, где опередит наступление примеру Австрии и Чехословакии. Франция находится в самой центре этих опасностей: впервые за много веков ей приходится думать о своей защите одновременно на Рейне, на Алпах и на Пиренеях. Но такая же опасность высказываются в Швейцарии, в Голландии, в Дании и в Бельгии, где как раз теперь большое волнение, как пишет Мюллер. Государства потрясаются цунами: если в Бельгии идет агитация среди фламандцев, то здесь ведется подполье среди валлонов, корсиканцев, и даже бретонцев! Внутреннее же положение во Франции чрезвычайно тяжелое: дорого-вида совершенно невосприимчив, продвижение самой черной реакции, что вызывает народное недовольство и, наконец, искусственно вызываемое сверху возмущение против иностранцев. В этом смысле ежедневно слышим самые мрачные факты. Вот, напр., на прошлой неделе один знаменитый норвежец - Морзеен - племянник норвежского Посланника в Париже, и с ним еще семь человек были схвачены полицией по обвинению в несправности cartes d'identité, отвезены в комиссариат и там так измучили их, что некоторые из них до сих пор хроматили или носили руку на перевязи. Арестовали их в 5 час. дня, а только в 10 час. вел. Морзеену разрешили позвонить своему брату, который прислал Святослава Мисси на переговоры с полицией.

Наша знакомая В. А. Гурлова все еще в предварительном заключе-
нии. Приходится действовать чрезвычайно осторожно. В этих усло-
виях с особенной остротой выступает правильность избранного
Николаем Константиновичем пути, т. е. устремление к родным
рубкам, тем более, что все извне отсюда подтверждает
улучшение общей научной обстановки, а великая страна нуж-
дается, когда приближается час испытаний, в Творца и Защи-
тника. Культуры. Этот путь, на который мы вступили и по
которому пройдем уже решительный этап, требует нас к
большой осмотрительности в наших действиях здесь (собрания и т. п.)
чтобы нас не обвинили "отсюда" в поддержке контактов и отжив-
шими кругами. Мой дорогой Святинка, из моих писем и Раппоптов
ты знаешь о продвижении дела о Портрете. Дело продолжается два-
дцатью по инстанциям и Медь чувствует также зрелые творче-
ческие напевы. Все это требует времени, несмотря на безпрестанно
прилагаемые усилия. Портрет пока украшает одну залу в
Direction Générale des Beaux-Arts. Какое это чудное произведение Ис-
кусства! Все, кто видит этот Портрет, восхищаются им. Какой
ты молодец, Святинка дорогой! Будь добрь похлопай от Медь
письмо, мой горло-любимый Горан Святинка. Трону Медь пере-
дай твоими мою любовь и почитание. Родители шлют Медь сер-
дечный привет. Будь добрь похлопай от мамы нашего дорогого
Брата Юрика. Приветствуй Влад. Артемчу. М. Рудонет просит
передать Медь добрую память. Крючко, Крючко Медь, дорогой
Святинка, обнимаю и целую и остаюсь всегда
Твой любящий брат Морис.

397, rue de Valenciennes 54
Paris XV
5th Mars 1939.

Мой дорогой Братъ Святликъ,

Сегодня мнѣ хочется подѣлиться съ Тобой радостнымъ чувствомъ. Твое Искусство, Твой художественный гений получили торжественное признаніе путемъ включенія написаннаго Тобой Портрета въ коллекцію Государственной Крапиницы. Мы знаемъ, дорогой Братъ, что значащій бюрократическій препоны и какія сейчасъ неблагоприятныя политическія обстоятельства — и все-же удалось преодолѣть все препятствія. Я такъ счастливъ, что могу, родной Святликъ, положить это достиженіе у Твоихъ ногъ! Буду я помню сколько хорошо чувствую Мы проявили ко мнѣ за болѣе чѣмъ двадцать лѣтъ и потому мнѣ особенно приятно извѣстить Тебя о побѣдоносной именной Твоимъ Искусствомъ. Тринадцатіе Портрета Французскимъ Правительствомъ

является Большой частью: произведений столь мало-
дких художников почти нѣтъ въ національных
коллекціяхъ. Если же дѣлами рѣдкихъ и исключеній
для иностранцевъ, то, Большой частью, изъ дѣлмат-
ическихъ соображеній и благодаря внимательству
соотвѣствующихъ Тосолмствъ. Въ фактомъ-же случа-
намъ приходилось опираться только на достоинства
представленнаго произведенія, но эти судосебстввенно
достоинства были таковы, что возвели еденю-
единное восмищеніе всѣмъ, кто видѣлъ Портретъ.
Здравіе и слава Мери, мой дорогой-любимый Братъ,
мой дорогой, хороній Свѣтленокъ! Передай, пожа-
луйста, мою любовь и почитаніе Николаю Константи-
новичу и влеченію Ивановни. Родителямъ и моему Мери
сердечной правоты и поздравленіе. Пощлуй
отъ меня дорогаго Брата Юшанку. Крѣпко,
крѣпко обнимаю и целую Мери, мой родной
Свѣтленокъ, и остаюся всегда Твой любящій Братъ

Игорь.

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Paris XV ⁵⁵

21^{re} Mars 1939.

Дорогой Брат Святослав,

Мне хотелось написать Тебе, мой любимый
Святослав, несколько строк, чтобы сообщить
Тебе более точно о Портрете, который на удивле-
ние теперь окончательное место. Твое великодушное
произведение помещено, в силу Декрета Пре-
зидента Республики, в Musée National du
Jeu-de-Paume (Musée des Beaux Arts Étrangères),
Place de la Concorde. Это, как Ты знаешь,
Иностранное Отделение Musée de Luxembourg.

Портрет занимает одну отдельную про-
ставку в большой зале 1^{re} этажа (rez-
de-chaussée), по правую руку от входа.

Портрет отлично освещен. Под ним
прикреплена доска из позолоченного
дерева с надписью: "Sviatoslav de Roerich.
Portrait de Nicolas de Roerich".

Трешо поразительно, дорогой Святослав, какое
художественное впечатление производит Портрет
в музейной обстановке, на этом почетном

любить, которое он занимается! Как я пи-
сам Николаю Константиновичу, честь и
слава Медю, мой дорогой Брат!

Печальны обстоятельство нашего времени
заставляют меня прибавить, что прикаты
мира и к спасению Торарета, как и другие
картены, в случае внезапной опасности:
я вижу лица, который предназначены
для эвакуации Торарета в горный пещеро
Оверни, где заложены удобства для
всех главных государственных учреждений.

Будь добры, родной Святислава, передать
Николаю Константиновичу и семье Ивакович
здравья моего глубокого пожелания. Поцелуй
от меня дорогого Брата Юрика. Родители
и Медю сердечный приветы.

Крышко и Медю и остаются всегда
Твой горячо Медю любящий Брат Морис.

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Paris XV³ 56

April 14th 1958

My Dear Friend,

Since my last letter to you, at Christmas, many new developments have taken place in the life of the Nations of the World, as well as in our particular lives. In the first instance, I wish to mention that I have received several letters from dear George, who seems to be quite happy in his new surroundings and works most successfully in his scientific field. As you may imagine, it would give me an immense pleasure to avail myself of George's invitation and to go to Moscow this summer. The only question arising is that of my health. I must still be very careful (as regards the state of my kidneys), and after a year of intense labours, I require, says the D^r, a long rest during the summer vacation. Still I hope that the journey may be arranged. In June Mrs. Fosdick is coming here. I will be glad to see her - if I am not in Russia at that time. A few days ago Mr. Barnett D. Conlan paid me a visit; I asked him to write an article on the Roerich Pact. I will forward that article to George, and it will be published in one of the Moscow papers, in connection with the exhibition of paintings of your Father which is to be held there. From Asuncion (Paraguay) I have received, from Dr. Alexander Asejev, a book dedicated to the great Memory of your Mother. Among the articles included in that book there is also a contribution by myself. Perhaps you have the book already? Unfortunately, some of the authors have uttered remarks in favour of American materialism and capitalism which, in truth, disfigure the book. However, one of these correspondents (from New York) has mentioned that it cannot be otherwise over there, in view of U.S.A. censorship and police control. Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Roerich, and believe me, Dear Friend, Yours very sincerely George Chikover
I hope to hear from you soon!

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December 22nd 1958

My dear Svetoslav,

Thank you and Mrs. Roerich for your greetings received today. I am sending you both my heartfelt wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. I was glad to hear about you from Mrs. Fosdick and also from Dr. Baldoon Dhingra whom you will probably see in India soon. Please find enclosed Mr. Barnett D. Conlaw's article on the Roerich Pact. It is to be conveyed to George, in Moscow. Political circumstances here have taken (unfortunately) such a turn that it is not possible for me to communicate directly with Russia. Therefore, I beg that you kindly transmit to your Brother my cordial greetings, and ask him to write to me through your intermediary. We are living here very strenuous days. Only six months ago no one could foresee the advent of such a regime. You can understand my feelings. On the other hand, my health is not satisfactory at all, and I am very much worried in that respect. With kind regards to Mrs. Roerich I am, my dear Svetoslav, affectionately yours George Christian

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Paris XV

March 30th 1959 58

My dear Friend,

May I have recourse to your kindness to ask you to forward the enclosed letter to George? The fact is - Mrs. Fosdick has perhaps informed you about it - that the political situation here has unfortunately changed so drastically, that it becomes difficult for me to write directly to Moscow, especially as I am well-known and occupy a position which attracts attention to my otherwise very modest person. Then my health has been very unsatisfactory during the whole winter (a bronchitis with complications), and in my present state of depression, additional persecutions on the part of the authorities would be particularly painful. Please convey my best regards to Mrs. Noerich, and believe me always,
Dear Friend, affectionately yours George

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Paris 15^e 58

October 16th 1964

My dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your letters of October 5th and 12th. I am happy to learn about the new honours bestowed upon our dear Svetoslav, in India and in Russia. He is, indeed, the great Maintainer of the Roerich Banner ^{flying} ~~floating~~ over the World. I would like to get the text of his broadcast, because, unfortunately, it has not been possible to hear it here. I am writing these lines in haste to send you a copy of our Message, at the meeting of "Friends of Roerich" in Paris on October 9th. For the moment I am not quite well, having caught a throat-sore, and must keep home. I will get in touch with Mr. Chagla and Shri B.R. Bowry, and invite them, may be together with Mr. Barnett D. Conlan. From Mrs. Sina Fosdick I have received an announcement concerning the Nicholas Roerich Exhibition of Paintings in New York. It will be a great pleasure for me to receive the books which will be published in India on the occasion of the Anniversary. I am very grateful for the inclusion of my name in the list of Professor Roerich's collaborators on the Pact. Excuse me please for not writing longer, but my health is just now not quite satisfactory. With best wishes, I am always
Love Your faithful and affectionate friend George

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October 30th 1964

My dear Friends,

I am in receipt of your letter of October 21st, including the text of dear Svetoslav's broadcast. It is a splendid dis-course giving a complete picture of Professor Nicholas Roerich's majestic personality, and also showing the great part played in his creative activities by Elena Ivanovna. We should all be grateful to Svetoslav for this magnificent contribution to the "Science of Roerich".

As regards Mr. Chagla, I have phoned to his hotel and left a message there, then I wrote him asking him respectfully to kindly let me know when and where I could meet him, but up to now I have had no reply. Yet, I would like very much to see him, and eventually to invite him. I got his address through the courtesy of the Indian Embassy in Paris.

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My health is somewhat better, but I am still coughing ^(and feel very tired!). Thank you so much for your kind words and also for your suggestion about tea. Do you think it possible to send here a small package of your flower tea? I do not think one can get it (the genuine one) in Paris.

The dismissal of "K" produced a big upheaval here, but I believe that he committed many errors, especially in the economic field, in agriculture, etc. However, the way in which he was thrown out is indeed disgraceful. It can only harm the reputation of the country abroad. They pretend that "the Party" cannot err, and yet, after every change, they declare that for years there has been nothing but faults and crimes. I am greatly disappointed with all that.

I have received from Mrs. Sina Fosdick a card announcing the exhibition at the Roerich Museum in New York. With best wishes and all my love,
I am always Yours affectionately George

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Paris 15^e

November 17th 1964

My Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your letter of November 2nd and all the news about the celebrations in India. It is particularly moving to know that there has been also a ceremony at the Stupa of Madame Roerich. I have received a few days ago the Monograph published in New York by Sina Foslück. She has written me, in reply to my acknowledgement. Now I expect the nice booklet which you intend to publish with the photographs, messages, etc. You are really accomplishing a great work!

On the 3rd of November (Monday) I was invited at the Swedish Embassy to a reception in honour of Prince Bertil, the younger son of King Gustav-Adolph. There I met some members of the Indian Embassy who explained to me that Mr. Chagla, the Minister of Education, had come to Paris only for several days to attend the UNESCO sittings, and that, consequently, when he got my letter, he was on the eve of his departure: that is why I did not get a reply to my message. I also met Mr. Dhingra (quite by chance, on the Champs-Élysées) - and Mrs. Dhingra who is always very nice - but as to Mr. Dhingra, he is constantly on travel and it is difficult to, so to say, take hold of him.

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Yesterday, November 16th, was a happy day for me: I received through your kindness, V.P. Kniazeva's book on Professor Roerich. The value of that precious gift was enhanced by my dear friend Svetoslav's autograph dedication. I thank him, in particular, for that. It was a pleasure - a most rare one - to see the photographs, some of which I remember having admired more than forty five ^(years) ago, for example, the Talashkino Church. I feel thankful also for the mention of my name in connection with the Roerich Pact. It reminds me of the Bruges Conferences of 1931 and 1932, and all the work done then with Baron Michel Taube, Prof. de Geouffre de La Pradelle, Judge Alejandro Alvarez (of the Hague Court) and so many others who are all dead now - alas! There is a remarkable collection of reproductions in the book, a complete bibliography and very apt references to the merits of dear Svetoslav and of our lamented dear George. In writing her text, V.P. Kniazeva had, of course, to reckon with the régime over there. Yet, she has managed to give a most comprehensive picture of the achievements of the Roerich Family. One must always bear in mind that, even after the recent changes, there is no freedom of expression in Russia: such is the time!

With all my thanks and best wishes, I am always
Yours affectionately George

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General de Gaulle broadcasted an admirable speech and took energetic measures which changed entirely the situation. Then we had elections which returned a large majority for the General's party and this order was restored. Nevertheless, France suffered terrible losses. Several quarters in Paris are devastated, and the whole country is ruined, so that it will take about two years to heal its wounds and to re-establish the economic situation. We have been also upset by the killing of Robert Kennedy. Troubles continue in the Middle East, in Nigeria, in Vietnam; the whole world is in an upheaval. I hope that the new medicine mentioned in your letter will bring you complete recovery. I am mailing my present letter to your permanent address at Bangalore, and not to Naggar, as you say that you will be back home by the middle of July. I have not read as yet Jane Dixon's book about U.S.A., but I will try to get it. However, I have received many books dealing with the world events. My very dear Friends, I hope to hear from you soon and I embrace you. Yours affectionately George

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July 18th 1968

My very dear Friends,

I am in receipt of Devika Ranis' letter for which I am most thankful - it has recomforted me so much when it reached me in hospital, where I have had to stay for sixteen days in consequence of an aggravation of the anaemia. Thank you also for your precious advice as to food and other devices against that malady. Now I feel better, but I have to continue the treatment (transfusions of red globulae), so that I have to stay here, in proximity of the hospital. It is all very trying indeed...

As you know, we have had dramatic weeks, with barricades in the streets and a general strike which paralysed the country. In truth, there was no real reasons for that revolt, and it was managed by communist and anarchist groups disposing of large financial means ^[from abroad] and of plenty of armaments. France was on the verge of civil war when, at the most critical moment,

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September 16th 1968

My very Dear Friends,

I am just in receipt of your letter of Sept. 11th for which I thank you heartily. In due time I got also your letter of July 22nd. In the second half of August I have spent a few days in the country, being invited by a colleague, a Professor who owns a nice estate in the Dept^t of Nièvre, on the Loire river.

The weather was good, so that I could make some walks in the fields and woods. However, the anaemia is still there, and I must have a transfusion every week.

I am very happy to learn that dear Svetoslav has begun a new series of paintings and that an exhibition is in view. If you can send me some reproductions, I will be very thankful indeed.

I do hope that Devika's ear-troubles are now gone. I wish to express my deep gratitude to her for her suggestions concerning food, etc., in connection with my ailments. I am following her advice, of course.

We have here the renewal of one third of the Senate,

and the Government offered me to become a Senator. I declined, of course, that offer, because of the state of my health, but accepted to what is called "Grand Electeur" for Paris, that is a delegate for the election of the Senator for the capital. The election will take place on the 22nd of September.

We have been greatly shocked by the occupation of Czechoslovakia which has created in the center of Europe a new tension, whereas there are already so many conflicts all over the world, in Vietnam, in the Near East, the Middle East, in Nigeria-Biafra, and so on. I think that India is having also its share

of troubles with the partition of Assam and other difficulties. How happy I feel when I can just look at your paintings which remind me of better times. It is now fifty years since the days when we were all three skiing in the snows of Finland!

I have conveyed your greetings to Mr. Conlan. He asks me to remember him to you. I am sending you my best thoughts and my heartfelt wishes for your success and happiness, and I am always

Your devoted and affectionate friend

George

