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CHITTOOR DISTRICT,
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Till June 12:
"Niton," KOTAGIRI, Nilgiris,
May 12, 1935.

Dear Mr Saibayev,

I am happy to have your two letters. Of course I remember you and your short visit to Adyar. Every time I see anything connected with the work in Kulu Valley I think of you, and your faithful and efficient service to the great artist-rishi and his comrade and fellow-workers.

The development of the Peace Pact and Banner makes me very happy. Mr Horch has sent me a copy of the latest book of transactions. This I keep for personal use, but if you will kindly send one addressed: The Librarian, Madanapalle College, MADANAPALLE, Madras Presidency, it will do good work among the staff and students. Our Banner of Peace was specially displayed at the Royal Jubilee celebrations. I explain its meaning frequently to our general assembly, especially when visitors come.

A full report of the recent Washington event has been in the press. I am sorry I have not here with me a copy of my letter to "The Hindu." I thought the date was on the cutting I sent you. Instead of ordering copies of the paper (for which they charge exorbitant price for back numbers) my letter, if you think it worth using, could be simply typed or roneed.

I shall look forward to seeing announcements of Professor Roerich and party's safe return from his epic expedition into the Gobi Desert. Surely he is making history, and must be drawing much spiritual power into the world. Many a time I wish I could duplicate or triplicate myself and go up to Naggur to be of help in the great work. I think the day of the artist as leader is opening. Imagination must supplant mere calculation in human affairs.

Professor Ernest Wood is at Ootacamund, where he and Mrs Wood have a picturesque home. He will be very happy to have your kind references to him which I am sending on. I shall see him later. Just now I am packing to go to Trivandrum to start a State gallery of art. I hope one Roerich painting at least may be included in it later on.

With best wishes to you, and cordial salutations to Miss Lichtmann if she is there, from Mrs Cousins and me,

Yours very sincerely,

James H. Cousins

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"Ingledene,"

TRIVANDRUM, Travancore,

December 1, 1937.

Dear Mr Shibayev,

Please do not trouble about a casual reference. There is always the possibility of getting English twisted in India. Perhaps I should not have mentioned so trifling a matter.

But on the general question of a representative for Professor Roerich's work in this State, I would ask you not to enter into any agreement with any one without giving me an opportunity to advise you in the matter.

The eminence and significance of Professor Roerich's work not only as a painter but as a revealer of spiritual reality requires agencies that both understand what he stands for and win local respect. When the paintings that the State has now been able to acquire find their location for public view, it may be a fitting occasion for some organized effort to make Professor Roerich's message more fully known. Then we can consider possibilities about founding a Roerich Centre.

Of course I knew you did not use the actual words used by the young man, and I included him with a group of visitors to whom I was speaking about the paintings.

I hope some day to have the happiness of visiting your Himalayan centre and renewing friendship for which I treasure a pleasant memory from the past.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Cousins