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May 20, 1931

Mr. Louis L. Horch
Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Horch:

I have your letter of May 18th with reference to the re-entry permit of Professor Roerich.

Reentry permits are renewable on an application sworn to before an American Consul. The application, together with the permit, is then sent to the Secretary of Labor, who notes the extension on the permit and returns it to the holder in care of the American Consul.

I do not know how near Professor Roerich is to an American Consul. If it is possible for him to execute an application before an American Consul so that the permit can be sent here for proper extension, that is the proper thing to do. Otherwise, please let me know and I will have a special record made of the facts in his case before the State Department here so that when he applies for a non-quota visa as a returning resident the Department will have on file facts upon which to write a rather persuasive communication to the consul in the event that such visa is not immediately forthcoming when it is needed.

I judge from the quotation in your letter that Professor Roerich had this permit extended before he finally went to India, as, if I recall correctly, he left sometime in the spring or summer and the quotation indicates that the permit is valid until September 1st. Permits are issued for one year, with provision for extensions of six months each.

Please convey to Professor Roerich my kindest regards

Sincerely yours

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August 18, 1931

Mr. Louis L. Horch
The Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Horch:

As I said to you over the telephone regarding the value of a statement of message from the President on the Banner of Peace, the least we could do would be to try, and the least we could accomplish would be a declination. After taking it up with Mr. Newton, he came to the conclusion that it would be improper at this time for the President to make any statement. Of course you and I can realize, while we know the merit of the cause, that while the President is doing so much toward the end of world peace, there might be some impropriety in approving a plan which admits war and devastation.

I am wondering if a message from Senator Borah would be helpful, and if you think it would, and will send me a letter addressed to him, I will present it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours ,

Arthur E. Cook.

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Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1933

Mr. Louis L. Horch, President,
Roerich Museum,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Horch:

In accordance with your telephone request and letter, I submitted to the Commissioner General of Immigration, Mr. S. Roerich's application for extension of return permit. As I have previously explained the law specifically limits any extension to six months, and upon payment of three dollars each.

I am glad to advise that the regulation requiring an applicant to appear before an American Consul has been waived, and the permit will be mailed directly to Mr. Roerich.

I am glad to have opportunity to render this service. I hope I shall later have an opportunity of attending one of the meetings in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur E. Cook

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December 19, 1933.

Mr. Louis L. Horch,
310 Riverside Drive,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Horch:

I have your letter with enclosure of one from Miss Mary Judge. It certainly is true that there is no wrath like the wrath of a woman, and Miss Judge has taken a decided dislike to Miss Grant. After receipt of Miss Grant's letter I asked her to stop into the office (across the street) and I read her a part of the letter. What she wrote to you about Miss Grant expressed only a part of what she said to me. I thought I had conveyed to her the fact that Miss Grant was an exceedingly busy woman during the convention, and if there was any apparent lack of courtesy it was unintentional. She also said that she had the highest regard for the other members of the organization, particularly expressing that Mr. Horch was not only a gentleman, but the essence of courtesy and she wished she had been able to have had all her contact with you.

So far as the bill was concerned she quoted the standard rates to me, viz 25¢ per folio for original and 10¢ for carbon and said her agreement with Miss Grant was for 25¢ and 5¢ respectively, which was almost \$25. less than the standard rate. I told her that I understood this (I have frequently had to pay for reporting) and that I had so stated to you; that I was not in position to pass upon the agreement she had with Miss Grant, nor to dictate what she should charge, although I did know that sometimes special lower contract rates were arranged for conventions. I also mentioned that I believed the Convention was more costly than was expected, and that the funds of the Museum, which were not as ample as they had at one time been, were subject to heavy drain, and I hoped that she would overlook any personal feelings she might have and take into account that we were an Organization for humanitarian purposes, trying to get along on a very limited budget. She said she would go over the matter; that if she were dealing with Mr. Horch she would be inclined to make some concessions by way of contribution to the cause, but she couldn't countenance any reflection upon the character of her work, and if any reduction might be received by Miss Grant as an admission that her work was unsatisfactory the bill would have to stand, even if it was never paid.

Reference has been made to a speech by a Dr. Doyle. At the time of my interview with Miss Judge I asked her about it and she said that the speech referred to was transcribed from her stenographic notes. It was at the time the broadcasting arrangements were being made, and you announced the speaker, and then found he was not on the platform. You then asked if he was in the room, and the gentleman came forward and spoke. She understood the name as Dr. Doyle, but she may have been mistaken because of the confusion by the arrangements being made next to her table by the radio men and their discussion with Miss Grant. If the gentleman's name was not correctly reported she is sorry, but you will no doubt be able to correct it.

It is customary in all reporting to omit stenographic record of all prepared material which is read. She states she reported all opening statements,

and all leads well into read speeches. Miss Judge states also, that if she had not followed this customary practice it would have been impossible for her to have done the several errands of Miss Grant which required her to leave the room. These errands she said were done only when speeches were being read.

The whole matter is unfortunate. One thing which must be borne in mind is that outside of the two days of the convention, there was more than forty-eight thousand words to be written, and a public stenographer has to provide her own office and equipment, which is unnecessary for a private stenographer.

I think that Miss Judge would be perfectly willing to leave the matter of what is fair compensation to you, Mr. Horch, and since she has a chip on her shoulder with reference to Miss Grant, even though not justified, it would be well for you to write her directly stating that the convention was more costly than expected, the funds limited, and the amount of her bill more than had been anticipated; that you were desirous of paying all bills promptly, and would do so if it were reduced to One Hundred Dollars, but that unfortunately, particularly since it had been disputed (which you regret) by the Officer contracting for the services, unless it were reduced it would have to await settlement until undisputed bills had been paid.

Particularly if you express regret that there had been any misunderstanding between her and Miss Grant, I think the desired result would be reached. I think you will agree that Fifty dollars for a reporter who has to maintain an office, telephone, and furnish all supplies, including binding, is too small to offer as compensation for approximately a week's work.

I am only reporting the incidents, and please do not understand that I in any way concur in the report so far as it relates to Miss Grant. She deserves a lot of credit for the admirable work she did for the convention.

I am leaving Thursday morning, with my family, for Florida to spend Christmas. Will be back New Years. Therefore let me extend to you ~~and~~ and all my friends of Roerich the seasons heartiest greetings.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur E. Cook.