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My very dear Friend:

Your letter of the twenty-fifth of June, as usual, was such a joy to receive!! The news about the activity of the Bruges Conference was most welcome to us and we are spreading the news of this noble plan with great enthusiasm, circularizing among many clubs, societies and numerous friends of ours, setting forth this idea and inviting their participation as members in it. Should you decide on the date of the conference as September 13th kindly let us know about it and also the number of days the conference will last.

I am also very much interested in the International Conference of Ethnography which will take place from December 20th to 27th. It is truly remarkable, my dear Friend, what an active part you take in this very important organization as well as many others of which you are truly a vital spirit.

We are very glad to hear that Dr. Chklaver will speak at the Bruges Conference on the idea of the Roerich Peace Pact and Banner. Indeed he is most excellently equipped to do that in the most representative way.

I feel as confident as you, my dear Friend, that many of those questions which you are contemplating to take up with my sister, Miss Lichtmann, upon her arrival in Paris will be solved in the most satisfactory way.

I can very well understand how very busy the French Association in Paris, which is really the European nerve of the Roerich Museum, will be at the time of the Bruges Conference, but we know that its President, you, my dear Friend, as a great general, will conduct all its forces in a most benevolent and inspiring way, since we know that your spirit and soul are striving ever in the cause of culture.

With regard to the Woman's Unity, of course, my dear Friend, I did not think that you should be specially devoting your time to that, but merely wanted you to be acquainted with this noble movement by sending you pamphlets of this Society.

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How true is that which you write about the Banner of Peace - that this great idea created by our noble Master, Professor de Roerich, is much needed at the moment with the turmoil and unrest of Europe, and it is true that we must not only double but treble our forces in order to further it.

Immediately upon reading that which you wrote about Mr. Geuthner and the Yale Press I wrote to Mr. Donaldson of the Yale Press asking him to do all he could to expedite the matter of getting in touch with Mr. Geuthner so as not to delay the French edition of Dr. George Roerich's book. Should I hear from him I will immediately communicate with you.

That which you write about your vacation is so very true as I find myself in the very same condition. The work has been simply tremendous, and instead of getting less active towards the summer we find ourselves getting more busy. Therefore instead of going away this summer we are all staying here in New York. Maybe I shall be able to go away for about a week or ten days with Miss Grant later on, but even that is doubtful. Therefore, I fully understand, my dear Friend, your inability to take a well-deserved rest for yourself. But then, I know that with such unswerving devotion to the cause of Culture and the Enlightenment of Humanity your rest will come in perhaps a different way than one may anticipate. I deeply appreciate all that you write about yourself personally, as I feel that the bonds of friendship between us are growing closer and closer.

Miss Grant will be very happy to place the Conference of Mr. Marc Chesneau in French into one of the next bulletins of the Roerich Museum if you will send it to her. I have told her what you have written to me in your letter about it and she indeed feels that she will be glad to do all she can to put into the Bulletins any activities of the French Association, as well as your own.

With my love and best greetings to you, as well as to Dr. Georges Chklaver and his dear parents and all our dear mutual friends in Paris, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

P.S. My dear, just as I was on the verge of sending you this letter I received a letter from Mr. Donaldson in answer to my urgent letter to him saying that in view of our request, although it is most unusual, they have decided to send the original photographs to Paris to Mr. Geuthner in order not to delay in any way the issue of the French publication. It gave me such joy that I immediately wired you about it and now I feel confident that nothing will stand in the way of this publication, so important to us, appearing on time.