

New York City  
April 21, 1936

Dear Spencer,

I am enclosing herewith two letters to the editor of the New York Herald Tribune written by two men whose integrity is of the highest spiritual quality and whose words are the words of honest people, for they know what Justice and Truth are.

I am one of those very privileged ones who were given an opportunity to help Prof. and Mme. Roerich to bring into life on the soil of America their noble ideals of Peace and Culture. For sixteen years I have witnessed and participated in this great pan-human work of my Guru and Tara, and I can testify that both of them have brought not only their lofty ideals, but the results of their creative work to this country. They have sacrificed their health, their creative works, their money, everything they had, - their thoughts, their hearts and souls to this country, so that this nation first, and the entire world may benefit from the fruit of their labors.

For sixteen years I have learned what true sacrifice is from my Guru and Tara, and now to witness their crucifixion as well as the crucifixion of their ideals is the same tragedy the disciples of Jesus witnessed when their Master was crowned by the crown of thorns. To see the great and noble hearts of my Guru and Tara bleed from the same human injustice and persecution makes death the sweetest hope on earth. We know and understand that nails driven through the feet and hands of the human body cannot kill ideals. But, as we wear human bodies, so we react to human sufferings, and my heart is full of anguish and sorrow for the injustice inflicted upon my Beloved Guru and Tara by Mr. and Mrs. Horch and my sister Esther, who have received from them in the fullest measure the greatest spiritual treasures any human soul can receive. For thirteen years, since these three have approached our work, Prof. and Mme. Roerich have given them most generously all the love and devotion of their hearts. If there is such a thing as gratitude, Mr. and Mrs. Horch and my sister should have manifested it in regard to my Guru and Tara, for it is impossible to describe in human words the beauty, joy, knowledge, position, - even health, which they have received from the loving hearts of their Spiritual Parents, as they called our Guru and Tara all these years.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which Mrs. Light-

mann, Miss Grant and myself have sent to a friend of the Museum. This letter contains data which will be of interest to you to read, and I send you this data because I, too, always considered you my friend, and as such I want you to know the truth.

I was glad to hear of your little son David, and send him my blessings.

As ever,

Your friend,

*Maurice*