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My dear Mrs. Lichtmann,

Several months ago I proposed to Dr. Roerich that due to the various delays and unsettled conditions in India, that I organize a temporary abode for the Biochemical Laboratory of the Institute near Grenoble in France.

In this plan, communicated to Dr. Roerich in great detail, I proposed to rent a suitable building and convert it into a laboratory at my own expense. I expressed the willingness to pay the rent until a suitable building should be built in Kulu. On the other hand the Institute was to purchase all the movable equipment, which would ultimately be installed in Kulu, and meet the running expenses of the laboratory.

In his letter of Nov. 17-th Dr. Roerich writes (translation from Russian):

"Your plans concerning a laboratory in the French Alps have our entire sympathy. The region of Grenoble is eminently suited for it: French botanists have already for several years successfully cultivated certain Himalayan plants on the southern

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slopes^e of the mountains. I thank you for the desire to help us to establish the laboratory in France".

In his letter of Jan. 14-th 1931 he writes:

"In that letter I wrote you about your plan for work in the French Alps. In principle we agree with your proposals and are thanking you for the readiness to help us in the establishment of the laboratory. I have communicated your proposals to the Council of the Institute in New York and I am waiting their answer".

At present I am pressed by Harvard authorities to give my consent to an appointment in the Department of Biochemical Sciences. I cannot expect an answer from Dr. Roerich for about two months. It would therefore be of great assistance if some intimation of the plans of the Council in this matter could be send directly to me.

Not knowing the Chairman nor the official name of the Council of the Institute I take the liberty of addressing you.

I remain, sincerely yours

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February 16 1931.

My dear Mrs. Lichtmann,

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 12-th

I am anxious to know the date of the meeting of the
of the Board of Trustees to which you refer, so I may
know how long my answer to Harvard must be delayed.

As my duties at the University detain
me during term time it will be impossible for me to
get away to New York unless I could manage to do so
the Spring vacation or in June.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

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September 29, 1931

My dear Mrs. Lichtmann:

I thank you for your letter of September 24th. Would you be kind enough to let me know the latest date on which I could post my article here, so that it may reach Dr. Roerich in time for publication.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Vladimir Pertzoff

October 3, 1931

My dear Dr. Pertzoff:

We have just received a letter from Dr. Georges de Roerich, who writes that the second issue of the Urusvati Journal is scheduled for February 1932, and will be printed in India. Therefore we hasten to suggest that you send your article to Dr. de Roerich without delay, as it still will reach him in ample time.

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Sina Lichtmann
Vice-President