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To  
Roerich Academy of Arts  
Mister Endley Fosdien, Chairman

200 West 57th Street  
New York 19, N. Y.

28 May 1946

Dear Mr. Fosdien,

In reply to your letter of 12 February I should like to inform you that, in compliance with the locale military authorities, the preliminary steps for the foundation of the League of Culture and the Institute of Modern Scientific Research have been begun. The instructions, literature and authorizations you have promised, have not yet arrived.

As you know, the last mail which we received from you was in the beginning of the forties in Riga. Since that time I have no information about the development of our movement, of our idea of the Banner of Peace, in the outside world. I also do not know the results of the trial of the former President Horch. I do not imagine anything good because I got back a letter I had sent to the old address of Professor Roerich. It is the first letter which was returned to me. I have also sent letters to Ester Lichtmann, Wladimir Schibayjew and Georg Grebenschtschikow but unfortunately without any success. I must therefore beg you to inform me exactly as to whom I should and should not write. I should also appreciate it, if you would tell me the addresses of our associates in Paris, Swiss and London, as well as our chief branches in the rest of the world. I need these for some private business. As a Displaced Person of the Baltic States I plan to move but in order to do that, I need to know the addresses of persons-friends of our movement. At present I am managing a Construction Company and employ Displaced Persons of Allied Nations. I would like to move the whole business because I have expert workers in all branches of construction. If you would give me in respect to this some good advice, I should be very pleased.

In reply to your letter I additionally sent to you a cable asking for statutes for an establishment of a local branch of the New York Center, because in this way we could develop a better activity. In spite of that, several personalities, in compliance with local American authorities, are trying to create here an independent association, according to your instructions. But it is to be foreseen that the activity of such an institution would not be as successful as if it would be of a branch of the New York Center.

In accordance with our former statutes you certainly know who can be the head of such an organization. I won't assert that I am here the best person. Later on the most suitable person could be elected among the members. Prior to the war I have paid a sum to our organization in Riga for the purpose of being transferred to New York as share of membership. But due to war conditions I could no more receive the member's card. Now I submit herewith all my personal data and ask you to fix at the Center in New York the membership for me.

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Dr. engineer Alexei Rencs, born 8 August 1906, 1130 hours, at Riga, Latvian; Latvian citizenship, now stateless, DP No 118323/La; American Occupational Zone Upper Austria; residing at Linz/Donau, Pestalozzi Street 44; former Address: Riga/Latvia, Miera iela 19/26. Member of the Roerich Association at Riga since 1930 until its dissolution in 1940. I belonged to the eldest group of Dr. Felix Lukin and A. Klisowsky.

I hope these data will be sufficient to fix everything for me at the Center.

Now I am asking you, if possible, to inform me if there is any possibility of getting literature of the Living Ethics in German language? I should be pleased if you would give me some instructions in respect to necessary translations. I have here the possibility to translate our literature into German. It is already done, but as there are many books missing, it is not complete.

For your information I tell you that I have sent to Professor Roerich a cable to India, informing him that the foundation of our institute took place on 24 March 1946, 1200 hours. On the same day the foundation stone of the institute was laid.

I should appreciate it very much if you would purchase for me the Effemerides of the years 1850-200 and transmit them to me. Somehow I would settle the account with you later on.

Would you tell me the address of Mr. Wladimir Schibajews? I corresponded with him from Riga when he still was in India. I know that he left India but I have no idea if he returned, and of his whereabouts for the time being. I should be pleased if among our members there would be persons interested in commercial business. As I have already some success in this direction and dispose of concerning materials, I could help them in the establishing of business connections.

I have sent to you at least twenty letters, of different contents and to several persons, but without any success. I hope that this letter will have more luck and reach you. Many heavy clouds are covering the sky of my life, particularly in the last time I have to meet with a lot of difficulties and troubles not only my concurrents and authorities, but also from individuals who all seem to be against me. But I can assure you that I never will leave my positions, whatever may happen. I know what a task I have to fulfil and before I will leave this country, I will do all my possible to arrange everything in a way to justify the trust I have from you as well as from Professor Roerich and his wife.

I am proud to be a personal scholar of the late Dr. Felix Lukin, and following his teachings, I will bend but before the Almighty.

I am closing my letter with the best wishes to you and all our members to keep an inflexible courage in the struggle against culturelessness and all dark might.

As soon as I shall receive an answer of this letter, I will give to you more recent and detailed information.

With kind regards from me and the new candidates of our institute,

Note: For your information, for any case, my telephone number LINZ/DONAU 2 48 65; Cable address: ALRENCS, LINZ/AUSTRIA. Please send me your cable address.

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
Managing director  
(Dr. engr. Al. Rencs)



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General Mark Clark  
Headquarters  
United States Forces in Austria

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V i e n n a

17 May 1946

Sir,

Due to the instruction of the Roerich Academy of Arts in New York, I, as an old member of the Roerich Union Branch at Riga, am trusted to build up a branch of this union in Austria, and to create a League of Culture.

In Austria, any union of such a kind did not exist as yet because all our efforts were frustrated on behalf of Austria's occupation in 1938.

The enclosed writing shows that these efforts should be taken up again. According to our statutes the head may be but an active member. Since in Austria no unions of this kind existed hitherto, there are no active members present. Therefore, as an active member of our institution in New York, I am authorized to lead this branch in case of its foundation, as long as an Austrian should be nominated.

Being a DP (No. 118323 La. Latvian citizenship), now stateless, as you may know, I am hindered in my motion and activities as well as in my rights. At any rate I am referred to the Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, particularly to your honorable personality.

I am kindly asking now in the name of the American nations and the Roerich Institute, for your aid, in the way of granting me a general recommendation for the authorities of the Military and Civil Governments.

According to former instructions, our Publishing Company for Europe as well as a Scientifical Researching Institute should have been created in 1937. I am a construction and am in possession of a bank account which for me like for other DP's, for the time being is frozen. Without your permission I am not able to get the money for the construction of the planned institution and the financing of the Publishing Company. I don't see any possibility of creating the named institution without my financial support. I ask for your help also in this case, if possible. I would appreciate it very much if I would be granted a personal interview, and to give you a report of the planned job.

Awaiting your favorable reply,

I remain  
Yours truly,

Managing director  
(Dr. engr. Al. Rencs)

Remarks: As former Chief of the Latvian Committee as well as manager of my own construction firm I am already screened by C.I.C. and without any objections admitted for works in public.



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Military Government

Linz / Donau

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Inclosed herewith for your information a letter from the Roerich Academy of Arts in New York, U.S., as well as copies of my letters to General Clark and 1st Lt. Miller, DP Officer at Linz.

I am asking for your support for carrying out the tasks I am trusted with, particularly should I appreciate if the here stationed American troops would be informed about the planned foundation of the League of Culture.

I am sure that among the troops there are old members of our union and would not refuse to assist at the carrying out of this task.

Yours very truly,

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Attention: 1st Lt. Miller, DP Officer

Inclosed herewith your information a photo-copy of a letter of the Roerich Academy of Arts in New York, as well as a copy of my letter to General Clark. These letters will show you that it is the matter of serious and undelayable problems for the carrying out of which I will be in need of your help.

I am asking you therefore not to refuse your support in case of need

Yours truly

Managing director  
(Dr. engr. Al. Rencs)

Abschrift an:  
General M. Clark,  
Colonel Snook