

(TRUE COPY)

ISTITUTO ITALIANO
PERIAL
MEDIO ED ESTREMO ORIENTE

IN YOUR REPLY, PLEASE
QUOTE N. 3553

ROMA
VIA MERULANA, 248 (Palazzo
Branaccio
TELEF. 44.631

IL PRESIDENTE

Rome, 24 SET 1955

Dear Dr. Rigdzin,

I am very glad to learn that you would be willing to come to Italy for collaborating with us in the field of my Tibetan studies. The work you would be requested to carry out concerns the filling of my Tibetan Library, the revision of the story of dPa'o gtsug, that is almost ready to be printed, and other activities of the same kind. Meanwhile, you will possibly be appointed as a teacher of Tibetan language in our Institute.

Your monthly salary will amount to 60.000 Italian liras, that correspond more or less to Rs. 500, and that are more than enough to face living expenses. The Institute will provide to find you a good accommodation, that will cost not more than 40.000 liras monthly. With this sum - and even less - all my foreign collaborators can have convenient board and lodging. As to the travel expenses, they will completely be at charge of our Institute, including the railway tickets.

I can assure you that ISMEO will be happy to welcome you and give you all possible assistance.

Hoping to receive a kindly quick reply from you and the authorities of Visva-Bharati (to whom I am writing a separate letter), I am sending you my best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Sà/-Giuseppe Tucci

Dr. Ohhimes Rigdzin Lama,
Dorji Lopen,
Head of the Dept. of Tibetan,
Sereu Palli, Lama Kuthi,
Visva-Bharati (P.O. Santiniketan, Dt. Birbhum)
India)

2

si richiede urgentemente conferma della
sua accettazione per il posto di
collaboratore (LAMA) si ripetono le
condizioni, già comunicate tramite

Prof. Roerich Rome
Shri RIGDZIN LHUNDUB Lama
c/o Nalanda Pali Institute
P.O. Nalanda
PATNA, India

51 ⁰² / 13/18
23 DIC. 1955

My dear Lama,

I have come back to Europe since a few days, and have immediately taken up my correspondence of an urgent character. I am therefore answering Prof. Roerich's kind letters concerning the appointment of a Lama in the capacity of collaborator of our Institute; Prof. Roerich has communicated to me that you are willing to come to Rome, and so I am writing you directly to assure you that for my part I would be glad to avail myself of your distinguished services.

According to the conditions we have been offering, although I am sure Prof. Roerich has acquainted you with them, I shall repeat here that you would receive a monthly salary of Italian Lire 60.000 monthly, corresponding to about 500 RS. We are also paying your voyage to Italy and back, at the end of the convened term.

Will you please kindly answer immediately, confirming your agreement, so that we do not contact any other person, considering the urgency of starting work without loss of time. I have been fully acquainted with your studies and qualifications, and trust we may indeed enjoy a fruitful and satisfactory cooperation. Awaiting your kind reply, I remain, with best wishes and regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Giuseppe Tucci)

President
Italian Institute for the
Middle and Far East

Signora Deangelis