

June 1, 1940

Mr. E. Ansevics
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Riga, Latvia

My dear Mr. Ansevics:

I presume that in absence of Dr. Lukins you have been instructed to write me the letter of April 24th which I just received.

I am enclosing herewith, a report about those books and reproductions sold by us which we have received from you. This report covers postcard reproductions, English and Russian Monographs, and some publications of Agni Yoga in Russian, which were published in Riga and sent by Dr. Lukins to us.

You may not be aware that the postal connections with Latvia have been severed for an indefinite period of time, some time ago. Since your letter arrived today I presume the connection between America and Latvia has been resumed.

I still have to find out whether money orders or drafts can be sent to Latvia at present, and if it is possible, will include a draft for the amount due to you in this letter.

We are very sad to hear about your financial difficulties, and wish to assure you that we would have sent you some time ago the amount which is due you, if it would not have been for the war situation abroad, which makes correspondence very difficult at present.

The reports which you find here cover the period of our sales from April 7, 1939 - June 1, 1940. As you can see we are returning to you mailing expenses on 17 Monographs sold to date by us, that is \$1.05 for each Monograph, based upon the calculation that you had to pay approximately that sum in mailing to us the Monographs.

Of course in reality it was not so as on some Monographs your mailing expenses amounted to much less depending as to how they were sent. But we prefer to take one figure and apply it to all Monographs. Many of the Monographs were sold already with 1/3 discount to book stores and to close friends. Only five Monographs were sold at \$15.00 each, after we have received the 18 Monographs and had to pay \$45.00 custom duties and taxes. At that time we felt that the price of the Monograph in this country should be \$15.00, allowing of course 1/3 discount to the book stores.

You realize that the ten Monographs which were sent by us as reviews to various newspapers and friends, were mailed by us at our own cost for which the Roerich Center in Riga is not charged. Also the mailing expenses of most of the Monographs are borne by us and they were quite considerable.

As we stated on page three, \$3.76 represents Federal tax paid by the Roerich Academy, and very small fraction of actual expenses which we had to bear in sending postcards, reproductions, and Monographs wherever they were ordered.

We are sending you the sum of \$107.74 as per our report, in a draft in American dollars. We have learned that the drafts are accepted in New York for Riga, and we sincerely hope that you will have no difficulty in receiving the money in Riga. We shall greatly appreciate if you will inform us about the receipt of this letter and the draft as soon as possible.

We also find it necessary to inform you at this time that we have on hand two Russian and three English Monographs, as well as a number of postcards. As we informed you in the past, many of the postcards came to us in a damaged condition, so we can only sell those which are in a good condition.

We shall ask you to send us a confirmation upon the receipt of these reports and the draft enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Sina Lichtman
Director

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