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Major J. G. Phelps Stokes  
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I take this opportunity to thank you from all my heart for the great kindness and sympathy which you have and are constantly showing to us. I was deeply touched yesterday when you agreed to see us all in your office at my request and not only gave us so generously of your time, but put aside for a great length of time all your personal business responsibilities and duties, and all that in order to assist us and help us in our present emergency.

Professor and Mme. Roerich in their last letter, asked me again to convey to you their heartiest appreciation and rejoicing at your noble actions and decisions. They know how busy you are and, therefore, are asking me to give to you this message. I add my voice in deep gratitude to you also and wish to assure you that I shall never forget all which you have done and are doing for us.

After Mr. Fossick and I left your office yesterday we went as decided to Miss Rock and there explained to her and Mr. Cleit the situation. Mr. Cleit dictated a letter to me which Miss Rock then signed, and gave us to take over to Mr. Davidian. We notified Miss Rock and Mr. Cleit about the action which Mr. Davidian was taking in order to vacate the judgment obtained by Mr. Plaut against us all. Mr. Cleit also informed us that he was proceeding with the third party lien as per your instructions. As Mr. Davidian was absent from his office yesterday afternoon we left all necessary papers with his secretary.

This morning I went to Mr. Davidian to sign the affidavit which he has prepared and which must be served this coming Monday in order to argue the motion to vacate the judgment obtained by Mr. Plaut in the Court at White Plains. As I explained yesterday Mr. Davidian, when Mr. Plaut has acted so unjustly and so suddenly against us all, felt that the fee for this new law suit against Mr. Plaut would amount to \$750.00 without disbursements. He also stated that the immediate move which he is undertaking now, namely serving my affidavit and arguing the motion which is imperative at present, lest Mr. Plaut obtains the right to sell Mme. Roerich's legacy, will cost \$250.00 for his services. He mentioned that the disbursements will not amount to more than \$15 or \$20.

To our great sorrow Mr. Fossick and I have not the necessary sum of \$250.00 which is needed now, and I am, therefore, compelled to ask you and Mrs. Campbell to lend each \$125.00, sending the checks to Mr. Davidian, c/o Hall, Cunningham, Jackson and Haywood, 22 East 40th street, New York City. The reason why I ask for this loan is because acting as agent for Mme. Roerich while receiving from her

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the power of attorney to do so, I was instructed by Mme. Roerich to use the legacy of \$2500 left to her by Mrs. Sutro, to pay for the services and disbursements of Mr. Jackson and Mr. Davidian on all the cases which they have conducted for us. From what I know the legacy is supposed to be paid out by the estate of Mrs. Sutro in a few months. The steps which we and Mr. Davidian are now taking to protect this legacy from Mr. Plaut make me feel that the legacy will be safeguarded.

I do not believe that the entire sum of \$2500 will have to be paid to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Davidian for their services and disbursements and therefore, I believe that the \$250.00 could be paid back to you and to Mrs. Campbell out of the legacy.

I trust, my dear Major Stokes, that I am not burdening you with this request, but believe me I would not permit myself to do so, would our own circumstances be different.

With deep gratitude and appreciation to you for all your kindness and help, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Sina Fosdick

P.S. Am also writing to Mrs. Campbell and am sending to her a copy of my letter to You.