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PARIS XV<sup>e</sup>.

6th June, 1928.

Miss Frances R. Grant,  
Executive Director, New Syndicate,  
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New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Miss Grant,

Extreme pressure of work has prevented me from writing you earlier, as I had intended. Now I feel that I owe you a detailed report of what I have done on behalf of the institutions during these last days.

1. As soon as I received the message of the Roerich Expedition I cabled to Mr. Horch to express my admiration and asking him to convey my feelings of devotion and affection to our dear friends, at the first opportunity. I kept the message secret until I received your cable empowering me to communicate it to the Press. Now, I have circulated the message in the French press. I notice that the news has reached Great Britain before France. The London Times has published it as early as the 28th of May. The first papers to publish it here have been the two Russian papers of Paris. Now, most of the French papers have published the message which I have communicated to them.

2. I have placed in the "Figaro" (which is one of the leading French papers) of May 31st a big article on the expedition, with illustrations and a portrait of Professor Roerich. I am sending you a copy of it. A second article is to appear in the same paper today.

3. A big article of mine quoting Mr. George Roerich is to appear shortly in the monthly magazine "Politica".

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4. On the second of June there has been at the Sorbonne (Paris University) a big meeting of the French Ethnographical Society, under the presidency of Monsieur Louis Marin, minister of Pensions in the French Cabinet. At that meeting I have made a speech on the Expedition and have read the message just received. The message has been received with loud applause and His Excellency Monsieur Marin has asked me to express his good wishes to the members of the Expedition, and also his congratulations in the name of the French Government. The minutes of the proceedings will be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

5. I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th of May concerning the exhibition of architectural designs. I hope that we can arrange this, but it will take a little time to communicate with the Ministry of Education, the support of which is absolutely needed, for the reason that it is very difficult to bring in France an endeavour to a successful conclusion without some kind of official protection.

with best wishes, I am always,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. George G. Chklaver (signed)

P.S. I have inquired at the Japanese Embassy about Mr. Itsuzo Takeuchi. He is quite unknown there. Will you, please, send me particulars. I am cabling you today about that question. As soon as I receive from you data concerning Mr. Takeuchi, I will make new inquiries.