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Paris August 2nd 1934

V.A. SHIBAYEV ESQ.  
Naggar-Kala.

My dear Mr Shibayev,

This little note is to acknowledge your letter N° 11 of July 11th and to confirm that the books "Hierarchy" and "Infinity" have been printed in 1000 copies each as mentioned in my statement sent to New-York on April 7th. Please find enclosed copies of letters from and to the Publishers pertaining to the books in question and confirming the above stated figures.

All the publications enumerated in your letter of July 11th have been duly received and I wish to express to you our best thanks for same.

The £ 8/10/0 for Mr Svetoslav de Roerich's passport bill have not yet reached me, but the money will probably arrive next week. It is quite true that there is a regulation according to which no money order can be sent to one person at one time for more than Fcs 500-. This regulation is a consequence of conventions concluded on the basis of reciprocity with certain countries of which British India is one. I quite agree with you however, that there is really no rational motive for this ruling.

I hope you have received the 10 note-books and also the air-lines time-tables which I have sent you at the beginning of July.

I am forwarding herewith to Madame de Roerich copies of several weekly reports and other papers as well as copies of letters received from ~~and sent to~~ our correspondents and co-workers in the Baltic Countries from the beginning of the present year. July 11th I have already forwarded copies of the letters which have been sent from the Center to these correspondents.

p.t.o.



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In my reports I have given detailed information as to all our activities here. We greatly rejoice at the triumphal success of Professor de Roerich and Dr George de Roerich's trip in the Far-East.

The latest news concerning articles in the European Press and also information pertaining to the transmission of the Insignia to the King of the Belgians, to the acceptance of a painting by the Shah of Persia, to the Foundation of the Lithuanian Roerich Association to the publication of the book on Siberia, to the negotiations about the Roerich Pact, etc.... were contained in my latest letter to Madame de Roerich N° 13 despatched by air-mail on Wednesday August 1st.

Please give my respects and deepest devotion to Madame de Roerich and my affectionate regards to my Dear Friend Svetoslav. Best greetings to Miss Lichtmann.

Believe me, as ever, with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*George Chklover*  
Secretary General.

Many thanks for the news concerning Professor de Roerich's and Dr George de Roerich's trip. I have received letters from them from Japan and Corea and also newspaper clippings from New-York, Tokio and Kharbin. The latest of these related Professor de Roerich's interview with His Majesty the Emperor of Mandchu-Kuo. All this information I have conveyed to the Japanese Embassy, so as to impress upon them the high significance of Professor de Roerich's visit. On the 27th of June, I have had a conference with the Japanese Ambassador, and have examined with him various questions pertaining to our cultural relations with Japan and Mandchu-Kuo. Our Japanese Friends are particularly interested in the proposal contained in one of Professor de Roerich's declarations concerning an Exhibition of Mandchu-Kuo products and art abroad. Ambassador Sato, who has left for Japan June 30th will report accordingly. I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which the Imperial Embassy has addressed to me in reply to my message. July 3d, I had an interview at the Embassy with the Charge d'Affaires M. Mitani who kindly translated for me clippings from Japanese newspapers (e.g. Professor de Roerich's interview with General Hayashi, Minister of War). We spoke also of the Pact and of the support which the Japanese Government may grant to our Master's project.

I have sent to Madame de Roerich a copy of the letter addressed by M. Louis Marin to Professor de Roerich.

Your letter N° 10 of June 16th has been received here on the 25th of June. I have transmitted to Mr Tarasoff Madame de Roerich's letter. Concerning the question raised in the first paragraph of your above-mentioned letter, I have written in detail to Madame de Roerich.

As regards the leaflets of the air-lines, we have secured all those which you requested and are sending them to Naggar next week with the packages containing the 8 supplementary copy-books.

Please kindly submit to Madame de Roerich the enclosed reports Nos 199-200, together with their enclosures. You will see that June 28th, we have carried out Professor de Roerich's instructions pertaining to our relations with the International Institute of Intellectual Coöperation.

From the Press report, you will see that there has been during the last three months a good number of publications on Professor de Roerich and our Institutions in the European Press. I have sent to Dr Asseiev my article (in Russian) on the Pact.

From Brussels, they write me that my proposal as to the organization of a Roerich Section at the World Exhibition of 1935 is being studied and that a decision will follow soon. The news from Belgium has generally been more optimistic and M. Tulpinck himself has hopes for the solution of the question of the premises for the Roerich Foundation at Bruges. In my report N° 199 you will see

the details about the new Roerich Pact Committee of Brussels.

Our meetings here continue regularly, viz.; the instructions classes for the juniors of the group "Affirmation" and also M. Baschmakoff's lectures.

I have had conferences with our Siberian Friends concerning the extension of our cultural cooperation with them.

In compliance with Madame de Roerich's instructions I am sending herewith copies of a number of letters exchanged with our correspondents and co-workers in the Baltic Lands. As soon as the rest of these letters are copied out I will submit them also to Madame de Roerich.

With M. Gustsik, we have some complications. Some time ago he proposed to circulate among all our Societies a subscription list for the profit of the Esthonian Branch. I replied that I would refer the proposal to our central Administration, but that, at all events, the general economic situation should be borne in mind, and, finally, that the time of the year was not very favorable for raising a subscription, so that really the question could practically be taken up only in the Autumn. To this M. Gustsik rather unexpectedly retorted that he wants immediate decisions, that he protests against the interference of the Central Administration and that in these circumstances he relinquishes the presidency of the Esthonian Branch. I wrote him a strong letter pointing out that each one of us should in the first place respect the principle of hierarchy and show courage and perseverance even in the greatest difficulties. As a matter of fact, M. Gustsik's attitude corresponds to the opinion which I had about him from M. Sture and also <sup>from</sup> Prince Chirinsky. I am watching closely the developments in Tallinn and shall communicate on these questions with our friend M. Sture of whose appointment as our chief Representative in the Baltic States I was very glad to hear. By the way, M. Sture has written me, quoting one of your letters to him, that our outlay for sending to Riga a case containing 100 copies of the books of the Doctrine, would be covered by you. The expense in question amounted to Fcs 220.70.

Please convey my feelings of reverence and devotion to Madame de Roerich. Best love to my Dear Friend Svetoslav. I am sending my cordial greetings to Miss Lichtmann.

With best wishes, believe me always,

Cordially yours,

*George Chklaver*  
Secretary General.

12, rue de Poitiers  
Paris VIIAugust 15<sup>th</sup> 1935  
N<sup>o</sup> 5976

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V.-A. Shibayev, Esq.  
Naggar-Kulu

My dear Mr. Shibayev,

Your letter of July 27<sup>th</sup> a.c. N<sup>o</sup> 47<sub>a</sub> has been received with all the enclosures. In compliance with your request regarding a verification as to the letters and parcels addressed from Naggar-Kulu to the European Center in the period May 27<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup> of the present year, I have looked thru our "Office-Diary" in which, like in a ship's-journal, all important events are mentioned. It appears from that book, as well as from our Entry-Register, that all the sendings enumerated in your above-said list have been duly received. Also the various articles and reprints sent July 22<sup>nd</sup> have safely reached us - yesterday. Most of the letters and documents sent previously have been acknowledged separately, in due course, in my letters either to yourself or to Madame de Roerich or to Mr. Svetoslav de Roerich.

In the matter of the Pact, I have been duly advised of the ratification extended to it by the U.S. Senate. Although our friend Robert T. Pell is presently on leave, I keep in constant touch with the U.S. Embassy thru the 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary. When, beginning of October (presumably) Ambassador Strauss <sup>will</sup> have returned here, I will inquire as to his views concerning the next moves to be made on behalf of the Pact, in connection with the expected instructions from the State Department.

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N<sup>o</sup> 5976 (continued)

I beg to enclose a copy of Report 241.

A packet with Mr. Svetoslav de Roerich's papers will follow.  
Pending this, I am sending Him my very best love and affectionate  
greetings.

Please convey to Madame de Roerich my feelings of reverence  
and devotion:

With all best wishes,

I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely

George Chklaver



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Paris, September 14th 1934

[mailed Sept. 1934]

V.A. SHIBAYEV ESQ.  
Naggar-Kala.

My dear Mr Shibayev,

I wish to acknowledge your letters Nos 12-13-14-and 15 for which I thank you heartily. In the present letter, I will answer the various questions contained in your recent correspondence and also clear up the accounts.

(a)- I beg to acknowledge receipt of Fcs 214.60 from Madame de Roerich, which sum is to cover our expenses Re: sending of 100 books to the Latvian Roerich Association. As you will see from the copy of the invoice herewith enclosed, the cost of this shipment amounted to Fcs 220.70. In accordance with your request, I am forwarding to you herewith a receipt. I have forwarded a copy of the invoice to Mr Sture.

(b)- Further I wish to acknowledge Fcs 165-received from you personally and which are to cover our bill of May 1st for the books which we forwarded to you. The above mentioned bill amounted to Fcs 167.55.

(c)- We are also in receipt of Fcs 131.25 sent by Madame de Roerich for the manuscript copybooks. As you will see from the enclosed copy of bill, the total cost of these books, plus shipment, amounts to Fcs 165-.

As regards the next issue of the "Reichsluftkursbuch", it is not yet out. So I am sending you a neww booklet of Air-France instead. I hear, however, that the Far-Eastern and India Lines have not changed their time-tables since the last German booklet was issued.

The report N° 201 has been sent to Madame de Roerich August 2nd, together with the reports 202-203-204. Therefore, we can only suppose that it has fallen out en route when the envelope was imprudently handled. I beg to enclose herewith another copy of the said report.

Many thanks for the printed materials, the articles and the beautiful postcards which you have been so kind as to send me and which have all reached me safely.

I have transmitted to Mr Myron Tarasoff Madame de Roerich's letter immediately upon receipt of same.

The copy of Metropolitan Antonius' letter has been received and will be very useful to us.

The Russian letters received here and written by our office have to be necessarily translated in order to be copied out for our files and for Madame de Roerich's information, as we have no Russian typewriter. All the letters in Russian are written by myself in handwriting and then, translated into French. As to the Russian letters received, I had to translate them into French for the same reason and this has been done exclusively for Madame de Roerich's use. Otherwise, it would have taken too much time to copy them out in handwriting, and the copies would not have been sufficiently clear.

I am sending you herewith various reports and copies of documents, as per our memorandum enclosed. I am forwarding to you also a package "Imprimés recommandés" including a copy of the magazine "Russian Hearth" with my article on Professor de Roerich's sojourn in the Far-East [and the "Moniteur Belge"]

Re-sending of books, I quite agree with you that it is more convenient in some respect to forward them as "imprimés recommandés", but I do not think that this method can bring about a reduction of the expenditure. We have made the calculation on the occasion of a big shipment to New-York last winter and we have come to the conclusion that the cost either way would have been practically the same. It must be borne in mind that no package may weigh more than 2 kilogs and therefore one has to send a great number of separate packages. Now, the registration duty for each package is Fcs 2-. All this makes the sending per imprimés recommandés very expensive also.

Madame de Vaux-Phalipau is still in the country. My Parents wish to be remembered to you. Please convey my feelings of deep reverence and devotion to Madame de Roerich and give my most cordial and affectionate greetings to my dear friend Svetoslav. Best regards to Miss Lichtmann. One of the books she ordered is being sent her. With best wishes, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

*George Chklaver*  
Secretary General.





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Paris November 13th 1934

V.A. SHIBAYEV Esq.  
Naggar-Kulu.

My dear Mr Shibayev,

I have duly received your letters of October 13th N° 18, and of November 1st N° 20. I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your draft of Fcs 109.50 covering the balance of our expenses in connection with the different points mentioned in my letter of September 14th N° 5488. That money will also cover the expense of the Reichsluftkursbuch. But the new issue is not yet out. Enclosed I am sending you a copy of my memorandum N° 7. As you will certainly take cognizance of the reports sent herewith, I will not dwell upon the various news conveyed in the said reports and in the other documents.

As regards my airmail letters to Madame de Roerich, one -N° 19 was despatched October 23d and another -N° 20- was sent November 6th. The letter N° 21 will be sent at the beginning of next week, i.e.: November 20th. I hope that all these letters reached Naggar safely. The "Daily Mail", the "New York Herald" and the "Journal des Débats" have published my communiqué on the Pact, as well as all the other newspapers mentioned in my reports. In accordance with your request, I will send you clippings. New-York has been duly informed through my weekly reports and also through the special trimestrial report on the Press.

As per instructions, we will send you a dozen postcards of Memling's painting, and also a dozen to Mr Louis L. Horch.

We will send you a copy of "Tibetan Paintings", from our stock here.

The price is Fcs 40-. We will ask Gauthner & C° to forward to you a copy of "Sur les Pistes de l'Asie Centrale". The price of that book is Fcs 100.-.

I close to catch the mail. Please convey my feelings of Love and respects to Madame de Roerich, and my affectionate greetings to my dear friend Svetoslav. Cordial greetings to Miss Lichtmann.

With best wishes Yours very sincerely George Chklaver



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Paris November 27<sup>th</sup> 1934

V.A. SHIBAYEV ESQ.  
Naggar-Kulu.

My dear Mr Shibayev,

I hope you have received my letter of November 13th. Under separate cover, I am sending you the clippings, postcards, and books mentioned in my above said letter. I hope all these printed matters (as per enclosed memorandum) will reach you safely.

The world scale of our activities make it difficult sometimes to synchronize the measures taken in the different parts of the world on behalf of the Pact and of our general aims. Thus I notice that with Riga, there has been a certain delay concerning their direct communications to Madame de Roerich, so that the news conveyed by M. Sture is already obsolete : so swiftly are marching the events ! In order to be quite precise, I must mention that M. Sture has been officially informed by me of the ratification of the Pact by the U.S.A. Sept 18th. In the same letter, I told him of my intention to start a wide diplomatic campaign for the ratification of the Pact by the European Powers. By letter of October 22nd, I thanked M. Sture for his report concerning his negotiations with the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and I gave him information regarding my own conversations with Representatives of the Baltic States here. Copies of these letters to M. Sture have been forwarded to Naggar, enclosed with my memoranda N° 4, 5, 6 & 7. In my letter of October 22nd, I said that I would communicate a little later with the Latvian Minister in Paris M. Grosswald who had just been appointed and had not yet presented his letters of credance to the French Government. I could enter into official intercourse with the new

Minister only after his installation at the Legation. As soon as this occurred, I handed over to the Latvian Minister, November 2nd a detailed note asking him to request his Government to ratify the Pact. In my note, I mentioned all the previous negotiations with Riga, viz/: my conversations and correspondence with M. Cielens, the present Minister's immediate Predecessor.

As soon as I had some positive results ensuing from the diplomatic campaign, I communicated all the details to M. Sture, so as to help him in these activities in Riga. I gave him a list of the Countries who had already replied that their respective Governments were examining the question of ratification; I also asked him various questions concerning our groups in the Baltic States. In the meanwhile, I received from M. Sture a letter dated Nov. 19th. On the very day of the reception of this letter, Nov. 22 I again wrote M. Sture, giving him new details pertaining to our negotiations with the French Government, and with the Baltic States. At M. Sture's request, I also gave him various advice as regards the technique of the negotiations, viz.: whether these were to be conducted with the diplomatic council of the Baltic States or with each of these States separately. As you see, M. Sture and I have all the time strived to work in complete harmony and if there has been an impression that the contact was not close enough, this comes only from the great distances which exist between our Centers - Naggar, New-York, Paris, Riga, Kharbin, etc.;

From the reports herewith enclosed, you will be aware that there has been progress in the whole field of the negotiations. The letter from the Minister of State, M. Louis Marin is of course, particularly important.

We have been glad to obtain from the Chinese Legation introduction and recommendation for our Beloved Leader.

Saturday November 24th, we have had a big French meeting. The Helena de Roerich Hall was filled to capacity. M. Marc Chesneau delivered a beautiful speech on the Art and Teachings of Professor de Roerich. I spoke of the Pact and of the world significance of the Roerich Banner of Peace.

Wednesday November 28th, I am delivering a lecture at the meeting of the group Affirmation ( on Foreign Policy)

I am sending you my very best greetings for Christmas and the New-Year. May 1935 bring you happiness and every success with your great work at the side of our "Beloved Ones"!

Please convey my feelings of devotion and reverence to Madame de Roerich, and my most cordial greetings to my dear Friend Svetoslav. My Parents wish to be remembered to you. Best greetings to Miss Esther J. Lichtmann.

With best wishes, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

*George Chklover*  
Secretary General.



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Paris February 12th 1935

V.A. SHIBAYEV ESQ.  
NAGGAR-KULU

My dear Mr Shibayev,

I greatly appreciated your letter of Jan. 23d N° 27- informing me of the action of the United-States Government in favor of the Pact. The good news to that effect reached me also in due time from New-York. We will make use of these facts in our difficult fight for the advancement of the Roerich Pact in Europe. You know that many hostile influences are at work and we have to encounter powerful obstacles. But, in accordance with the Teaching of our Master, we strive to transmute every obstacle into a new possibility.

Two new books have been published in France, under our auspices praising the Roerich Pact. The authors have been awarded the Doctor's degree by the University of Paris and Lille. In my report N° 224, I also mention a number of friendly articles in the European press.

We are making fresh attempts to bring the Nippon Government's attention to the occurrences in Kharbin and we do hope that appropriate measures will be taken against the wrong-doers.

It is a pleasure for me to announce that our Beloved Master's Name has been, in accordance with our request, included in the list of candidates for the Nobel Peace Award. The Nobel Committee of Oslo has issued an official statement to that effect.

The Union of the Russian Authors in Paris, headed by the famous writer Dimitri Merejkovski, have signed an address, thanking Professor de Roerich for the cooperation which the European Center of Roerich Museum has granted to the Union. I am sending to Madame de Roerich a copy of that address.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your money-order for Fcs 94,10.

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Association Française NICOLAS de ROERICH

I have been rather seriously ill lately -- a bad attack of influenza with various complications. I feel better now, but still am not yet very strong.

Please convey to Madame de Roerich my feelings of respect and devotion. I am sending my best love to dear Svetoslav. I have received from New-York a copy of his letter of protest of Decemb. 13 concerning the portrait published in the Kharbin paper. Cordial greetings to Miss Lichtmann.

I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

*George Chklaver*



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Paris March 19th 1935

V.A. SHIBAYEV ESQ.  
Naggar-Kulu.

My dear Mr Shibayev,

I wish to acknowledge your letters N° 29, 30 & 31. We are also in receipt of your postal order for Fcs. 44.75 received to day. The books mentioned in your letter N° 31 are being sent to Madame Potocki.

Many thanks for sending your excellent study on the Roerich Pact. I congratulate you upon this achievement. I read the brochure with great interest. You have succeeded in putting into a brief and clear statement all the principal facts pertaining to the Banner of Peace and shown the lofty significance of Professor de Roerich's appeal to the Nations of the World. My Parents and also the persons to whom you have addressed the booklets wish to thank you for your attention.

I take good note of what you tell me about the question of the sending of the painting to H.M. the Shah of Iran.

Enclosed in the present envelope, I am forwarding to Madame de Roerich two projects of Rules : one for Foreign Societies and the other for American Branches. I also return, in accordance with instructions, the draft rules which were forwarded to me. I must say that these draft rules were so well constructed that I had not to make many changes, but only to develop the principles expounded in them and to put the whole of the projects into a more precise legal form.

p.t.o.

(M)

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Here is the address of Madame de Vaux Phalipau's acquaintance  
who intended to start a branch of the Roerich Society in USA:  
M. Nicholas Epantchine, 1319 Belle Avenue, Lakewood (Cleveland)  
(Ohio)

I know that Gentleman well, and also his family. He is a  
distinguished engineer, and enjoys a good position in Cleveland.  
His Father is a wellknown General who distinguished himself  
in the war and lives at present in Nice where he is President of  
the local Russian Officers' Association.

All the books sent to Bodiansky have safely arrived .

Professor Mischeieff who was in Riga the Editor of the Magazine  
"Perezvony" (which published in former years several articles  
of Professor de Roerich) asks whether he would be permitted to  
reproduce Professor de Roerich's painting "The Dove Book" on the  
cover of a new book which he has written on "Ancient Russian  
Legends " and which bears precisely the title "Dove Book".

Please convey to Madame de Roerich the expression, of my feelings  
of devotion and respect. I am sending my best love to my dear Friend  
Svetoslav.\*

Believe me, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

*George Chklaver*

*\*I am forwarding herewith a Memorandum on the Nobel Prize.*

*G.C.*