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The Manager
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Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ult.

I take it that your inquiry concerns the Himalayan Research Institute with Headquarters at Naggar, Kulu. This Institute under the presidency of Prof. N. de Roerich, is a research base established in the Himalayas to conduct scientific exploration in the Himalayan region and adjacent countries. The Institute consists of two departments: The Department for the study of ethnology, archaeology and linguistics and The Department of natural science. The first department has been so far concerned mainly with the study of Tibet, for which purpose the Institute has founded the series "Tibetica" of which the first volume on the dialect of Lahul has appeared in 1934. At present this department is engaged in completing a Tibetan-English Dictionary, a leaflet of which is herewith enclosed. The second department conducted an extensive botanical survey in Western Tibet and the adjoining Himalayas as well as the Punjab. The results of this survey will be published by Dr. E. D. Merrill, Prof. of Botany, Harvard University, who is preparing a monograph on the subject, for the Institute. The department has also gathered information and made an extensive collection of Tibetan materia medica. The Institute has published three

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LAHORE, Dec. 30, 1936.

G. Roriche Esq.,
Kulu Valley,
KANGRA.

Dear Sir,

We understand from our Kangra correspondent that you and Mr. D. Roriche (your son) have been exploring the Kulu Valley for geological specimens. The account supplied by him is, however, inadequate and vague as such we are addressing this to you in the hope you will be good enough to supply us with the required information, without obligation, for making a good news paragraph for circulation in India and abroad.

We would particularly like to know ~~whether~~ your full name, your home address in America, whether you are attached to any association and whether your present work is on their behalf, the object of your present survey, the work so far accomplished by you here and elsewhere, the scope of your work, whether you are interested in geology alone, how long you expect to remain in Kulu Valley, your impression of the places visited by you so far and any other detail, which you may be good enough to supply.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. Gopalani
MANAGER.