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Dear Mrs. Lichtmann:

I will try to answer your questions in the order you gave them.

Five boxes of botanical supplies and 1 bale of paper bags were shipped to India for Dr. Koelz through the Hudson Forwarding Company, with instructions to deliver at Naggar. They went with the SS CITY OF CHRIST CHURCH on April 14th. Dr. Koelz took his purchases in New York over himself. The five boxes of botanical supplies were taken care of before I came here; so I do not know their contents. I do have a record of all his purchases here, and an itemized list of these was sent to Dr. Roerich. Copies of the shipping notices received from the Hudson Forwarding Company were sent to Dr. Roerich at Naggar, and the invoices given to Dr. Koelz personally.

The exact date of Dr. Koelz' departure for India (April 23rd) was mentioned in the Urusvati report a week before his arrival in New York, and confirmed in the following report. We have not received any word from Dr. Koelz since his departure, nor did he tell us when he expected to arrive in India. A letter from the American Express Company dated March 6th, giving general information, suggests that it would take about 29 days to reach Bombay; but they did not give us any exact information about this, to give to Dr. Koelz.

While I received several calls from the Hudson Forwarding Co. regarding the 36 cases of chemical supplies, I transferred them all to Mr. S. Roerich, because he told me that he was handling the shipment of these cases himself. It was therefore handled entirely outside of the Urusvati Office. However, Mr. Horch thinks that from the moment the gift was announced at the trustee meeting, it became the duty of the Urusvati to take care of its shipment.

Regarding the invoices, Mr. Horch asked me to tell you that it is entirely too late to do anything. He said that copies of the invoices should have been sent to India when the arrangements were made and he suggested that in future we ask for duplicates and triplicates of all invoices as well as insurance policies.

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As for the payment of the \$500, Mr. Horch is trying to induce Mr. S. Roerich to consider the delivery charges of the equipment as part of his gift! He added that there would have been no charges if Mr. Roerich had not sent the cases out in his own name, as an individual.

Mr. Platken informs me that \$400 in rupees were cabled to Dr. Koelz on July 8th. Mr. Horch suggested that the New York Office of the Urusvati give a note to the Auditor (Mr. Platken), requesting that he send a check for \$200 to Dr. Koelz by the middle of each month, so that it will reach him in plenty of time. He said that this would be the simplest way to handle it.

No financial statements have been sent to India. Mr. Horch said that it was agreed upon not to send them there for the present, but to forward them to Dr. Roerich in Paris instead. The other reports have not been sent to Mme. Roerich either.

Mr. Horch asked me to tell you that he is planning to discuss all these things with you personally on Saturday, as it is rather difficult to go into detail by letter.

Two notes were received from Dr. Roerich today. In these he mentions that he heard that the 36 cases of equipment were received safely at Naggar, and that the botanical equipment has arrived in Bombay, adding that it appears that the shipping company failed to send them invoices. (I have called the Hudson Forwarding Company, and they are checking up on the shipment by cable.)

Dr. Roerich also said that Professor Alexander P. Kalitinsky, Director of the Seminarium Kondakovianum, Prague has joined the Institute as a Corresponding Member.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Linden