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VLADIMIR A. PERTZOFF
Meadow Brook Farm
Hubbardston, Massachusetts

July 11, 1930

My dear Miss Linden:

My brother has told me the content of your letter of June 20th, 1930. Since Dr. Roerich wrote me just before sailing that he would write me in detail from the steamer the decision of the committee concerning the bio-chemical laboratory for my use, and I have heard nothing, I would be much obliged if you would communicate to him at once the following:

I strongly object to the proposal of joining the biochemical laboratory to the electric plant on the following grounds: first, a generating plant of any power would produce vibration in the building making impossible the use of sensitive instruments; second, a running dynamo is a source of considerable magnetic disturbance, which prohibits the use of galvanometers.

Very truly yours,

(signed) V.A. Pertzoff

Corresponding Member of
the Institute

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July 14, 1930

Mr. Vladimir A. Pertzoff
Meadow Brook Farm
Hubbardston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Pertzoff:

I am sending copy of your letter at once to Dr. Roerich. He has had considerable trouble in trying to secure his visas, which probably accounts for the fact that he has not yet written you personally concerning the bio-chemical laboratory.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Dr. George Roerich

Dr. Roerich: I thought Mr. Pertzoff sounded rather hurt at not having heard from you direct; that is why I wrote this. I hope it was alright to.

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Vladimir A. Pertzoff
29 Shepard Street
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Feb. 10, 1931

My dear Mrs. Lichtmann,

Several months ago I proposed to Dr. Roerich that due to the various delays and unsettled conditions in India, that I organize a temporary abode for the Biochemical Laboratory of the Institute near Grenoble in France.

In this plan, communicated to Dr. Roerich in great detail, I proposed to rent a suitable building and convert it into a laboratory at my own expense. I expressed the willingness to pay the rent until a suitable building should be built in Kulu. On the other hand the Institute was to purchase all the movable equipment, which would ultimately be installed in Kulu and meet the running expenses of the laboratory.

In his letter of Nov. 17th Dr. Roerich writes (translation from Russian):

"Your plans concerning a laboratory in the French Alps have our entire sympathy. The region of Grenoble is eminently suited for it: French botanists have already for several years successfully cultivated certain Himalayan plants on the southern slopes of the mountains. I thank you for the desire to help us to establish the laboratory in France."

In his letter of Jan. 14th 1931 he writes:

"In that letter I wrote you about your plan for work in the French Alps. In principle we agree with your proposals and are thanking you for the readiness to help us in the establishment of the laboratory. I have communicated your proposals to the Council of the Institute in New York and I am waiting their answer."

At present I am pressed by Harvard Authorities to give my consent to an appointment in the Department of Biochemical

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Sciences. I cannot expect an answer from Dr. Roerich for about two months. It would therefore be of great assistance if some intimation of the plans of the Council in this matter could be sent directly to me.

Not knowing the Chairman nor the official name of the Council of the Institute, I take the liberty of addressing you.

I remain, sincerely yours

(Signed: Vladimir Pertzoff)

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C O P Y

Vladimir A. Pertzoff
29 Shepard Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts

September 25th, 1931

My dear Mrs. Lichtmann:-

Ten copies of the first number of the Urusvati Journal have been received for which many thanks.

The first issue is most successful, both in content and technical execution. You have my sincere congratulations.

Dr. Roerich has asked me to contribute an article to the second number of the Journal.

The time being limited I am afraid that in sending it to Kulu it will not reach New York in time. Would it be possible to send both Dr. Roerich and yourself each a copy. Should Dr. Roerich not find it acceptable he could telegraph you to withhold its publication ?

Hoping to have your reply shortly, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Vladimir A. Pertzoff

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July 11th, 1932.

My dear Mrs. Lichtmann,

It is good to read in the newspaper that the receivership has been lifted from the Roerich Museum. Relying entirely upon the newspapers for information about the recent happenings, I would be very much obliged should you keep me in touch with actual facts.

You can well see that my own plans are closely bound with the fate of the Urusvati Institute.

Wishing that the controversy may soon be satisfactory settled as you wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Vladimir Pertzoff

Meadow Brook Farm
Hubbardston, Mass.

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July 13th, 1932.

My dear Mr. Pertzoff,

I was very glad to receive your letter of July 11th expressing your good wishes on the vacating of the receivership from the Roerich Museum.

No doubt you have heard about the unheard-of-attack upon our Institution, and all its cultural activities, and I am enclosing herewith some literature in connection with the recent events which may be of interest to you.

The removal of the receivership which is a great moral victory for us, is a successful step in the battle which is continuing and which we firmly believe we shall win completely.

Should there be any further development in the situation of the Roerich Museum, I shall be very pleased to inform you about it.

Most sincerely yours,

(signed) Sina Lichtmann
Vice-President

P.S.

Am sending you under separate cover
the last issue of the Roerich Museum Bulletin.