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Mr. V. Shibayev, General Secretary, Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute, Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, British India.

My dear Mr. Shibayev:

Although I have not written you for a long time I know that you appreciate the reason. Our efforts to save the Institutions continues in various lines, but it is my constant regret that little can be done in this department under the circumstances.

Permanent Collection from time to time, but have not found it necessary to replenish the preservative. The duplicates have been boxed up now for many months, but a sufficient supply of preservative was put in so that, judging from the Permanent Collection they should be still intact. There are also in Urusvati quarters on the 4th floor a box of skins and one of books belonging to Dr. Roerich. Mrs. Lichtmann tells me that Dr. Roerich does not want us to send these books at present. I have with me now a few folders from Dr. Roerich's file (correspondence which I selected as interesting or important, and a leather bag of old coins and a small piece of very old American paper currency. There are a great many copies of SUR LES PISTES DE L'ASIE CENTRALE in the closet wich holds our permanent collection of Urusvati Publications. The butterfly and minerals collections and the statuary - small gold figures, and few other objects are there. L.L.Horch has never, of course, returned the tankas.

Mrs. Lichtmann received from Washington tax blanks for Urusvati and sent them to Pl to take care of as he did last year. Since L.L.H. always took care of the financial report to Albany we have repeated his figure for capital items for 1936 and 1937, and I suppose will again for 1938 - in each case explaining this in the report. It was on L.L.H's orders that the Urusvati separate account was closed in 1935 and he asked for a detailed re-



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port from Mrs. Lichtmann and I on Urusvati Finances. We, of course, handled only the small items of sales of reprints etc. and I gave an inter-office report to him at this time, whereupon he filled out the Albany report for 1935 as usual.

In view of the difficulties at present in my suit against L.L.H., it has occurred to me that meanwhile a suit could be started by the Institute itself to demand from him the money which was donated admittedly to Urusvati but which he has diverted for his own evil purposes which include prominently the crushing of Urusvati. There are other cases, I believe, of diverting funds from the Institute. If Sina, for instance could bring suit in the name of the Institute of which she is Vice-President, we might thus expose Horch's treachery. We have written evidence in the Mo matter as well as in my case that certain funds intended for Urusvati and accepted by L.I.H. with this understanding have not reached the Institute. Certainly the Institute can demand at least an accounting. I will appreciate it if you will bring this thought to the attention of the Trustees at headquarters. It has also occurred to me that, while I did not wish to have a judgment against R.M., and since I apparently can do nothing now to cancel it, I might bring out the truth of the situation by examining, through my attorney, other Trustees. That is, if L.I.H. and his attorneys succeed in dodging responsibility by hiding behind the Institution we might ask to extend the examination to another officer - first Sina, who can tell the true story and place the responsibility on the trio - and then E.J.L., who could be asked some illuminating questions. I am not a lawyer but I know something could be done.

I am sending you herewith some correspondence regarding the Institute and publications etc., and will appreciate any suggestions as to the handling of such matters for the future.

I wish to thank you for your Holiday Greetings, and add that I always try to comply with your request about stamps. However, I do not myself mail many letters from 310 Riverside. Also, I regret that stamps were put on my large letter of Dec. 14th by other hands than mine. This was a good opportunity to secure a two dollar stamp, which I would have done, but the letter was posted by a messenger, since I was very much over-crowded for time and wanted to make the boat. Besides, the postal clerk made an error in weighing it, which probably caused it to miss the boat anyway, since it had to be returned to the branch office for additional stamps.

With best wishes,