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17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
January 27, 1950

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Dr. Joseph F. Rock
is a Research Fellow of the Harvard-Yenching Institute,
a Massachusetts Corporation founded for educational pur-
poses. Dr. Rock receives an annual stipend of \$4,500
from the Institute.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Serge Elisséeff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Serge Elisséeff, Director
Harvard-Yenching Institute

Witness: June 15/51

Clerk of the
Corporation

Copy.

Received from J.F. Reek the sum of U.S. Dollars two hundred and
fifty three and no, (U.S. \$ 253.00) for services rendered typing manus-
cript of Na-khi Religious Ceremonies.

Nervi-Genova, February 6th, 1950

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R. Nebeaky - Wojkowicz
(R. Nebeaky-Wojkowicz)
Vienna
Museum für Völkerkunde



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
L/C 294.1141 Rock,
Joseph F./1-2250

February 13, 1950

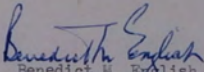
My dear Dr. Rock:

The Department has received your letter of January 22, 1950, with regard to the loss of certain manuscripts aboard a ship which is reported to have been sunk by the Japanese in the Arabian Sea in 1944.

There is enclosed the Department's memorandum of December 1949 regarding the War Claims Act. Although the Act makes no provision for the payment of war claims arising out of losses of property, the Act directs the War Claims Commission to prepare a report for submission to the Congress regarding the disposition of war claims not authorized to be paid under existing legislation. There is also enclosed a questionnaire, issued by the War Claims Commission, which you may wish to fill out and send to the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:


Benedict M. English
Assistant Legal Adviser

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum, December 1949.
2. WCC Form 801.

Dr. Joseph F. Rock,
Care of Hotel Savoia,
Nervi, Genoa, Italy.


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MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE WAR CLAIMS ACT OF 1948

The Eightieth Congress of the United States enacted legislation on the subject of war claims which was approved by the President on July 3, 1948, and is known as the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896, 80th Congress, 2nd Session). The Act provided for the establishment of a new government agency, the War Claims Commission. The members of the War Claims Commission took their oaths of office on September 14, 1949. The War Claims Commission and the Federal Security Administrator are authorized to receive, adjudicate, and provide for the payment of certain types of claims arising out of World War II. The Commission is also authorized to prepare a comprehensive report on other types of claims arising out of World War II. The address of the War Claims Commission is Tariff Building, Eighth and E Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. The address of the Federal Security Administrator is Third and Independence Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C.

The War Claims Act directs that proceeds derived from the liquidation of property of Germany, Japan, and nationals of those countries, located within the United States, and vested by the United States under the Trading With the Enemy Act, be paid into a fund in the United States Treasury to be known as the War Claims Fund. Out of this fund, appropriations are authorized to be made to provide compensation for certain types of war losses sustained by persons directly in the service of the United States Government and by American nationals who were captured on American soil. It is anticipated that other Allied countries which, either during the war or by special arrangement subsequent to it, have come into the possession of enemy property located within their territory may similarly use funds derived from the liquidation of such property to provide compensation for war losses of their nationals and such other persons as they may determine.

The Sections of the War Claims Act which provide for the receipt, adjudication, and payment of certain classes of war claims are Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7. Section 4 concerns claims arising out of the detention, injury, disability, or death resulting from injury of employees of contractors with the United States. Section 5 concerns claims arising out of the detention, injury, disability, or death resulting from injury of American civilians who were captured by the Japanese in the Philippines or

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in any other territory or possession of the United States, or while in transit to or from any such place, or who went into hiding at any such place to avoid capture. Section 6 concerns claims of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who, while imprisoned by the enemy, were not furnished with the quantity or quality of food to which they were entitled as prisoners of war under the terms of the Geneva Convention of July 27, 1929. Section 7 concerns claims of certain religious organizations for reimbursement of expenditures incurred for the purpose of furnishing aid to military personnel of the United States or to civilian American citizens during their imprisonment or internment in the Philippines.

With respect to war claims other than those which are authorized to be paid under the above-mentioned Sections of the War Claims Act, Section 8 of the Act directs the War Claims Commission to prepare a report, for submission to the Congress, containing recommendations with respect to such other "categories and types of claims, if any, which should be received and considered and the legal and equitable bases therefor". It is specified in Section 8 that the direction to the Commission to make recommendations shall not be deemed to imply that the Congress will enact legislation adopting any such recommendations with respect to the consideration or payment of any type of claim, or making any moneys available for the payment of such claims. The Department of State has advised the Commission that it has in its files a large amount of correspondence concerning war claims which are not authorized to be paid under existing legislation. The Commission, on November 22, 1949, advised the Department that it intended to make a thorough examination of the Department's files of such correspondence in connection with the preparation of its report.

Department of State,

December 1949.

Am English
13-II-50

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION
LEGISLATION AND REPORTS SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. -

REPORT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY
ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II

It is understood that submission of this questionnaire does not constitute a formal claim for benefits. Information is submitted for consideration of the War Claims Commission and for possible inclusion in its report to the Congress under Section 8 of the War Claims Act (Public Law 896, 80th Congress, July 3, 1948), as amended. Reports of personal injury, detention, death, etc., should be filed on WCC Form-802. Please type or print answers to all questions.

1. Name of Person or Firm _____
suffering loss, etc. (Name in Full)

Address _____
(Street and Number) (City or Town) (Zone) (State)

(If you are preparing this form on behalf of some other person or firm, indicate your name and address and relationship to such person or firm).

(Name in Full) (Relationship)

(Street and Number) (City or Town) (Zone) (State)

2. Nationality of Person or Firm suffering loss, etc.:

At time of loss or damage. _____

As of date this form is completed. _____

Date of naturalization (If any). _____

3. Nature of Claim. (If you wish to report more than one class of claim, please use a separate form for each type.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss or seizure of personal property | <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement for funds expended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to personal property | <input type="checkbox"/> Blocked capital funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss or seizure of real property | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequestered income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to real property | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime | _____ |

4. Estimate of Damage. (Include date as of when estimate is made and currency basis.)

5. Describe briefly the kind of property, its location, age and condition of property, summary of encumbrances on property, if any, cost at date of acquisition, and other pertinent details:

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6. Details concerning loss or damage:

(a) Date: _____ (b) Place: _____

(c) Government against which claim lies (if known): _____
(d) Outline briefly all known facts and circumstances which accompany the damage or loss, specifically stating particulars as to people and things involved in its origin and cause. (Add extra sheets, if necessary).

7. (a) Has any request been made, in connection with this claim, for settlement from any foreign government, or the United States Government or any of its agencies? _____ (Yes or No). If so, explain.

(b) Has either partial or complete settlement of this claim been made? _____ (Yes or No). If so, explain. (If claim was disallowed, give details.)

(c) Was any part of the loss or damage in question claimed as a deduction or exemption from any tax of any sovereign or taxing authority? _____ (Yes or No). If so, give details.

(d) Has this loss or damage been satisfied by insurance? _____ (Yes or No). If so, give details as to the amount of award, name of company, and whether any instrument of subrogation has been executed.

8. Remarks:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(Signature)

(Date)

DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN THIS FORM

Mail This Form To

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION, ATTN: LEGISLATION AND REPORTS SERVICE
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MO.	DAY			
2 TO COVER PART OF TRAVEL EXPENSES FROM CHINA 20000				
Joseph F. Rook				

THE ACCOMPANYING CHECK WHICH BEARS THE NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE IS IN PAYMENT OF PURCHASES MADE BY US AS INDICATED HEREON.

PLEASE DETACH THIS STUB
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**ULLSTEIN  VERLAG
WIEN**

Herrn
Prof. J. F. R o c k
Hotel Savoia
N e r v i - Genua
Italien

WIEN, 11.4.1950
N.

Betrifft:

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor!

Wie wir soeben von unserem Vertreter in Deutschland erfahren, hat der Otto Wilhelm
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"Ein Tibeterleben" am 3. ds. Mts. von München
direkt an Ihre Adresse zum Versand gebracht.

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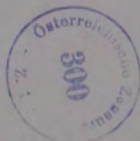
Hoffentlich trifft die Sendung bald bei
Ihnen ein.

Mit den besten Grüßen

und vorzüglicher Hochachtung

ULLSTEIN VERLAG WIEN
Verlagssekretariat

M. Brenner



Samtan Dzong
Route de Nice
Digne B. Alpes

8th April 1950

Dear D^r Rock

I have been glad to hear that you have had an agreeable journey back to Mawi.

Regarding Mrs Cunningham her situation must have been very difficult alone and ill in Tatsienhou. The nuns are neither doctors nor qualified nurses. They inject no matter what old drug in their patients. One of them, the mother, Laclair told me once about medicines for injections which had remained more than 1 year on the road. Of course they were spoilt. Nevertheless the nuns used them . . . with what result, one can guess. Besides this it is not an unpleasant death for a missionary to die on one's field of work. Of course all depend on the turn of mind of the missionary and the way he looks at the things and feels them.

Would you not give me a permanent address where I can always correspond with you? —

I join a list of the books which I have published,
as you have asked me to send you. The last published is on
Nepal.

It is easy to advise me not to work too much
but it is not easy to follow that advice. The signed contracts
cannot be fulfilled. However I hope to get my new auto before
too long and to move a little this summer. I am planning one
month camping.

Of course if Chinese retake authority in China
that will mean some change in the country. Do you know that
there is a Chinese prophecy regarding the Russians "who will
conquer the world!"

So let me know time to time about your whereabouts
The same sends you his best wishes, I join mine

Yours sincerely
Alexander David. Neel

Sorry you have had such hot weather in Digne. Now the weather
is glorious, very sunny and the garden is beautiful with all the
trees white with flowers.

K. Neema,
c/o Chu Chi,
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles,
Kalimpong,
W. Bengal, India.
May 12th. 1950.

Dear Mr. Rock,

I recieved your letter of April 15th., and am very glad to know about you and to hear your news. Thank you. I and my wife are here in Kalimpong.

Last year I thought of going to Lhasa but my master, the Prime Minister, Sawang Kashopa, is no longer in office, so I did not go.

My wife will be very glad to help you with the colloquial Anglo-Nashi language. Just now Tibet is very peaceful.

If you come to Kalimpong we shall do our best to help and serve you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

K. Neema
K. Neema

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Tel.
RAVensbourne 1006

5 Elmfield Park
Bromley
Kent
15th July 1950

This is to Certify that

Dr. Joseph F. Rock aet 67

is suffering from a chronic intestinal condition which in 1946 was acutely exacerbated by a Cholera prophylactic injection. Any further injections of Cholera Vaccine are liable to cause intestinal haemorrhage, and should not be given.

Signed

Alexander J. Watson M.D. D.P.H.

Alexander J Watson M.D. D.P.H.

Ministry of Health.
 Department of Health for Scotland.
 Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF INOCULATION
 AGAINST CHOLERA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that DR. J. F. ROCK

(age) 67 (sex) M whose signature appears below ~~was on the dates indicated~~
 inoculated against Cholera. is unable to undergo cholera inoculation
on account of his intestinal condition

Date	MATERIAL		INOCULATING OFFICER	
	Origin	Batch No. and Type	Signature	Title
	"UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL" CASUALTY LONDON.		<i>J.F. Rock</i> 16/7/50 MS 324 CASUALTY	University College Hospital

(Signature of person inoculated)

(Home address)

(Date)

Re-inoculations

Date	MATERIAL		INOCULATING OFFICER	
	Origin	Batch No. and Type	Signature	Title

Signature of person re-inoculated

(Certificates of inoculation or re-inoculation
 are not valid for more than six months from date of issue.)

8th August, 1950.

Dear Dr. Rock,

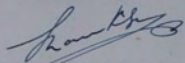
I am very glad to get your letter of the 22nd July, and to know that you have reached New Delhi safely. Well, I never expected you would be going there quite so early. I had expected you would be there some time in the Autumn only.

I duly forwarded to my Government the news of your intended visit, and requested them to send the necessary answer to you through our Embassy in New Delhi.

I wonder why there has been delay, and have once again written them saying you are in Delhi and to expedite matters. I hope you will find things to your satisfaction.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


General Shanker.

Dr. J. F. Rock,
C/o The American Embassy,
New Delhi,
India.

Back
Srinagar, Kashmir, August 20th/50

My dear Walker:

I suppose you will be delighted to hear from this part of the world which since many years I had intended to visit. In 1913 when I was first in India, I stopped in Rawalpindi for the express purpose of visiting Kashmir, but in those days it was no easy matter for the only conveyance then was the two-wheeled Tonga, and it took about a week to reach Srinagar from Rawalpindi. I was at the latter place in the winter of 1913, and the passes were then over snowed and it was impossible to proceed to Srinagar. In 1943 when I was in Calcutta and could not get out of India I decided to go to Kashmir and await the end of the war there, but then again convalescent soldiers were flown to Kashmir, all the houseboats were full and so were the few Hotels, and no accommodation could be had.

This time in order to avoid the heat of the plains of India, the temperature on arrival in Karachi was 125 F. I decided to go to Kashmir and to wait there till it became feasible to brave the temperatures of New Delhi, Calcutta, etc. I needed a rest badly, I worked like a slave on my book now being published in Rome, often till after 1/2 I a.m. and again starting at 7 a.m. the next morning. My visit to England was full of engagements chasing from one place to another, motoring in Scotland, etc. In the States I did not have much rest either and the heat did not contribute to restful sleep. As my ticket, I had a round the world air ticket from Hongkong to Hongkong, was soon to expire, and as the Korean war decided me not to fly across the Pacific, I exchanged my ticket for one from Boston to India, thereby saving even 185 U.S. Dollars, the fair from Hongkong to India. I wrote you a postcard from New Found Land while en route to London where I spent a week, and then flew straight on to New Delhi arriving there in a day from London. I spent five days in that hot city, and then flew to Srinagar in two and a half hours. I must say I had my misgivings at first for only a few days before one of the planes crashed near the Banihal Pass across the Himalayas, killing 22, among them the Austrian Minister to India, and some United Nations personnel. Three times we started from New Delhi till finally the pass across the mountains was clear and they could fly through it. Unfortunately the plane in use by the India National Airforce are Dakota planes whose ceilings are not high enough to permit them to fly over the mountains or clouds, so they have to fly through the Banihal pass. This pass is a very narrow one and it almost seemed that the wings of the plane would scrape the crags. However we made it and at last I put foot on Kashmirian soil. To get here is not so easy for one has to obtain a permit from the Indian Defence Minister. To tell you the truth I was at first disappointed with Kashmir, it is acclaimed as the paradise on Earth, surrounded by snow mountains, neither of which is true. It may seem paradise to those who know nothing else than the hot plains of India, but anyone who has explored in the vast hinterland of China cannot but be deeply disappointed.

As the altitudes of Srinagar is only 5200 ft. the summer temperature is quite hot, and the mosquitoes are bad. The nearest snow mountain is 100 miles from Srinagar, and the so-called snow mountains said to surround the Kashmir plain are the hills in winter snow. The saving grace of Kashmir are the Chenar trees, a species of *Platanus* introduced by the Moghul Emperors from Persia, they are the finest shade trees I have ever seen in all my life and should certainly be grown in Washington. The *Platanus orientalis* is no comparison, and why the Chenar trees have not been introduced instead of the former I cannot understand. I cannot find the specific name of this *Platanus* in any of the books on Kashmir, only the Kashmir name Chenar. There are trees here planted in the year 1600 A.D., with enormous trunks and huge crowns, it is the most stately tree I have ever seen, the leaves are much more incised than those of the Sycamore, the trunk is clothed in a rough and not smooth bark, I have never seen that species anywhere in cultivation; please give me the name. I am having seeds collected of it and will send it to the States.

Srinagar is a picturesque but filthy town situated on both banks of the Jhelum River which has its source at the foot of the northern slopes of the Banihal Pass, actually at its foot where it issues in the form of a spring at a place called Verinag. It forms some of the lakes of the Kashmir plain. These lakes are really beautiful, and one, the Wular lake 30 miles from Srinagar is the largest being 12 miles long by 5 miles wide, while the Dal lake is near Srinagar with a lovely boulevard skirting it at the eastern foot of outer Himalayas. Here are also situated the famous Moghul Gardens built by Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan. They extend in magnificent terraces from the foot of the wooded mountains culminating in weird crags to the margin of the Dal lake, a placid sheet of water studded with floating gardens and isles planted with wonderful Chenar trees, under which the Moghul Emperors erected pavilions to meditate. The gardens are arranged in close proximity to each other, all shaded by many century old Chenars, the terraces are cut by cascades of clear waters from the springs issuing at the foot of the pine and Deodar studded mountains, hundreds of fountains play in the basins at the top of each terrace, all lined by lovely well kept flower beds, with pavilions at the top of each terrace through which the waters flow, and at the extreme end of the gardens flow into the Dal lake. There the Moghul Emperors played with their beloved----- I have made many excursions on the lake in gondola-like Shikaras rowed by two men, while you sit on spring cushions covered with Kashmir embroidered blankets and pillows, I shall never forget these lovely trips near sun down over the placid lake through masses of the pink lotuses just now

in bloom. The smallest but clearest lake is Manabal only 14 miles from Srinagar, where people baths in its cool waters. Alas there are now very few foreigners here to enjoy all this. This is due to the unsettled conditions of this independent state whose fate has not yet been settled. The only foreigners here are observers sent by the U.N. and their white jeeps are much in evidence. All the houseboats are empty and marked "To let". Living is cheap here, on a spacious houseboat with well furnished sitting room, three bed rooms with linen, four meals, boy, cook, sweeper and water carrier you pay 20 Rupees for two persons per day, the Dollar being worth 4 Rupees and 14 annas, this comes about to 2 Dollars a person per day. What more do you want? All boats are screened, have electric lights for which you pay extra, also for mooring and when you want to shift your houseboat from one place in the lake to another. The lake shore and floating gardens are lined with poplars and graceful willows, under the shade of which your houseboat comes to rest. There are attached to the houseboats Shikaras with which you can make excursions across the lake to islands and gardens for the enormous sum of 20 cents an hour or even less depending on the number of rowers. Your children would love this place, it is all one vast playground.

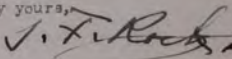
Besides the lakes there are the mountains some 18000 ft. in height, which encircle the plain, there are also fairly good motor roads, but motoring is expensive for a gallon of petrol costs about one Dollar U.S. In spite of my 67 years I motored up the Sindh valley 60 miles to the foot of the Zoji La and then on foot up the latter to the divide into Ladakh, 11500 ft. the ascent is steep but the top of the pass is flat and grassy at this time of year, the slopes and meadows are studded with alpine flowers, as Pedicularis, Iris, Leontopodium and many others familiar from Likiang days. There is one thing I could not get over and that is the people which inhabit these valleys. They are Baltis, tall men with huge black beards, with voluptuous lips and mouths extending from ear to ear, dressed in filthy baggy trousers, yards and yards of once white draperies, and huge turbans, everyone looks as if he were capable of cutting your throat. It was a pleasure to meet the Tibetan Ladakhis, smooth skinned and hairless, with slanting eyes, they fitted much more into the scenery than these hairy fellows. The pass is the divide not only of rich green pastures and forested mountains on the Kashmir side and the deserts of the Ladakh side, but also the divide of Aryans and Mongols. The pass is situated on the western Himalayas, while the great Karakorum range with the second highest mountain in the world Mt. Godwin Austen 28256 ft, flanks the Ladakh valley and the Indus on the northeast. Straight north of Srinagar 90 miles distant is Nanga Parbat 26260 ft. This mountain is visible from Gulmarg and Killamarg two alpine meadows situated at 8600 and 10000 ft respectively on the Pir Panjal range which in itself is 18800 ft in height. I rode on ponies up to the crags and there collected lovely flowers among the rocks; the forests below are really wonderful, tall Abies, like poplars, Decidars, and Pinus Armandi which reminded me of Likiang. From there you have a wonderful view over the entire Kashmir plain with its lakes and surrounding mountains up to Gilgit now occupied by Pakistan, there also is the cease fire line for the present. I also went to Pahalgam in the southwestern Himalayan wall, up a long valley 61 miles, to wonderful alpine meadows and magnificent forests.

On the way back I visited the ruins of ancient Hindu temples at Awantipura, dating back to King Awant Varma who ruled Kashmir from 858 to 885. Here you can see flooted Greek columns. Islamabad the second largest city in Kashmir is passed on the way.

Well it seems I have written more than I had intended. Alas I am leaving here on Tuesday the 22nd for New Delhi by plane and thence by F.A.A. to Calcutta. From there I fly to Siliguri, and thence to Darjeeling or Kalimpong. At the latter place are some Nakhi from Likiang and I shall learn about the fate of my house and belongings and about my men. I think in the spring I will go to Nepal to Gosainthan and stay at a monastery at 14000 ft. elevation and collect where Wallich collected in 1826. If war does not break out I will return to the States to start on the Plant Geography and the Historical Geography of N.W. China, and Northeast Tibet.

I wished you were here, alone it is no fun. I have however with me an Austrian who is a Tibetan student and whom I will leave in one of the Lemaseries in Sikkim where he wants to study and learn the Tibetan language. He knows nothing of Botany.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,


Love to the children, kind greetings to your wife and father.
 Please write me c/o American Consulate General, Calcutta, Bengal, India.

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Dated, Darjeeling, the 3rd. October 1950.

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Please let me know immediately the dates for which accommodation is necessary and remit the fee accordingly so that I may arrange for accommodation for you both after consulting the State Engineer in Sikkim.

Yours faithfully.

J. F. Rock
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AIR MAIL

Dr. J. F. Rock
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Dear Friend:

Your letter of September 16 has not been acknowledged because I was in Europe and England after the Botanical Congress in Stockholm, and returned here only a short time ago. At Bodnant, where my daughter and I spent a week end with Lord Aberconway, and again with Sir Wm. Wright Smith at Edinburgh, I heard much about the pleasure your English friends took in your recent visit to them.

Your proposal to write your Plant Geography of Western China and Northeastern Tibet would represent a very important and useful contribution and is the sort of thing that, of course, only you can do properly. Your magnificent photographs alone, if published with notes, would be outstanding.

As yet, I have not had an opportunity to discuss the proposal with all those here who would be concerned. The most serious problem would be to find a suitable room where you could work conveniently and which would be adjacent to our library and collection, because we are extremely overcrowded as a result of great increases in number of students and a variety of new semi-government research projects which require much space. In other words, this is simply an acknowledgement of your letter and an assurance that I will do everything possible to cooperate with you. You will hear from me again in the near future.

My daughter and I benefited by the two months abroad and enjoyed ourselves considerably. I liked best the three weeks in England where I was able to see and do a variety of things of some botanical interest.

With every good wish and with thanks for keeping in touch with me,

Most cordially yours,

T. H. Goodspeed

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13th October, 1950.

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Yours faithfully,

J. N. Banerjee

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In reply I may inform you that in my previous letter I supplied to you full details of all the back numbers of our Journals and Memoirs that are available for sale. Regarding their prices please note that both the Journals and Memoirs are sold at a cost of Rs. 24/- for a complete set plus postage. As regards our Journal vol. XV Letters No. I, I may point out to you that you may keep one copy free of cost to which you are entitled as a member and the sum of Rs. 12/- which your credit and adjusted against your next order.

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THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

9th November, 1950.

Dear Dr. Rock,

Thank you for your air mail letter received this morning. We have the photographs, and the President showed some of them to the Council on Tuesday. May I say that they are quite the finest photographs from any expedition that I have ever seen, and I think their quality is superb. Sometime when you return I would very much like to know from you some of the technical details. You seem to combine the same degree of artistry ~~over~~ ^{with} the technique and we will be delighted to publish a good selection of them.

Unfortunately, none of them have captions, only numbers, and so I hope that you will be able to fill this gap when you return. We look forward to seeing the other ones as well, and ~~will~~ ^{you} probably make some proofs at Wisley from the negatives when you have selected which you would like to use.

I am sure that the book ~~will~~ ^{should} be represented ~~by~~ ^{active} the different ~~regions~~ ^{parts} you have visited as far as possible.

The Secretary has asked me to inquire whether you have any lantern slides from these negatives as well, and if so, would you be prepared at some time to show some of them to the Rhododendron Group of the Society, or at an afternoon lecture? We ~~will~~ ^{are} discuss this further when I know you are coming to England ~~and~~ ^{will}.

^{I am sure you} ~~We~~ are much disturbed over the situation in Tibet, and send you all our sympathy.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Synges

Dr. J. F. Rock,
Himalayan Hotel,
Kalimpong,
West Bengal,
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AMBASSADE DER NEDERLANDEN

✓ c.c.: Dr. J.F. Rock, Kalimpong.

No. XI-EI/4752

New Delhi, 10th November 1950.

I have the honour to inform you that I received a letter of the Sinological Institute in Leiden (Holland) from which I quote:

"The American scholar Dr. J.F. Rock, whom we know well, and who at the moment is staying in Kalimpong, has been so kind to offer his intermediary in buying for our University two large collections of Tibetan books named Kanjur and Tanjur. These books have to be printed in Lhasa especially for us from wooden blocks and then to be transported to Kalimpong. The total weight of this collection will be about 1000 kilos (4 2240 lbs). The Institute for Strictly Scientific Research has granted for this purpose 10,000 guilders (about 12,500.-- rupees).

Yesterday we have definitely requested Dr. Rock by cable to purchase these books for us, if still possible and mentioned as maximum price (including transportation to Kalimpong) an amount of 10,000.-- rupees. The balance of the amount granted by above-mentioned institute we have reserved for the costs of transport from Kalimpong to Leiden."

I should appreciate if you could assist Dr. Rock as far as possible and more specially in the transportation of the collections from Kalimpong to Calcutta and the shipping from Calcutta to the Netherlands.

For The Ambassador:

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November 14, 1950.

Dr. Joseph Rock,
Himalayan Hotel,
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Dear Doctor Rock:

It was a pleasure to hear from the U.S. Cultural attache that we are again neighbors. You will recall our meeting in Kunming late in 1948 when I flew in there with U.S. Minister Louis Clarke just as you were returning from a trip to Boston.

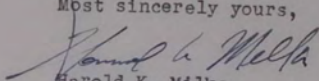
Mrs. Milks and I arrived in New Delhi a week ago where I have taken over direction of the Associated Press for India, Pakistan and Ceylon. I left Nanking finally in March, 1949, and spent the past 18 months in our London office.

Is there anything you can tell me to help clarify the situation in Tibet? We have many wild rumours--most of them originating in Kalimpong--but there is little substantial information filtering into New Delhi.

We understand the Kalimpong correspondent of the Statesman, who lives at your hotel is one of the more reliable newsmen in that area.

I should like to hear what you have to say of the situation in Tibet as well as something of your own plans. If there is anything we can do for you in New Delhi don't hesitate to write us. I look forward to meeting you again personally in the not too distant future.

Most sincerely yours,


Harold K. Milks,
Chief of Bureau.

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No. D.6905-MEF/50.
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

New Delhi, the 17th November, 1950.

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India present their compliments to the American Embassy in India, and with reference to para 3 of this Ministry's note No. F.51-184/50-AMS, dated the 31st October 1950, have the honor to state that the Sikkim Durbar would be glad to welcome Dr. JOSEPH F. ROCK, who desires to do research work in Sikkim, but before doing so, would appreciate some detailed information about his itinerary. If such help is desired, the Sikkim Durbar would be in a better position to assist him in forming a programme provided further information about his purpose could be given. For instance, if he wishes to study alpine flowers, he need not visit certain places where only sub-tropical plants occur. Furthermore, parts of the State are normally closed to visitors.

2. The Sikkim Durbar trusts that his publications, if any are intended as a result of his tour in Sikkim, will be confined to the scientific study of Mahayana Buddhism and Botany.

3. Shooting of game in the State will not be allowed, and in general visitors are expected to keep to the accepted dak bunga,ow routes. The collection of manuscripts and sacred objects without the permission of the Sikkim Darbar is also not permitted.

4. The Ministry take the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of their highest consideration.

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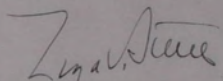
Dr. Joseph F. Rock,
Himalayan Hotel,
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Dear Dr. Rock:

This will refer to your letter of November 7, 1950 requesting the Embassy to assist you in obtaining a pass to go to Sikkim. In this connection, there is enclosed a copy of a note from the Indian Ministry of External Affairs dated November 17, 1950 (No.D.6905-NEF/50.).

It is suggested that you write to the Ministry of External Affairs directly giving the information which is requested and that you send a copy to this Embassy in order that we may take appropriate measures to support your application.

Very truly yours,


Loyd V. Steere
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure:

Copy note from Indian
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12th December 1950

Dear D^r Rock

So you have gone back to the Himalayas. Do you think of settling in Kalimpong. That big village is not unpleasant and you could pursue there some Tibetan studies. But you are a so terribly restless globe trotter that I doubt if you will ever be willing to settle somewhere definitively.

Most likely you have met in Kalimpong the Prince Peter of Greece who has been staying there or in the vicinity you may have talked together about travel in Tibet.

Could you think that some months ago two young Austrians have informed the news paper that they were to undertake an expedition in order to discover "the mystery mountain Anne Machon which none has approached and to which only flies have cast a glance from above"

I have not been able to refrain from sending a certification which has been published in the Continental Daily Mail. I told about you and your exploration around the Anne Machon, about Percina, and myself. Since

then, the word "Discoverer" seems to have been silent.

Evidently to fly from Singapore to Sarak in 90 minutes may be convenient for people who are in a hurry but all this flying has spoiled the charm of the journey. Fancy if instead of walking from the Katakapo to Sinar via Sura, I had then asked what what would have been the pain and the pleasure? — The modern civilisation is certainly not conducive to the development of the intelligence.

I have just heard that a daughter of Mr Mac Donald (which of the daughters?) and her husband have come to Monte Carlo and wish to establish themselves there. Do you know about it. And they say Mr Mac Donald has been knighted and is now, Sir Mac Donald.

What about the Chinese in Tibet?

There are political troubles in Nepal too

Be kind and let me know all the news you have got with best wishes, in which my son joins for a most happy 1951

Yours sincerely

Alexandra David-Neel

Kindly convey my best compliments and wishes and those of my son to our old friend Mr Mac Donald and to his family.

München, d. 21. 12. 50

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Rock,

Heute kann ich Ihnen die Antwort Dr. Schubert's
übersenden. Sein Brief ist ansehnend, wie der
Postkennzettel zeigte, sehr lange gegangen.

Ich benutze gern die Gelegenheit, um Ihnen
noch wegen der Bon-Ikonographie zu schreiben,
betrachte deren Sie neulich fragten. Sie werden in
meinem, Ihnen zugesandten Buch ein paar
Proben der Bilder aus der Berliner gärtnerg-
Handschrift finden. Die Handschrift enthält über
etliche Bilder, die ein schönes Bon-Pantheon
liefern. Ich habe mich mit diesen Bildern und
ihrer Deutung, wie mit dem Text selbst, schon
seit Jahren beschäftigt, und könnte sie mit
ikonographischen und sachlichem Kommentar schnell
publikationsfertig machen. Aber ich finde hier
in Deutschland niemand, der den kleinen Heft-
verbanddruck bezahlt.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen und
besten Wünschen für das Neue Jahr

Ihr ergebener

H. Hoffmann.

München, den 30. 12. 50

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Rock,

Für Ihre freundlichen Zeilen und Wünsche zum neuen Jahre danke ich Ihnen vielmals und ich möchte Sie diese Wünsche ebenso erwidern. Wir brauchen in der Tat gute Wünsche sehr bei dieser bedrückenden internationalen Lage. Dabei liegen wir hier in Westdeutschland am allerexponiertesten und würden im schlimmsten Falle den ersten Stoss abbekommen. Man darf gar nicht daran denken. Dabei schaut man sich nach all den überbleibenden Jahren Naziterror, Krieg, Krankheit, Hunger usw. so sehr nach Frieden und positiver Arbeit! Ich sehe, Sie empfinden es ebenso wie ich. Im Grunde sehnen sich ja alle Völker nach Ruhe.

Den Brief an Dr. Schubert habe ich gleich weitergeleitet und eine paar Zeilen in dem von Ihnen angegebenen Sinne beigelegt. Ich glaube, dass Dr. Schubert wohl den Ernst der Lage einschätzen weiss.

Sie Übersetzung des Geb'ter sion po von G. Roesch ist für mich in der Tat äusserst wichtig, und Sie würden mir sehr helfen, wenn Sie sie schicken könnten. Trotzdem wäre mir der Besitz des Originaltextes sehr wichtig, da man sich ja bei

spezicllen Problemen nie auf Übersetzungen ver-
lassen kann. Ich finde man sollte einer wissen-
schaftlichen Übersetzung aus dem Tibetischen stets den
Text beigeben. Besonders dankbar bin ich Ihnen,
dass Sie versuchen wollen, die von mir benötigten
Tibetica zu beschaffen. Ich glaube gern, dass dies nicht
leicht ist, aber der Raja von Bhutan hat doch
vielleicht die Möglichkeit, die Werke des Padma
dkar-po zu beschaffen. Sonst dürfte Tscha Tsai sole
lia wohl am ehesten zu haben sein, da es viel
gedruckt und bei den Rotmützen hochgeschätzt
ist. Für meine Studien über alttibetische ^{Geschichte} ist
das Werk von hoher Bedeutung. Auszüge habe ich
bei Prof. Tucci studieren können, ich möchte aber
den Teil über Könige u. Minister vollständig
übersetzen. Daneben arbeite ich an einer Geschichte
des Kälacakra-Systems im Indien und Tibet. Auch
das ist sehr schwierig; bisher habe ich mich ver-
gebens um die Tanjur-Bände 1-5 be-
müht, welche die Kälacakra-Kommentare enthalten.

In den nächsten Tagen, wenn ich aufs Zollamt
gehe (dort müssen wir auch die kleinste Drucksache auf-
geben), sende ich Ihnen ein paar noch verfügbare Auf-
sätze. Über die Königsgräber hat Tucci ja jetzt ein
schönes Buch geschrieben, ich hoffe aber, dass in meinem
Aufsatz doch d. eine oder andere Information steht,
die etwas nützen kann. - Bitte senden Sie keine
Scheck, ich will gern Ihre Kassepa stuz mit Dr. Scher-
berl. weiterleiden. Mit freundlichen Grüßen Ihr ergebener
H. Hoffmann

this text (maybe with some learned lama?)

1) at end of page 1: dgar-khang of ge-sar in Li-chang. Any more details would be welcome.

2) at top of page 4: who were rgya-sras rin-po-^{che} and tshan-po-to
(or are they one and the same person? at what time did they live, to what school they belonged? (Lamaism?))

Of course I don't want you to loose your time, but if you have an occasion to comment the mss of the H. Dsam-gling rgyas-tshed with a lama, you may come across these questions.

I am very busy and want this letter to leave quickly.
So enough for today.

With all my best wishes for the New Year and the firm conviction that, in spite of all hystery, it shall not see ^{the} war's outbreak,

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Mr. Harry K. Mansfield,
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50 Federal Street,
Boston, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Mansfield:

I have been waiting and waiting for a reply to my letter of October 15th of last year to your's of August 18th addressed to me C/o American Express Co., London. I also wrote about the same time to Dr. Elmer D. Merrill and asked him to be so good and intercede for me with your firm. I had however no reply from him in regard to this matter. I wrote to you last year that owing to being over 67 years of age I was not reappointed Research Fellow of Harvard-Yenching Institute, and of course I receive no pension; my retirement took effect on June 30th of last year. I have no income now and am living on my savings, which owing to inflation have not the same value they should have. Furthermore I lost several thousand Dollars due to the Communists, and I am sorry to say Harvard Yenching reimbursed me just one third of my expenditure, so my entire salary of 1948-1949 was lost. In addition I had to abandon all my belongings in Li-chiang, nothing could be sold, as nobody wanted any foreign things.

All this prompted me to write to you and ask you, and I also asked Dr. Merrill who knows my circumstances to communicate with you, if you would not be willing to reduce the bill you sent me. Alas I have heard nothing from you. I am now writing again this time registered, and enclose my cheque for U.S.\$100.00, this is all that I can pay for the time being. In fact I sincerely hope that your firm will accept this as a final payment. If I were well off I would not mind sending you the full amount, but I simply cannot. When I left Hongkong in 1949 I had hoped that it would be feasible to return to China within a year, but the situation deteriorated, I had then bought a round-the-world ticket by air, as it was cheaper than a ticket to the States. To live in the States without an income would have eaten up my savings in no time, so I returned to the Orient, and I am now at Kalimpong in West Bengal on the Tibetan border, the cheapest place imaginable. I pay less than 100 Dollars a month, have a nice room with a veranda and a magnificent view of the Himalayas, for this and full board, I pay the above sum. And what is more I can carry on my work which the Communists interrupted.

Please be so good and communicate this to the powers that be in your office, and I sincerely hope that my situation will be understood, my losses in Likiang have been very heavy, you can find out from Harvard-Yenching to whom I sent all my vouchers and bills, from over 6000.00 Dollars expended, to say nothing of the losses I incurred by having to leave all my belongings behind which are a total loss I was reimbursed 2000.00 Dollars, and my return fare to America was not paid but was included in the 2000.00 \$. I felt very badly about this especially when I was told that Harvard-Yenching Institute continued sending money to Yenching University in Peking which was the first Institution to be taken over by the Reds, on condition that the money be not used for Communist Propaganda. I can only remark "Senta Simplicitas".

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Dr. Joseph F. Rock
Himalayan Hotel
Kalimpong, West Bengal, India

Dear Dr. Rock:

I have just received your letter of February 20 which came quite promptly. I am very sorry that you have not heard from us or from Dr. Merrill for some time. I am sure that Dr. Merrill has had the same experience that we have had, and that is that we have not heard from you since last summer. My letter to you of August 17, 1950, enclosing the Treasury Department refund check and our bill for services was mailed to London and forwarded to you at New Delhi. Since then we have had no information as to whether or not you received the letter and were able to cash the refund check. I assume that on the basis of your recent letter you did receive my earlier letter, and that you were able to cash the Treasury Department check.

I am very sorry indeed to hear about your difficulties, and Mr. Casner and I feel that in this situation we will be quite agreeable to accepting as full payment your check for \$100. We appreciate your willingness to pay what you can on our bill, but I think it will be best to consider the matter closed. I hope you find that you may continue your work in West Bengal without any further interruption of the sort that has been plaguing you since 1941.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Harry K. Mansfield

Harry K. Mansfield

HKM:dl

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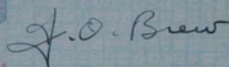
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I must point out that we had to pay cash on the spot for all the books supplied to you on credit.

You may have very low opinion of my husband, but I fail to see why in such a case you profited by his services and money.

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Sehr geehrter Herr Professor.

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So bleiben wir denn zuerst bei dem einen Band mit der
einen grossen Bestattungszeremonie. Dafür ginge dann ein
Subventionsgesuch für 1500. US Dollar an das Harvard-Yenching
Institut. Aber damit wollen wir warten, bis Sie hier sind,
und wir das Anliegen noch einmal haben gemeinsam besprechen
können.

Hoffentlich hat dieser stark geschäftliche Einbruch in Ihre
italienischen Wochen nicht eine zu starke Störung gebracht.
Für Ihre gesundheitliche Erholung weiter alles Gute. Auch
P. Rahmann lässt recht herzlich grüssen.

Mit den besten Wünschen und Grüssen

Ihr ganz ergebener

P. Rahmann

Haria has gone to Calcutta to try and get his visa extended. Patterson is still around. Mr + Mrs Fox are here and staying at the Home I have not seen them yet.

I have had three letters from Mary since they arrived in Dhaka. They seem quite happy at the moment and all is well. I did some shopping for her the other in Dajepour and bought Rs 900/- worth of wool. I expect this is for making the Tibetan aprons. The family all wish to be remembered to you.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely,
Vera Macdonald.

My sister Pauline is in London if you have time please go and see her. Her married name Mrs. HECTA DAVY, Flat 7 GORDON CHAMBERS, 20 JERMYN ST. LONDON SW,

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Vera Macdonald

Himalayan Hotel

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To open cut here

Himalayan Hotel
Kalimpong
12.9.51

Dear Dr Rock,
Thank you very much for
both your post-cards. We were
glad to get news of you
and to hear you were feeling
so much better.

I would have written to you
earlier but I have been so
busy recently. Ravi Dorji has
invited me to go with her
to Bhutan to Kasang's wedding.
We leave here on the 24th. I am
so excited about going, I have
managed to get six weeks leave.
Bhutan is a beautiful place and
I will enjoy travelling with Ravi
and Kasang and one of the younger
sons. Royal and Tashi will not be
coming up as the doctor advises
~~to~~ he should not go. There will be
so much to see and do. There
was a little delay in my
getting my passes but you know

what it is out here, time does
not matter!

The Dorji's are giving a
cocktail party on the 21st -
a farewell to Kaysang. Everyone
in Kalimpong will be going and
there will be a few from
Darjeeling. They were not allowed
to give a dinner party to
more than 25 people so they
solved the problem by giving
a cocktail party.

We are busy at the Arts & Crafts
and have managed to get
some raw materials to carry
on. Mrs Edmunds has taken over
Pasha's Christmas Cards.

We see Nelsby occasionally
he is putting on weight. The
Templer left last month, when
the time came for him to
go he did not want to go.
He gave me a nice painting
of "Chomolhari". We still have
quite a number of guests here
whom you have not met

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9th December 1951

Dear D^r Rock

You are really an extraordinary man, you are moving in the world with the speed of a meteor, one can never guess where you are. I have been glad to hear from you, I think it was no use for you to stay longer in Kalimpong as you could not keep the hope of proceeding from there to Shasa. Have you seen the Prince Peter of Greece during your stay in Kalimpong? No doubt, he, too, wished to visit Shasa. You say that the Chinese have posted troops at all the passes ^{all} along the Indian-Tibetan border, it was decided in the sino-tibetan treaty so it has not come as a surprise. Before, the British had posts at the border. After the Shasa expedition the British could have opened the tibetan border, they did not do it, quite the opposite they encouraged the Tibetans to keep the foreigners out of their country. Still more, Sikkim which had been open ground for years became forbidden land by the will of the British after the first great war. And so it is with all countries and especially, I am told, with U.S. Men must stay in their village or make flying evanescent tours when they can afford it like you, but these tours cannot trespass outside the limits of a certain number of countries, unfortunately the well known and uninteresting ones where there is nothing new to discover.

Well, my dear Dr. Rock, you and I and a few other including the credit Tucci,
we have enjoyed exploring let us be thankful to the Gods for it. It remains
for us the pleasure of writing books out of the various materials which
we have collected. I see that it is what you are doing. Your work
on the religious ceremony of the Rakhi shall be of great interest and the
historians will find a mine of information in your Plant Geography of West
China. You are indeed a great authority on these two subjects.

As we are speaking of botany, what has become of K. Ward? It has been
reported that he and his wife have perished in the earth quake in Assam
about 2 years ago. Is it exact? — I shall not venture to ask you where you
intend to go after having spent the winter in Italy. Most likely you do not know
it yourself. — I do not move from Digne. I have just been in Savoy last
summer. I used to spend part of the winter ^{on} at the Mediterranean coast, in Monte
Carlo, but the rooms I occupied were not available this year and I have not
been able to find somewhere, in the Riviera, an unfurnished flat to rent with a
3 years or so lease. Owners of buildings want to sell the flats or to rent them
guaranteed, most times with a furnished one which requires me. Documentation
business seem to be flourishing again in Germany. I am to have three of my
books published in German in 1952: *Sikkim*, *to Nepal and the Wild Far West of China*,
My old publisher in Leipzig is also publishing a reprint of *My journey to Shensi* which
will be plentifully illustrated. In France, my last books: *P. S. and his*
enseignements secrets dans les Sectes bandhites tibétaines, sell well and have had
good critics in the Press. But I am more and more convinced that all that
passing show of the world; great events and petty events are but one
"image in a dream," as said the great Nagarjuna. And when (if fully
considered) it, one does not see any reason to rejoice, to fear, to regret
to expect other thing that which is; consequently one has found peace
even if we are going toward third big war. — Kindly remind me to
prof. Tucci and convey him my best greetings and those of my son.
We both, the lama and I, send you our most friendly wishes. Do not forget us and
let us have often news from you. All what you will learn about events in Tibet will
also interest us.

Yours very sincerely
Alexandra David-Neel

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