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September 9th, 1931.

Roerich Museum,  
310 Riverside Drive,  
New York.

ATTENTION: MISS LINDEN

Dear Miss Linden:

Since visiting your Museum the other day, we have given much consideration to the angles to be considered in installing your beautiful and valuable collection of Asiatic birds, butterflies and the pair of big-game heads.

As you may know, Mr. James L. Clark of these Studios is Vice-Director of the American Museum of Natural History in charge of all preparation and exhibition there. That alone is ample guarantee that your specimens will receive the most able and careful attention possible. Mr. Clark and I agree that the wise move for you to make just now is to have all of your birds and the two heads properly mounted. Those birds which are destined to be included in habitat groups should be mounted in postures adaptable later to such treatment. No doubt, within the course of some weeks, by the time all of your specimens are mounted and ready for installation, a plan may be worked out for their proper display. Probably we will know then just what space will be available for cases and we can decide more intelligently how extensive the habitat exhibit should be.

There is no question but that the majority of your birds should be exhibited in rather shallow wall cases, while the largest birds, as the griffon and the lammergeyer, should be in angular floor cases. To display the collection of birds and butterflies to best advantage, we feel now that it will be advisable for you to use the room space now occupied by Miss Linden's office with its "ante room," plus the designated room adjoining the ante room. The office partition should be taken out. The door connecting the two main rooms should be much enlarged while the wash-room and two closets in the room to the east, should be removed. By all means, the fabrics now hung in this room should be removed so that the designated area will deal with natural history only. Mr. Clark and I will make more detailed suggestions along this line later. For the time being, we believe that you should not delay with having the material mounted. When it is once set up, we can tell much better where it should be placed and how much room it will occupy.

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On the attached sheets, we list your birds and big-game heads with specific estimates for mounting each. All mounting will of course be scientifically and artistically accurate. It will be of a sort acceptable to any leading museum. In our location here we have access to the extensive collections of live birds in the New York Zoological Park, which factor enables us to produce work which cannot be equalled commercially. We are constantly serving museums and scientific institutions over the country, including the Academy of Natural Sciences, of Philadelphia, in which we are now installing large habitat groups of musk-oxen and giant sable antelope; the Peabody Museum of Yale; the Ohio State Museum; the University of Nebraska; and many others.

Our estimate for the mounting of your deer and blackbuck heads and for all birds, totals \$1087.50. If the estimate meets with your approval, we shall be glad to receive your instructions to call for the material and proceed at once with its mounting. Before long, we will be receiving large quantities of North American hunting trophies for mounting and your work would necessarily be much delayed after that time.

Most truly yours,

(Signed) Raymond S. Deck

Director.

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Enc. list

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ESTIMATE FOR MOUNTING ASIATIC SPECIMENS OF THE ROERICH MUSEUM

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(All prices are immediate acceptance only)

BIRDS:

1919	♂	Gypaetus barbatus hemachalanus	\$ 75.00
1920	♂	Cyps himalayensis	65.00
943	♀	Bubo coromandus coromandus	25.00
1855	♂	Coracias benghalensis benghalensis	15.00
1	♀	Tetraogallus himalayensis himalayensis	25.00
1467	♀	Porphyris poliocephalus poliocephalus	20.00
1887	♂	Orocissa flavirostris cucullata	15.00
1882	♂	Myiophoneus temminskii temminskii	10.00
1813	♂	Psittacula schisticeps schisticeps	15.00
1502	♂	Cyanops asiatica asiatica	12.50
1810	♂	Upupa epops epops	10.00
1512	♂	Halcyon <del>smyr</del> nensis smyrnensis	10.00
1865	♂	Chaimarrhornis leucocephalus	10.00
1800	♂	Columba leuconota leuconota	15.00
1914	♂	Acridotheres tristis tristis	15.00
1525	♂	Psittacula Krameri manillensis	20.00
286	♂	Enicurus maculatus maculatus	15.00
1868	♂	Aegithaliscus concinnus viedalei	10.00

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	1162	♂	Pastor roseus		\$ 15.00
	1826	♂	Stoparola melanops melanops		10.00
	1883	♂	Cyornis supercilianis supercilianis		10.00
	2004	♂	Oriolus oriolus kundoo		12.50
	2032	♂	Aethopyga gouldiae gouldiae		10.00
1)	1426	♀	Antigone antigone antigone		75.00
	1427	♂	" " "		75.00
	864	♀	Lobivanellus indicus indicus		15.00
	865	♂	" " "		15.00
	272	♂	Motacilla alba		10.00
2)	820	♂	Pterocles orientalis		20.00
	832	♂ 816 ♂, 821 ♀, 825 ♂		@	20.00
	806	♂, 811 ♀,	Pterocles erlangeri erlangeri	@	20.00
3)	123	♂, 119 ♀,	Lophophorus impejanus	@	40.00
	2030		Perissospiza icheroides icheroides		10.00
4)	1524	♂, 1522 ♀, 1521 ♂, 1515 ♂, 1514 ♂, 1519 ♂		@	15.00
			Psittacula cyanocephala cyanocephala		
	2002	♂,	Terpsiphone paradisi leucogaster		12.50
BIG-GAME HEADS:					
		♂	Indian Red deer		65.00
		♂	Black buck		<u>60.00</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>		\$1087.50

♂ - male      ♀ - female