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SWAMI RAMA WANT TO TALK TO YOU ON THE PHONE ANYTIME BETWEEN 10 AND 5  
O'CLOCK CHICAGO TIME ABOUT YOUR MANUSCRIPT AND REGARDING A BOOK HE HAS  
WRITTEN. PLEASE CALL COLLECT 3127240300. BLESSINGS

SWAMI RAMA

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P.O. Drawer F  
Lone Pine, Calif. 93545  
Oct. 11, 1977

Dear Sri Swami Rama:

Please accept the enclosed photo of Dr. Wolff with our compliments.

It was a thrill to us to have had the contact with you the other day. Thank you for accepting the manuscript. We have had a letter from Dr. Melvin since talking with you and I think he will be sending the manuscript promptly. He suggests the possibility of dividing it into two books, an idea which may or may not be worth considering.

Please extend to your secretary my congratulations for her excellent reading of your book. (or from it.) It was well articulated and I understood every word. I shall repeat for you here Dr. Wolff's quote to be sure of its accuracy: "I recommend this valuation by a fully competent modern sage of representatives of Indian wisdom." After hearing the reading, we looked up Tagore's books. I had not known that he was more than just a great poet, and I appreciated hearing your valuable comments and something of his teachings.

It would be wonderful to be able to come to Chicago next summer, though I doubt if Dr. Wolff would be up to it. He is 90 and tires easily. Also, we have our own little convention here the second Sunday of August. However, we do look forward to your coming in January. We have a guest room that sleeps two, or a guest house without electricity, but gas lights, that accommodates up to six, or there are motels in Lone Pine, over nine miles distant, however you wish. If you could let us know ahead we can send you an area map if you are driving, or we can plan to meet the afternoon bus if you come that way. We do not have a 'phone and we usually pick up our mail on Tuesdays and Fridays.

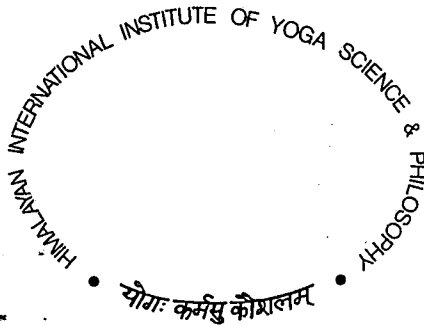
May all good attend you.

Our love,

*Mrs. Franklin F. Wolff*

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Swami Rama  
Founder—Spiritual Head



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October 14, 1977

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin F. Wolff  
P O Drawer F  
Lone Pine, California 93545

Most Blessed Dr. and Mrs. Wolff

God Bless You.

I arrived this morning from Pennsylvania. You both are very kind and genuine people. Though we have not met, I assure you that I am very close to you heartily, and you are always in my thoughts. I will do my best to help you according to my capacity.

I will see that your book is printed and published properly, and if ever the Institute can do anything for you, it is always at your service.

I cannot express my feeling of gratitude towards your kindness in sending the message for the book, "Living With the Himalayan Masters". I will send first copy of the book to you.

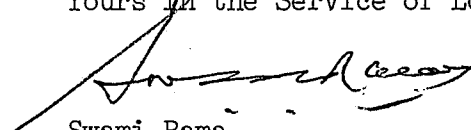
My next book is "Shankara, the Architect of Advaita System". It will be forwarded to you early, two months before it goes to press.

You'll be glad to know that we have bought a college in the Pocono mountains, Pennsylvania having 400 acres of land and another seven houses around it. The property which we have today is very small and not sufficient for our programs.

I had to postpone my visit to India which was scheduled for the 25th of October. I'll be leaving for India for a month sometime in November. I will positively see you and talk to you about your book. Please do not delay in sending the manuscript to us.

My prayers will be with you.

Yours in the Service of Lord,

  
Swami Rama

*Answered over* →

P.O. Drawer F  
Lone Pine, Calif. 93545  
Oct. 21, 1977

Dear Sri Swami Rama:

Our letters may have crossed in the mail, so you may already have some of this information. Thank you for your precious letter and your many kindnesses. We look forward with great anticipation to reading your books. Your new acquisition sounds exciting and is surely more suitable, in a setting of mountains, than the flat country around Chicago. We wish you well with the venture.

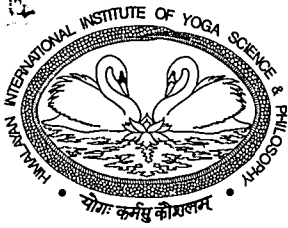
I believe it is Dr. Melvin's intention to send you Dr. Wolff's manuscript direct, as soon as he has edited it. He will send us a copy at the same time. I think he will get it to you as fast as he can, and I shall write to him again too.

We hope your India visit will be rewarding. We, too, will be away the first half of November and will be mostly in Phoenix with family, friends and students.

Yours in the Cause,

*Mrs. F. F. Wolff*

Mrs. (Gertrude) Wolff



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November 5, 1977

Mrs. Franklin Merrill-Wolff  
P. O. Drawer F  
Lone Pine, California 93545

Dear Mrs. Franklin Merrill-Wolff

Swamiji has received the beautiful portrait of your husband. It was most kind of you to send it. Those of us who saw the photo really admire it; it is most expressive.

Swamiji had to leave Glenview for a few days and asked me to send his thanks for your kindness and to convey his regards to you and your husband. He said to tell you that as soon as he returns from his trip he will write to you.

With kind regards,

*Theresa O'Brien*

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*for Swami Rama*

P.O. Drawer F  
Lone Pine, Calif. 93545  
December 27, 1977

Dear Swami Rama:

We hope your visit to India has been most refreshing. Knowing how busy you must be, we hope that you can still manage the trip here but will understand if you cannot. Assuming that you can make it, I am enclosing here an area map for finding us and some notes which you may find useful.

We think you will like our background of high mountains here, rising to over 14,000', about the best, or highest, the "Lower 48" can offer you. We are just under 6000' and are able to look out over the Owens Valley which is at 3700', and the mountains to the east. We are ten miles from town. The maps will be handy if you are driving. If you should plan to come by bus, which connects to Reno, Nevada to the north, or Los Angeles, we can meet the afternoon bus if we know well in advance of your arrival. We do not have a 'phone and usually pick up our mail twice a week, on Tuesdays and ~~Saturdays~~ Fridays. In the event we do not receive your message in time, we have an associate in town who, if available, I know would be most happy to bring you up. He is David Kruger, at 191 N. Mt. Whitney Drive, 'phone 876-4500. Or, Mrs. Pat Farlander at the local Chamber of Commerce, lives up here and could surely bring you up after work.

We have a guest room with twin beds, or if you prefer more privacy, we have a guest house with two bedrooms and can accommodate three or four comfortably. Lighting and appliances at the guest house are gas. There is currently no electricity. Or, if you have your own transportation you may prefer to stay at a motel in town and spend the day with us, or however you desire. You may enjoy a hike, weather permitting, up to the Ashrama at 8000' which Dr. Wolff and students built years ago, but which is no longer ours, having reverted to wilderness area.

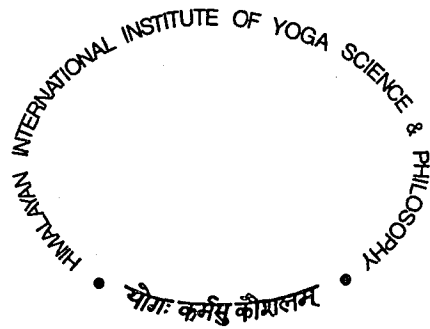
If you have special wishes about diets or other things, please let me know that we can respect your needs.

Meanwhile, we hope there will be at least parts of the manuscript that you can use. I myself am especially drawn to the last portion. Swami Ajaya is an able editor and we trust him.

Do let us know when you are ready to come. We all look forward to your visit. Our love and best wishes,

*Bertuch Wolff*

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11 March 1978

Gertrude Wolff  
P.O. Drawer F  
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Most Blessed Mrs. Wolff,

Thank you for your kind letter. My visit to India was very taxing. I will try to manage my trip sometime in summer, when I am not so busy running this new place, which needs more attention and hard work. By the grace of God and you friends, I will be able to do so.

I would really like to see your place which is in the lap of high mountains. No matter how far you are from town, I would like to see you.

Your book is with Dr. Ajaya Swami and I have given instructions to him to write to you and then immediately send it for typesetting. I hope he does a good job.

I eat once a day and sleep very little, so please do not worry for my comforts. I am a cave man and I do not forget the discipline and austerity I have been through.

I am sorry the distributors were so late in sending you a copy of the book Living With The Himalayan Masters. I hope you have received it by now.

Thank you for sending me the map. It seems to be a beautiful place. Please remember me to your friends.

I pray for you in every breath of my life.

Yours in service of the Lord,

  
Swami Rama

answered by Bruce Rudy on June 7, 1978

May 28, 1979

Himalayan International Institute  
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Attn: Swami Rama

Dear Swami Rama:

I am becoming quite concerned about the portion of my writings which your organization has been promising to publish for some time now. I have had other offers to publish the same writings and so far have had to keep such offers in abeyance. I have heard rumors from some who have visited that the promised volume is soon to be out, but, yet, have not seen or heard anything from your organization. I am a bit disturbed by such rumors as I require, of course, that any and all publication of my writings and/or any related introductions be approved in written form by me prior to publication.

I am requesting that a written agreement of publication between your organization and myself be approved and signed by July 1, 1979 with same agreement containing the stipulation that the agreed upon published work shall be ready for sale to the general public by August 1, 1979.

I think this an adequate time interval as I have been waiting for more than one (1) year now. If we cannot come to such a written agreement by July 1, 1979 I shall consider the other offers to publish, which I have received.

At present, Helen Briggs holds the copyright as inherited from James A. Briggs, and such agreement shall also have to be approved by her.

I hope all is going well for you and for your institution.

Sincerely,

Franklin Merrell-Wolff

FMW:kjb

CC: Helen Briggs





# Telegram

MESSAGE NUMBER > SBA184

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Please accept my heartfelt condolences.  
My prayers are always with you. Let us  
pray for the happiness of the departed soul  
Mrs Wolff.

SIGNED: Swami Rama

*Swami Rama*  
Founder-President



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July 26, 1979

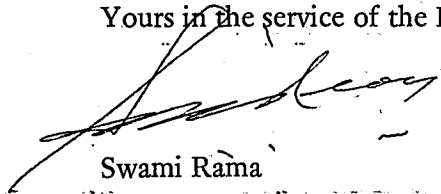
Dr. Franklin Merrell-Wolff  
Post Office Drawer F  
Lone Pine, California

Most blessed Dr. Wolff,

God bless you. I arrived at New York from Tokyo on the evening of the 23rd and found your letter on my table. I am sorry that Swami Ajaya and Ann Craig took a long time in editing and I did not know what happened between Swami Ajaya and Dr. Melvin, with the result that so much labor was done and the book was not published. I feel sad that the Institute can not publish your book. Anyway, I instructed the publishing section to immediately return your manuscript and they have done so. How unfortunate that it is that the manuscript was returned without publishing.

God bless you.

Yours in the service of the Lord,



Swami Rama

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