

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Transmitted by email:

Mr.
U.S.A.

Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice has received your email letter of 12 February 2021, together with its enclosure, and your email letter of 5 April 2021, in which you request copies of two Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá to assist you with preparing an article to be written in Bangla about Rabindranath Tagore for submission to a reputable periodical in West Bengal or Bangladesh. Your letters and enclosure were forwarded to the Research Department at the Bahá'í World Centre for study. We regret the delay in our reply.

The Research Department reports that no Tablet of 'Abdul-Baha addressed directly to Rabindranath Tagore has, to date, been found among the archival holdings of the World Centre. The article enclosed with your letter of 12 February references a modified excerpt from an early English translation of a Tablet of 'Abdu'l-Bahá addressed to Juliet Thompson. In this Tablet, 'Abdu'l-Bahá lauds Rabindranath Tagore and urges the believers in the United States to present the Divine Teachings to him and show respect to him as he travels in America.

Rabindranath Tagore is also mentioned by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in a separate Tablet addressed to Jane Stannard in Calcutta, India, in which 'Abdu'l-Bahá instructs Ms. Stannard to convey His greetings to Tagore and express His pleasure with the educational institutions he founded to teach literature and philosophy and His hope that in addition to the arts and sciences, Tagore may also promote spiritual education. Typescripts of the two above-mentioned Tablets are enclosed. No authorized English translations of these Tablets are currently available.

May your endeavors in the path of service to the Cause of God be guided and confirmed.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat

Enclosures