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My dear Bal.

I had hoped against hope that you will come via Paris to attend the New York exhibition. Instead, I ran into Magbool, who was on way + was scheduled to paint for the Commercial Fair, in Paris, a large painting - "Dandi March", in three days. We had lunch together + I showed him our two exhibitions. He is himself, as ever, with the same alertness + shivers. It was good to have news from India.

Without a letter or news from you, I am writing again. Your brother's health is preoccupying. I guess you have all sorts of responsibilities at present + I do so understand your silence. All the same this letter to inform you that I am coming again - this time at the invitation of the Delhi Triennial. I plan to reach Delhi on the 23rd January '86 + will stay there with Rashmi Imkealy for 5 days. They plan to present my book in Delhi with a reception in their home in February + Khurshed + Kekeo plan to be there. I intend to bring a few paintings of medium sizes which can be shown on the occasion. I am also thinking of bringing over "Mā", your painting, but it's so big that I am hesitating. Besides I will clear off in Delhi. I know it has been over delayed but I have exhibited it usefully here. If you want it now, I will bring it. But please let me know.

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The exhibitions here have gone off well. It was really a warm reaction for my work, in this hard + difficult world. I will send you reviews later. Amrita, Ram, Akbar, Chowdhury + the whole exhibition. Now I am awaiting news from New York + in the meantime planning to come back + have a month's rest. I will like to come to Bombay for

for a week or ten days say around { 28th 29th 30th } January + then go to my  
Desh, Mandla, Narmada - + probably to Bhopal to greet RHM  
for the Kalider Samman on 13th Feb. I have to be in Delhi again latest  
on the 14th till 22nd Feb - this time as a guest of the biennale.  
And on the 23rd Feb I shall fly back to Paris. (will confirm later.)

Alas, again, Janine will not be coming with me, her  
mother needs her all the time - though she still stays at her own  
apartment + is well enough.

Now the problem - where to stay in Bombay? As you see,  
I am now becoming a yearly nuisance!!! so I will

suggest that I could try + stay at the club where Mahmud or Ram  
stayed last time. But I do not know if that could be available.  
Could I get a room in Shalimar which could be a practical solution.  
I have many things to take care of in Bombay. So please think it  
over + let me know. And let me know, if you will like me to bring your  
painting this time.

Have you ~~the~~ news of Tyeb. Laxman + Sumita came to Gorbio  
but not a word since then. How is Jit + Urvasi. I know you will not  
write, but just ping up.

Love from us both -

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