

Paris, 19th Feb. 1963.

My dear Krishna,

No news. This is frankly depressing. Painting a lot or lecturing? I think we should get used to short precise notes sent at the right time rather than waiting long + writing a long letter when mood permits. Do you agree? I am reminded of the rose card Gandhiji invented. He must have found it a necessity. Should we take inspiration from the example + get used to writing a short letter which will not exceed the limited space of ONE PAGE of an ordinary block like the one I am using today. I think it should be a good device even if we do not make it a rule.

How are things? Did you get my last letter. Have you been presenting the exhibit presented by the Arts Society. Or are you simply working for your own exhibition. How long do you intend to stay in the States. If I remember right you were coming to France in March or April. A letter from the States that they are going to be here first week of March.

Akbar is in Bombay. No news. I hope he writes as never before I have been so much home sick. The last visitor we received from India was Ram Kumar. If he was not our guest I would have taken the life out of him. He is so imperfectly stupid. Pretentious - snobishness. However I gave him a bit of my mind + am convinced he will never visit us again.

Jamie said "I am imotional". We thought of you. You will have said the same thing. I say "merde". These people make me mad. I will rather be away. Kumar is going to be another 6 months in the States. So beware. Or rather, see that you enjoy yourself at his cost. Personally I can't enjoy so many things. There are real pleasures no doubt, but these concern all that you like + love. For the rest that's nothing but imitation + you can't help talking.

Sad news from London. Manuel Fernandez is seriously ill. He has Tuberculosis meningitis and is in a hospital in a state of semi-unconsciousness for the last two weeks. The hospital specializes in this particular illness + so the only consolation is that he ~~will~~ could not be in better hands. I have written several letters to my brothers, Farida, + E. Coelho asking for news

and inquiring about his health. His parents have been informed. I have also written to Akbar about this asking him to inform Batiwala. Needless to say I am very sad & his thought haunts me all the time. It's indeed so sad that he should have neglected his health living in a city where all medical treatment is free. The Doctors hope to save him but the treatment will spread over six months or more if physically his resistance gets better. All we can do is to hope & pray.

No better news recently than a letter of Cocho of Galley, one in London, who gives a detailed report. There's only hope that his life can be saved. However he does not recognise any one who visits him.

Hope this letter - which has largely - spread over a page invites you to write at the earliest. That Rem & you are fine & will soon tell us when you are going to be here. Did you have news from the bank that sent remittance to Fadiha. The sum is not received. These people are so unreliable that I should like you to have very precise information & receipts to be able to prove the case if necessary in future. Sorry for all the trouble.

Please do write. We constantly think of you both -

Love
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