

New Delhi
22nd Dec.

My dear Raza + Janine,

Pushed + busy as I have been I couldn't let this month escape without wishing both of you a very happy Christmas and a really prosperous New Year - forgive me the scrappiness of this letter which is being hurried out of me - You must get the news of what's going on though Akbar must have told you a lot - I accidentally ask him if he ever received the long letter I sent through Ayaz - Tyeb is here + has found a modest but clean + convenient place to live in very near to us. We saw his slides last night + we (Kenn, my father, Tyeb + Sakine, Paul Jenkins + his wife Alice Beber) were tremendously impressed with his work. It is really authentic + good. Paul Jenkins - (the painter who shows in Karl Hinker Paris, Martha Jackson New York - is here + has become a good friend. Kumar is showing him here from this Sunday.) bought one of Tyeb's on the basis of slide projection, so Tyeb has had a good beginning in Delhi. My own exhibition is going on exceedingly well. Prices are on the high side 2500/- to Rs 5000/- Eight out of sixteen have been

sold already & Kumar is confident
of selling the others. My arrangement
with Kumar is working satis-
factorily & I'm of the view that he is
the only real art dealer in this country.
Kekop is very friendly & agreeable
but doesn't see a painting, is ignorant
& cannot inspire any confidence
into potential purchasers. He is
trying to be a salesman & that
can't last as you know.

My exhibition has been fixed
at Egan Gallery & will open on the
9th March. I shall be going &
will stop over in Paris even if it
is for a day or two. Sometime
in January or beginning of Feb '65
I'll let you know in advance.

Ben & the children are well
& send their love. Tyet was
very excited by the three paintings
you showed him in your studio.
I must see them when I come.
How was your show? I hope it
went well. I myself have been
painting large canvases -
the biggest being 84" x 46" - which I
sold for 5000f. Thank God it is possible
for an artist to survive on the
basis of his work here, but it is
still hard. Our fond love to you
both & all the very best in the New
Year -
As always
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