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My dear Raza,

No news from you at all. I hope this is only because you are working and busy & for no other reason. Maybe you are away to the South of France on vacation. In any case do drop me a line once in a while.

There are a few things I wanted to tell you. Firstly: The Lalit Kala Akademi has converted an old 11th Century hunting lodge into studios for painters & sculptors. So far only four have been completed. Three are being rented @ 30/- pm. one is being retained by the Akademi for visiting artists. I have taken one for myself and though I haven't started using it, I am going to as soon as the weather is more favourable. If you are coming this fall, you should write how to Banjara and book the fourth studio to work in. The location is very beautiful indeed & we could ride to it in my car. Secondly, you should write & arrange with Kumar or Ketoo for a show. I understand that the Shridharani Gallery is booked up. I'm having a show in November and I've in Feb. or March. You probably know that I've & I are with Kumar & though it is not an ideal arrangement, I doubt if there could be a better one & it does work. He is arranging for a show of Sam Francis later this year & also of Leyden (Ludis' cousin who lives in Paris). I am having 2 shows - drawings & paintings, at the Shridharani Gallery & at Kumar's simultaneously - so I'm working again. I've has been working too - good work! Ram has started too after a summer full of heat.

and George Butcher. While I was away Bal came
here and took it upon himself to be a leader
+ solve George's problems (to which there is never
any end). Kam + Lye exchanged hot words with
Bal it seems, but they are still good friends!
Husain has been travelling - Kabul, Bagdad, once
in a while he comes out with a fairly good painting
but on the whole it's pretty stale stuff. He's off again
to Czechoslovakia + Germany. Thirdly: Lee Nordness
who has a gallery in New York + is a very active person

was here. He's building a collection for some undisclosed
American collector. Bought a Tyeb, a Ram, a couple of Ambades
drawings, a small Swaminathan, no Husain, an oil of
mine which is in Boston on show + a Sumie which is
in transit from New York - both sold on the basis of slides +
photographs. I gave him your addresses + tel. numbers
+ he will contact you sometime this year or the next.
Rudi is on his way to Europe + will be calling you soon. I gave
him your studio tel. number. I have also written to my
friend Corinne Ittaly in Washington to see you when she is
in Paris. Renu has written her too! Please be good to her. I'm doing
a series of T.V. broadcasts on art!! Maybe I can do one on you
when you are here. Renu is well + sends her love to you both - so
do I. Had a letter from Akbar the other day. He's living it up! Ever yours