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My dear Raza,

Many thanks for your long letter (which I loved having). It has been a long time since I heard from you. We are all very glad to hear that after many years of hard work you have can see now a small measure of success. Many great painters before you have gone through the same experience. For us, bourgeois, it is easy to remark on this. We do not normally know the suffering, the empty years, the disappointments, this working in a vacuum. Our world is close, comfortable, normally secure - but...

We do not know the ecstasy of making, the joy in birth to something that comes out of you like you iron flesh and blood, the pride of having made it. Who is richer in the end?

I did not write to Waldemar George. I am too busy even to think of writing or art. I have given his letter to Mademoiselle Regier (?) who has been studying in India for some time and knows all our artists and their problems. I discussed it with Mr. Schlegel and we came to the con -

decision that she should write for 'Prisac'. So I asked her to reply to George in my name. I find 'Prisac' a bit dull but perhaps that is because we are too far away and too many details do not interest us.

We are going to Europe on June 30. I believe we shall be in Paris in September, I hope for at least 2 weeks. I shall write to you. But please let me know what your plans are. My address will be: c/o Volkart Brothers, Winterthur, Switzerland. I would like to see one of your exhibitions, so please give me all the dates (Biennale, Leyden, Paris etc).

In April I spent a week with Renu and Krishen Khanna in Badras having a good time together and talking Art Art Art.

We were in Japan and Cambodia, away for 6 weeks. We are spending 3 days in Rome before going on home. Shall we meet again there? All the best and thank you for thinking of me when George asked you. May be I could dash off an article in Paris when I am there. The photos of your paintings look good, better than what you showed me in '53, but I am longing to see the colours.

Yours ever
Renu