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DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM
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My dear Raza,

To start with, accept our
heartiest congratulations - to Janine,
for the Prix Marguerite, wonderful news,
and to you, for no less remarkable
a feat, the invitation to lecture + work
at the University of Berkeley!
You are doing fine, on le voit, et
c'est l'essentiel!

I received your letter of 9th
Sept. with a letter from Hélène de Compiègne
on the 26th Oct. only, and then that
of the 4th Nov. I, however, was
no more in Calcutta as you must have
already noticed, and all I could do
to help her in Calcutta was to write
to my successor there. Here in Delhi,
of course, I could look after her
accommodation and sightseeing and
even had her received at the
airport on her arrival from Banaras.
She in fact decided to stay on in
Delhi for nearly 10 days in order
to --- faire du tourisme à sa façon,



taking it easy and visiting museums, Art
galleries, exhibitions, shops, etc at leisure
and enjoying at the same time the famous
winter of Delhi. Apart from her
acquaintances in the Embassy, she had
dinner at the Bengalis, at the Krishnas
and at our place - which three places
incidentally are all in Jaipur!

She did some shopping, too, with Dorelle
and Genevieve. After visiting Khajuraho
on the 8th (Sunday), she left on the 20th
for Jaipur wherefrom she will proceed to
Udaipur, Ahmedabad, Bombay, Amargabad,
Ahmedabad, Etina & back to Bombay &
then to Karachi, Tehran & so on up to
Paris!

We were glad to have her
here and particularly to have from
her fresh news about you & Janine -
In fact, had it not been to save
Janine from turning 'green', I would
say that whenever Dorelle, Genevieve
and Helene met together, they spoke
of nothing else & none else but
Raja! You 'pauvre sin le ferveur'
seems to be as strong as ever
and claiming more & more 'victims'!

As far as we are concerned,
as you see, we have started moving
West. In fact, there is a very strong
possibility that we would be in Paris
by the end of Dec. or more likely
in January 1962. There are, however,



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many other interests 'en jeu' and so many personal considerations of so many persons have to be accommodated, as this, being a chain of transfer, involves more than one person. I, therefore, keep my fingers crossed though Genevieve, you can well imagine, is bursting at the seams with excitement & anticipation!

So we are very eagerly awaiting the day when we would be able to see you & Jamie once again, and your nice little apartment, and your latest works, and dear, old Paris, and ...

For the time being, however, we are working hard - I at my office (in the Ministry - I am looking after tourist publicity) and Genevieve at her school where she teaches French to the --- Americans! This keeps us fairly busy, what with the children - Anna & Maya (the third one - Sheila - is in France with Genevieve's parents) and the daily chores at the house -



As I said above, Bengali + Domfue (with their sweet, little daughter, Dira) live in the same 'quarter' as we, and so naturally we meet very often. Krishnan + Banoo also have left Mizanuddin + settled down in Tangpura - a boy's par or eleg now!

What we hope is to be able to reach Paris before you leave for the States - And once there, I will make the necessary arrangements for the 'Expédition 1953' to India! For the time being, I'll only say, it's a great idea, stick to it! The news has already spread like wild fire locally and you cannot really back out at this stage -

You mention some letter you sent us and hope it reached us.

In fact, it did not. We, however, have no thought of hanging you - far from it! We know how busy you can be and have are confident that the number of letters + their frequency are no criterion of the friendship you share for us. As I said, we are happy that you are working so hard, and fine, + that's the real thing! With love + best regards
Affectingly
Rayner

Now some of us
miss
brown
honey
all this for
to the
Raya -
to us
felicitation
from Jeanine
Pentelie
Cecile
to affection
+ affection
generine