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The word

शान्ति . (shanti)

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My dear Dilip,

I have been working on the project of the PEACE Poster for several weeks now. Two paintings are ready. The first one is "Bindu" the seed symbol of energy in Indian thought. The climate is expressed by pure plastic means of colour + form. In one PEACE is action, presence, plenitude in the midst of agitation & all worldly preoccupations. In the other it's the PEACE of heart: calm, detached & total. Both the paintings are near-abstract, musical, very close to my present work which you saw in my studio during your last visit to Paris in November. I have also done a schema layout with the words: UNESCO, + "PEACE" in 12 different languages.

I will like you & your colleagues in Paris to know that I have been seriously working. The subject is so dear to me in my own life, work & preoccupations. It also seems doubly important in the context of the present world today. May be they could come over sometime & look at what I have been able to do so far.

To please write. Warmest greetings to you &
Lahita & all good wishes at the eve of the new year
1981 and above all: PEACE in human hearts.

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'D. H.', with a large 'X' or cross-like stroke over it.