

My dear Raza,

How are you getting on dear fellow? Neatly tucked away at the end of his letter, Akbar writes: "I say, Raza has done a master-piece!" About two others you have also done, he says "one is fine the other so so."

Now we have three adjectives, "fine" "so so" and "master-piece" (though "so so" is a preposition<sup>perhaps</sup> and "master-piece" is a noun — what? I haven't the slightest notion of grammar — though I understand perfectly well what Akbar's terms mean. I would only like to know <sup>whether</sup> the master-piece is comparative or even better than the "Black Moon" or is there no comparison between the two. I am simply longing to see what you and Akbar have done.

I say, Raza have you heard from your wife — has she received the £10. I'm a bit worried about the safety of this money, as this time I sent it differently i.e. by Postal certificates. I had sent the amount on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

I am beginning to turn over <sup>in my head</sup> the "Idea" of having an Ex in Paris — a last fling so to speak, along with you. Having Husain in is wonderful — 'Quatre Peintre Indienne' <sup>We are</sup> ~~I am~~ not really concerned what the other artists will think or say about taking in H in ~~the~~ Paris show. Neither is the fact that H happens (to my mind not accidentally) a Muslim — We could kick the breath out of any bastard who ~~thinks~~ <sup>says</sup> ours is a communal partnership. What really worried me is what explanation should we give the French public about the addition. Between the two of us, the public understood the presence of Baby Akbar — but now Husain — and between the three



What have you to say about the Ex —  
Shall we have one in December?

To the Organising Secretary, 'Artists for Peace' Exhibition.

I hope to take part in the 'Artists for Peace' Exhibition, June 1952. Please let me have sending-in form.

(Signed)

Address

I suggest that the following artists should be sent notices of the Exhibition:

- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address
- Name
- Address

I will write to Akbar with in a few days time

Particularly, write if you wish the money received

So long old man

of us — complete with beard and all — well, we'll have to ask Rosland the biologist to give some explanation for the new arrival. Any way, write to Husain to send 10 pic. It will be great to have even his pictures ex. along with ours

Please post in enclosed envelope, addressed to Mrs. Abbott, 143 Chateworth Court, London, W.8.