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Aerogramme



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Dearest Raza & Janine,

I am completely overwhelmed by your letter which arrived yesterday. You cannot imagine how close I felt! as if you had put your arms around me at a moment of great personal desolation. The mind always manages to produce a rationale, an argument to tidy over a ruffled emotion and a bruised heart. Yes it is true that he lived till the ripe old age of eighty eight & almost till the last he was working, that he gave so much of himself to so many generations of students & that even at this age he wasn't prepared to narrow his horizons & was perennially inquisitive - What more could anyone ask of life - too true - how can one contend with the natural cycle of birth and death and there is no tragedy in what is so natural. But he was my father & I was very close to him & I had to see him suffer - the last memory almost eclipses the memory of him as a very handsome young man who loved his family so much. & inside me I feel bruised & torn & terribly vulnerable & the image of him lying helpless with all kinds of tubes going in & out of his once masculine & tough body, his mind still clear but his tongue unable to give expression & it was only the eyes which had a fugative stare of recognition which spoke to me. These are private indelible experiences

which we all go through & which shape us.
 Indeed, to be able to paint & to even try &
 formulate the inner landscape of being is a boon
 indeed. Latterly, I have scarcely had the time, nor
 even the inclination to paint. I am busy with
 so many mundane yet pressing affairs. More
 than everything I'm trying to keep my mother
 comfortable & happy. She is a very brave woman &
 it is touching to see her stifling her tears lest they
 let loose torrents in us. — Your letter is most
 healing dear Raza and I feel privileged to receive
 such friendship — As always,
 Krishen

P.S. I shall be writing
 at length shortly!