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My dear Raza,
I am very sorry
to hear from you
that you are
not well.

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Not a word from you since I
last saw you in Paris though I have
written to you at least twice. It is
quite possible that the post has been
disturbed by the recent hostilities. Anyway
I have been a bit worried and I honestly
hope that both of you are well - & working
hard. I - as always - would like to
hear what you have been doing
& whether Janine has had any
luck with a gallery. I sent my photo-
graphs to this paper & am awaiting
an answer from her. - The recent
war must have upset you. I'm not
altogether certain that you have received
the correct news or views regarding the
happenings - Certainly the American &
the British press ~~has~~ started off by being
slanted in favour of Pakistan but is
coming down to more favourable &
objective reporting now. None of us here
have any doubt that the fireworks
were begun by Pak. Having learnt their
methods of infiltration from the Chinese, they
trained & sent in huge bands into Kashmir to
start a "popular revolt". Anyway they have
been severely mauled & recently, I yet,
Husain, Raza & I went to the various fronts
to see for ourselves what had happened in
the 20 days war. We have no doubt in our

Minds about our morale & our abilities
- it's not the same as in 1963. I wish you
could have been here - It was a profoundly
moving experience which has deeply
affected us - & in a way will change
us & our outlooks. I mean this in purely
human terms. For me at least it has
taken a turn in my painting - I am not
so obsessed with the purely plastic & aesthetic

& the emotional compulsions cannot be
ignored - you don't paint a head or a figure
by accident but by a determined act of
will - One's plastic abilities come to play -
This is too brief to explain all our feelings but suffice
it to say that PURITY is not a virtue for me all the
time. I organised an auction of painting & got £1500/- for
the Javans welfare. - When are you coming or have
you altered your plans? Do please write. Much love
to you both from us. Kristen