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My dear Raza,

Thank you very much for your letter. All this while I was waiting to hear from the Asian Gallery, but nothing seems to turn up about that exhibition, and the Gallery is not functioning as usual. I showed your and Padamsi's pictures to two other art dealers here. They remark that yours will sell, and they like Padamsi's very much. But beyond remarks nothing, no propositions came. It doesn't matter much anyway.

I received a few photographs of Husain's recent paintings, and they are magnificent. Pai writes that H's ex. was a good success, and that he is going to hold another in Delhi in March. And quite a long while back I received H's letter saying he has booked his passage to come with Bakre, but Pai writes he is not certain of H's coming.

My ex. in Bombay is most probably going to turn out a flop. Everyone is "angry" and "cold" writes Elk towards me and my paintings, because of my article on my landlady. I am not worried in the least though.

Maria is absolutely tip top in health now, and the doctor has encouraged her to work as long as she can.

I have worked out 6 oils since you left London. One of them is a large one 4 ft by 3 ft. And of course many water-colours and drawings. Soon after you'll left I painted a series of snow landscapes from our experience of Hamstead Heath, and I sold 3 of them.



The other day Nineteen de Silva came over. She gave me news about you both. She said you have not worked much — you have painted only 3 Kashmir landscapes in Paris she said. Buck up my boy. Ofcourse I know how you work — once you get it in your head you work like a devil, indefatigably, producing thousand upon thousands of paintings. But now your head is full of ..... by the way, have you received news from her? Or has another SHE taken place of her? <sup>There were</sup> ~~some bad words I scratched out!~~

~~some bad words I scratched out!~~ N. de Silva said Padamsi has painted several "Genesis" like the one hanging in ~~my~~ our house. She seemed to have liked them. Ofcourse they must be damned good eh? <sup>She took a few of my paintings, she'll buy one she said, + show the others to friends.</sup> I am definitely coming to Paris in September, so before then,

you will have to find different lodgings, to accomodate us both. you dont know how much this gesture of yours means to me, I thank you with all my heart, and ~~one~~ one day I will repay all your kindness, all my debt to you.

Tell Anil that I thank her very much for the £2 I received from her through a friend, or rather let "Akbar" thank her for me. Give my regards to Dr Vigier

~~that~~ With all my love, and love from Maria too. Look after yourself untill I come to look after you. I am taking special instruction in cooking. I am learning French too, but I find it very difficult particularly the pronunciation

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