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My dear Moti,

After every visit to India, I come back charged. Innumerable memories haunt me. I feel happy & inspired as if possessed by an incredible inner force.

Is it the distance that makes the meeting so intense? I really do not know. But on every visit, I live the experience fully. It's elevating. I learn to see again & even the things I know since long, take a new magnitude. They seem to reveal themselves fully. A tree, a rock, a river, a bit of land, an innocent foxhead. And then this expanse of colour & space, abundance of human warmth, sympathy, appreciation & reciprocity. It's overwhelming.

Even if I have been away, links have remained intact. By being physically near, there is surely a more intense communion with the energetic centres at home. Something happens. Something important happens. It's an acute process towards a charged ~~the~~ superior state. It's a wonderful feeling. Time is necessary to assimilate, to decant, to gestate - to be able to work.

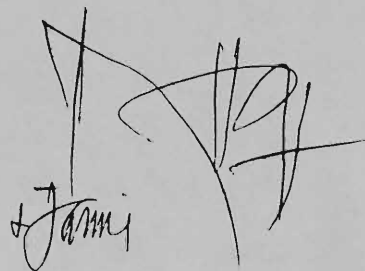
Since return, while I have been preoccupied with new ideas & new compositions, I had also in mind other facts & figures of a more material nature. I wrote to Khushi three & yesterday I rang her up. I was happy & relieved to know that my tax declaration has been done according to your advice, & in time. Thank you ever so much, Moti, to assist me in a domain where I feel lost & to relieve me of this anxiety. I am glad that my taxes now have been paid & I can ~~now~~ settle down to my work peacefully. However may I remind you again that this is going to be a regular problem, every year. So with all the affection & friendship between us, you must take it up professionally. Please. I referred to it briefly before I left & Khushi too knows about it. I will remember.

Janine had many preoccupations following the death of her mother. We hope that

the complicated succession problems will be over by end of June. We have both started working. I have a show in Norway starting on 28th October, while she will show in Paris in November. So we have busy months ahead. The acute winter is ceding place to autumn. Not flowers but Colom poskus are emerging on the walls of the city. France is choosing her President. During "Easter" we will take a brief holiday to our village in south of France - which will do us good. We will be back in Paris on the 16th April.

And to be sure - we both - plan coming to India in January-February 1989. But that's still far ahead - though I have innumerable visits & programmes already fixed...!!!

With sincere-renewed-thanks - & Love to you & to Rekha -


+ Jamini