

— 3rd July —

Stupid on my part - this letter still
remains unposted - had thought of adding
something more - & see what happened!!

Well you must be all ready to leave for U.S.A.

I hope you get this before you depart -

I have ~~been~~ been painting a little -

Have been having guests staying

with me - Have been having a

few parties as well. ~~It~~ Then my cook

Chirac, whose marriage you had attended, has

left me permanently - no reason - just

may ~~be~~ ^{he} needed a change & ~~that~~ may be

his better prospects - & so for the last 2 weeks

have been cooking my own breakfast - tea etc -

its fun but waste of lots of time - I have
come back to my mood of painting - & I am at it.

Do write to me from U.S.A. - lots of love to Jamie & self - T.S.L.

I was under the impression that you had already
left for States - I have been planning to do the same
but the new Travel & Exchange regulations
which have come into force since 8th June
no one can now leave the country without
a permit from the Reserve Bank - so now
I must arrange for solid grounds to be
in U.S.A. while you are there - do write to
me your States' address & where abouts -

I have not heard from Mike since he left for
here - now how I of course written to him - do
ask him to drop me a line to encourage
me to phatany him - I hear from Niki^{de} that
he has done lots of work all sorts in Paris -
must be the inspiration ~~he~~ he took from
Hindustan !! I have in poppy Helene - even
to her I have not written - tell her I always
~~remember~~ remember her & also ask her to drop me
a line - I must write her soon - you know
I like that poppy - I feel in the mood
of Paris just now - and I had a hell-a-cop-Ter!

Rajaji - Janiniji - Namaste - it feels
so nice when I can sit to write to
you - which unfortunately is delayed often
because of the moody geysers that I am -
I got your Exhibition card yesterday & for all
I know by now your paintings must
have hit the headlines - & bumper
sales of course - I am just back from
a preview of Satish Gupte's paintings - his
Exhibition opens today at Roopa But gallery today -
I must say that the present work is
encouraging & a couple of paintings I really liked
some months back ~~when~~ ^{but} I didn't like
his work at all - sort of after American
influenced ~~work~~ ^{cum} Samant Texture! - but the
present work is alright - after all ^{one} I have

knows how quickly ~~time~~ changes people! -

Just after his Show, he ~~is~~ done some good paintings & a number of Drawings - & besides he has been selling them as well & at good prices - Hussein had a tour of Rajasthan

with a poppy of course (a new find!) painting tour

I mean!! & his ~~is~~ new work is Rajasthan. interesting both ways! - Ram Kumar is back

in Ramkot Hills with family. he came to Bury for a couple of days - & we had lots of dialogues! - he's getting along fine ^{- Krishna has left for his tour -} & I was coming back

to the Gypsy Bar - he too has kept himself busy painting - slow but steady -

I have finished a large painting 8 ft by 6 ft - & took me 3 months & days to finish but time has not mattered since the painting has come off & satisfying - The only two people I'd love to show it now is you & Bkber & George Gurney poppy -