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● My dear Devika,

Mummy gave me the scarf you sent me. Thank you very much for sending it as I am very busy collecting anything that will remind me of India, and red is one of my favourite colours and quite a number of my clothes are either predominantly red or a colour that contrasts well with it.

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I am very busy trying to knock up a fancy dress for the ship, using that picture that Chukram took of me in the studio as a model. We have found an old black and silver evening dress that used to be a sari and I have torn the thing apart, now the problem is to stick it together again so that I look something like my picture. Mummy and I went down to the Indian Bazaar and got all the jangling earrings and

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bangles etc., and so far it seems to be getting on fine.

I am not looking forward to the terrific change in my way of living, and the Canadian people are really more foreign to me than the people out here. The winter will be the worst time and the thought of the cold is hanging over my head like the sword of Damocles and I am dreading it. The trouble with me is that I am a hot weather plant and the cold makes my nose red and my

temper bad !!

I am enclosing a snap of the three of us, so you can see how big my Susan has grown. It was taken in the back garden and took us ages to snap it as Susan is like a weather cock and keeps changing her position the whole time.

With lots of love to you

from

Aileen