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S. Park's Rd.  
Bankalore.

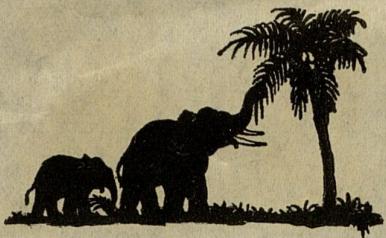
27. 8. 53.

My dear Derika -

I am so v. sad I have  
not been able to come & call on  
you as I ~~do~~ much wanted to —

1. I came without your address —
2. I have only just managed to get it  
from Shanta & now find it is only a  
Bank address! & I was hoping  
Shanta & I could come out to tell her  
but she also does not know the way  
& our driver is of course a stranger here

I specially wanted to come out & apologise  
to you as I feared you & your husband  
must have been so disgusted with me  
that day, that I never got a chance of  
apologising in person as I hoped to do,  
when you came again - as you promised.  
Life has been just pretty awful the last  
year & a half - I was feeling utterly  
ill - mentally as well as physically when  
I must have reached in Borebar.  
It was disgusting of me not to have  
been able to pull myself together  
more - but things just came so  
"on top of one another" . . .



Can you forgive me? possibly?

It was inexcusable - but I am  
fully sorry -

We came here on the 1<sup>st</sup> - & will be  
leaving any time between the 1<sup>st</sup>  
& 6<sup>th</sup>, probably of Oct. as Pan's operation  
& convalescence has been simply splendid.  
Thanks goodness she is now in the south of  
France with friends, & will be back mid  
Oct. If by any chance one of your  
servants ever comes in here & cd show  
us the way in, Shanta & I will be  
glad to come & see you if you cd.  
bear it?



There is a phone here - but I did not find you in the book - & when I asked "Enquiries" they said you had no phone which I cannot believe!

Anyways here is shopping, though there are such few days left.

We do so hope to see you in Bombay or Delhi soon in any case -

Please be understanding .... & forgive my seeming rudeness & hastiness in B'hy.

Love

Firoz

(Narielwala)