

● my dearest Madam

This is to wish
you ever so many good wishes
and good luck on your
birthday.

I do wish I were there
on your birthday to celebrate
it as I would like to -
but you know my difficulties.

● I want to write a very
long letter but due to
many reasons I am hurried
and Co is unwell. So
will write later.

This is just a little

present - with my best wishes
which I hope you will
honour ~~to~~ me by accepting.
With fondest love & all
good luck & wishes.

your loving
Asghar

Qasr-i-Khalid.
Tarakebad.
Lyallpur.

2.1.41

My dearest Madam,

ever so many ^{Thanks} for your
sweet letter, I was very pleased to get on New Year
day with your good wishes and news.

I am very sorry indeed for not being able to
see Dr Valavanho when he came to Lahore, &
called to see me, as we had returned here.

You will be pleased to hear we are both keeping
well, & looking fit, and Bob's cold is much better.

I sent some Grape Fruit & red oranges from Lahore
& do hope you'll get them in a good condition. I
hope to send you some better ones in the full
season, by the middle of January.

I have dispatched the 'Surma' just now, and
hope you'll get it O.K. (black stuff for eyes.)

So Dr wants to go and work in a crowded city
instead of reposing in the lovely Kulu Valley, well
if he must, he has all our good wishes.

I think Col. Barucha is the Inspector General of

My regards to Raja & his wife
 with lots of love from Shri
 & your affection
 Professor & George.
 please remember me to the

Saxon Villa.
 Mussorie.
 11.5.41

my dear Madam,

Ever since I have
 heard from Svetoslav how you are loosing
 weight I have been very upset and
 anxious: And want to come at once
 to see you - but unfortunately I am
 situated in a difficult position having
 promised to keep mother company I cannot
 leave her.

I do wish I could persuade you
 to take better care of your health,
 because think of us all who love you
 & need your blissful presence.

I entreat you to take strong measures to
 prevent further reducing.

I am longing to see you, and have
 a strong desire to be with you, but
 how can I cut off the chains of
 duty which tie me down helpless here
 at the moment.

I received the cherries parcel yesterday, but I am afraid they were reduced to a pulp by the time I got them; but I managed to get $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. out, to taste & share with my hostess, & Baby!

Ever since I have come up I feel a slight strain at my heart. I had myself examined by a doctor who diagnosed it as appendicitis, which I refuse to believe. I think I am just rundown & feel weak, & suffer from insomnia; that is why my pulse becomes so weak when I take the slightest exertion.

I am here till the 18th morning - then I leave for Dehra Dun to stay there with mother where I have arranged a house for her & my nephews.

My address there will be —;

"BELLE VIEW"

LEYTON ROAD.

DEHRA DUN.

Little Shen is becoming very interesting, & I do wish you could see her. I will send you some snaps of her in my next letter.

Asghan,
your affectionately
will best wishes & love
love to Raza.

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Qasr-i-Khalid.
Tarakabad.
Lyallpur.
3-4-41

My dear Madame.

I beg to
be forgiven if I have delayed
so much in replying to you,
because I thought I had
replied your letter, besides
I wished to send you some
snapshots of Baby which never
came off, and so I have not
been too well I put off
taking more. But I promise to
send you some this month.

How are you all keeping?
I heard the Professor and George

paid a visit to Lahore. So you did not go to Lahore.

I miss you ever so much at times, and wish Baby and I could fly and come to see: But a pity we cannot however much we may wish to.

I am going to Lahore on the 7th, and will then stay on to look after my mother; and my sister is having a Baby so I have to see to her also.

I wish I could go to some Hill station for May, because in the end of that month I will be taking my mother to Dehra Dun.

We are hoping my brother and his wife will return from

England this summer. 5

The flowers here are lovely; the garden is a mass of different coloured roses, and it is still fairly cool here.

You will be pleased to hear that Baby walks quite well now, even runs about, and talks both languages! She is becoming quite mischievous now, and takes a keen interest in my painting box and things! One day she climbed on the stool, and got the colour tubes and messed her frock & face with them! quite a little imp. She is very friendly with all the people who come to see us, and isn't shy at all.

I have just received a hurried note from Suetoslav saying he is still very busy, has been very hard worked, so had no time to write home or to me either. But he hopes to be up soon - I gather by the middle of this month or a little later. So you will have him with you ^{before} by the end of April - like last year!

Azim will soon be at Nagai, and I am afraid this year he will not have us with him; so will be rather lonely: But he likes seeing you all, and being with Suetoslav, so I am not too worried about him. With my very best wishes to all.

P.S. please give the other letter to Svetoslav,
and rememba me to Prof. George & the girls.

"BELLEVUE"
49. LYTTON ROAD
DEHRA-DUN.

My dear Madam,

24.5.'41

I think Svetoslav will be with you on the 26th or 27th as he intended to leave Lahore on Sunday or Monday. Maybe he'll be with you before my letter reaches you. I asked him to give you a couple of snapshots of Coo and me, which I took in Mussoorie.

I am feeling very lonely here as my mother has not come up yet, and keeps putting off the date of her arrival. I do regret coming to this place & being alone.

How are you keeping? Do hope you are not reducing any more now. I do feel worried about you, and wish I could come and see you are quite well.

Now Azim will be going to Lahore, and someone else will take his place. Hope you have pleasant new neighbours this summer.

Svetoslav will give you the colourful description of our visit to Hardwar - something like a nightmare -

So I gather from the hungry faces what the revolution in Russia must have been like.

I feel much better ever since I returned from Mussoorie. The pain in my heart has quite vanished now.

Baby is quite well & sends her love to you all. With best wishes,
yours Asghari.

12th June.

My dear Madam Roerich,

Thanks ever so much for the lovely present you and your husband have sent me. I haven't the appropriate words in my English vocabulary to express my gratitude for the sweet thought which prompted you to send me this beautiful book. In this blunt English language one only says, "please accept my heartiest thanks". Where as in Urdu I could say something I really feel - Anyway I do hope you understand how very pleased I am to receive this token of friendship from you, and will value it above all my other books etc. I will enjoy reading it and looking at those pictures of great art.

Please convey my 'adab's to professor Roerich, and express my thanks, and gratitude for the great honour he has done me, by presenting this book on his art.

Again with very many thanks & best wishes

yours V. Sincerely
Aqhan M.C.

"Bellerue."

49 Lytton Road.
Dehra-Dun.

24. 6. '41

my dearest Madam Roerich,

I have not heard from you since quite a long time, and wonder if you got my letter at all. As I have not been quite well I could not write and tell you that Svetoslav had reached here safely and is quite well, and has decided to reach Kulu as soon as possible ever since he heard about the war in Russia. Last evening he went to Delhi and will be returning either this evening or tomorrow morning, and will leave here in a day or two. The doctor lunched with us today and is quite well with the exception of feeling the heat too much.

When I saw the amazing news of Germany invading Russia in the papers I could not at first believe my eyes, but then Svetoslav came and told me it was true, as he had listened to the broadcast from Russia.

I feel for your country as I would for my own,
and do wish them a grand success in defeating
the ruthless invader who knows no law or mercy.
Nazi Germany must be overthrown, and my
sympathies are now entirely with those who are
trying to destroy Hitlerism, and its' ills.

I feel quite restless, and wish I could do
some service myself - but what? as soon as I
am well enough I will take up a proper course
of training as a Red Cross nurse, as that is all I
could do these days.

I have faith in the Russian victory, and do hope
it will come soon, & end this wretched war.

How are you keeping? and how is the professor?
I suppose the Russian war news must have been
very exciting for George, and what does he think
of it? My mother sends her very best wishes to
you and the professor.

Little Coo is very friendly with Svetoslav and
the doctor, and tries to talk a lot.
With my very best wishes and love - yours
Asghan.

"Qasr-e-Khalid."

Tarakabad.

Lyallpur.

1st Nov. 30. 10. '41

My dearest Madam,

Thanks ever so much for the sweet present you sent for Coo on her birthday. It is very kind of you indeed to remember her birthday and send her such a lovely present. She loves using those spoons, and hopes to keep them for always.

I meant to write to you earlier, but in returning from Lahore, and settling down I hardly got any time; besides Coo as you know is a handful to manage, without an Ayah these days. Then I was expecting some photographs of Coo which I meant to send you with this letter, but unfortunately I still have not received them, so am writing to you without them this time, but I hope to send them to you with my next letter.

It was nice seeing Svetelav again, and though I am sorry you must have missed him on his birthday, but we were pleased to celebrate it for the first time. Little Coo, Iffi & Miffu went to wish him 'many happy returns' with me first thing in the morning, and I took with them queer little presents - a little picture, a little bangle, and a little doll!!!

I wished you had been there too.

Now He is in Indore I believe for the Exhibition - well I wish him the very best luck, and hope it will be a huge success, and the rest of the town will be equally successful. I do wish I had seen three large portraits and the new pictures - but now I dare say it cannot be helped.

Svetoslav gave me some hints about my paintings and now I'll try to bear those in mind which I start working again which I hope to do soon. I am trying to knit some sweaters for Coo these days, and find there is a lot to be done. The poor child has got a cold now and that redoubles my work, what with a servant on leave as well.

Isn't it funny that I am already looking forward to the summer, as I do not quite like this place, and hardly find the solitude I desire so much.

Do send me your news please.

How are you keeping? and how is the professor? and George? Kindly remember me to them.

War news is pretty distressing I am afraid, and one can only feel sorry about it, and hope this confusion will clear, and in its wake will follow peace everlasting.

Now I must stop writing as Coo needs me.

With all my very best wishes and love from Coo and yours Affly
Kindly forgive the untidy letter as it is Coo's doing - Asghari.

Pas-i-Khelid.
Tarakabad.
Lyallpur.
7. 11. '41

my dear Madam Roerich,

Here with my very best wishes and congratulations to you and the professor on ^{your} wedding anniversary.

May you live long with us all, and bless us with your presence.

I wish I were there to come and greet you both, and express my happiness; but let us hope next year I will be there to pay my best wishes and respects personally.

It is a great thing to be able to live in peace and harmony together for so long, and proves what a spiritual tie can be like: but it also shows what sweet natures you both must have, for which you have all my admiration, and regards.

Kindly convey my sincerest greetings to the professor, with good wishes and prayers.

I heard from Svetoslav today, and am pleased to say he is doing well, and his exhibition is a great success, and as usual he is very popular with people, and made ever so many friends.

I have been reading your books, and hope
one day will be able to discuss those subjects
which highly interest me.

Kindly thank Raya on my behalf for sending
me those sugar papers for painting.

As soon as the Grape fruit is ready,
I shall immediately dispatch a parcel
to you - and later on red oranges too.

Coo is trying to be a good girl now,
and feeds herself and is becoming very
independent indeed. You'd like seeing her.

With many good wishes to you all.

yours Affectionately

Asghar.

P.S. I do hope you'll get this letter on the 10th
so that it says some of what I wish to say.

Pasr-i-Khelid.
Torakabad.
Lyallpur.
12. 11. '41

my dear Madame Roerich,

I write to congratulate you on Svetoslav's extraordinary success in Indore, and now I believe he is in Baroda, and I wish him good luck in the Exhibition there also. He will have to work pretty hard after that, with all the orders for portraits!

How are you all keeping?

Please could you do something for me?

I have great faith in Dr Valavanko's opinion - and as he does not understand English, I have to bother you with this task.

Kindly ask his advise about this case of dysentery from which my little Coo is suffering -

The Civil Surgeon here says after examination that Baby is suffering from "amebic dysentery" - and are giving her Emetine Injections - today is the fifth day and she is passing blood in her stools since four days - Castor oil has been given, and an Emulsion is still being given & strictly on whey, rice water & barley water with a little Glucose D in it. Today she was given the second injection. She also gets gripes when passing a stool -

Can the doctor suggest anything? Poor little Coo has become rather weak & thin and so very pale.

I am very upset and anxious about her, and do hope she will soon get well again.

You see that child I lost with dysentery & now I want to do everything that lies in my power to keep her safe & well from harm altogether.

I cannot sleep all night or day & pray for her recovery. Do hope you'll forgive me for this extra trouble.

With my best wishes to the Professor & Ceage & Dr. Love from Coo to you all.

Yours affectionately
Aaghai M.A.

4. Temple Rd. 12
Lahore.

21 . 11 . '41

My dearest Madam, it is so very sweet of you to wire to me for love and feel my anxiety. I am extremely grateful to you for your interest and sympathy, and thank you with all my heart for this kind and sweet headlines, and advise.

Baby started with Emetic dysentery on the 8th, was given Castor oil emulsion on the first day, & Castor oil the next day, along with fennel mixture & pulwanhico powder.

On the third day the Civil Surgeon was called & prescribed some mixture with extract of Emetine in it; but nothing changed till the 5th day, so Emetine injection was given & another one on the 6th day as no change was noted. Poor Baby got high reaction - and it remained for ~~two~~ days - and a slight change for the better was visible on the 8th day, but on the 9th day it was the same, and the new medicine was of no use; so I hurriedly came to Lahore to get Indian Medical treatment. Thank God, Loo is getting better now, and I do hope & pray she will make a speedy recovery & remain fit now, so that she gets well & strong soon. She has become ever so weak & thin & is getting very little nourishment & too many medicines.

If all goes well, I am taking her ¹³ back to Lyallpur on Sunday & do hope she'll remain fit there - though I find the climate of that place does not suit her & she is always sneezy. When I am back at Lyallpur, I'll send you the sheep enlarged as promised, because they have arrived & are lying in Lyallpur.

I heard from Suetoslar, & am pleased to congratulate you on his great success & popularity with the state people. Hope he takes care of his health & does not ^{continue} over-
-working as he is doing now I believe. I miss you all very much - and long to see you & talk to you again. At this I feel ever so lonely & wish I were in Naggar with the great & friendly beauty of the place.

I hope to send you some grape fruit
etc. this year, before long.

At this time it is 12.20. pm - and
Coo is asleep - I can almost picture
you so near me, your smile your
touch seems so real - that I long
to hear your voice - It is so consoling -
and so often I am so lonely &
long to be with my father - and
then I feel his embrace me in
a dream & feel so much comforted!

I have been overworking & neglecting
my health - but all will be well
once Coo is well again.

Do hope you are all keeping well;
Kindly convey my best wishes to the
Professor, and to George & doctor &
my love to Royce.

I will write again later on settling down.
With my best wishes & love & a kiss from Coo.
Yr. aff. son.

Lyallpur.
26.11.'41

My dearest Madam,

please accept very many thanks for your sweet loving and sympathetic letter on the next day of my arrival from Lahore.

Your good wishes and prayers for Coe have helped, and with the Indian treatment she is much better. I had to stay at Lahore for eight days - and now am still carrying on the medicines given by the Hakim. She had got very constipated, so I gave her some castor oil this morning and do hope it will have effect.

Yes, I missed Dr. Yalavanko and have great faith in his diagnoses and treatment, and would have wined for her if there had not been an improvement in Coe's condition, as dysentery terrifies me. And I know you would have sent him to help me.

Your letter and the sentiments expressed there in endear you all the more to me, because I can feel and fully appreciate the sincerity behind it all.

Your words bring me hope and courage to be strong, and blessed be the thoughts you send me.

I cannot thank you enough for your kind thoughts and good wishes.

Please convey my thanks to Dr. Yalavanko for his kind offer of help & anxiety on Coe's behalf, and tell

him she is better now - and today I have given her castor oil for constipation, because he used to advise me to give her that.

After half a month's illness poor little Coe has become quite thin & pale - and is still on strict diet - and the cold has not left her yet.

I am following your advice & keeping her warm. Herewith a photograph of us both with our love - & hope you'll like it -

I have not been quite well myself, so have started the Hakim's Indian's treatment also, & dieting too, with hopes of improving my health.

My elder brother is expected here from abroad, in the beginning of December & we are eagerly awaiting ^{his} arrival.

Azim is paying us a visit here next month for a couple of days when on town.

I am so busy these days that I do not get the time to paint or sew at all, because Coe needs so much care all the time.

How are you keeping? and how is the professor? Do remember me to everyone there.

I hope to send you some grape fruit & oranges next month, as the good ones come in then.

With all good wishes & love - yours Affectionately
A kiss from Coe & many thanks.
I hear the Buxton exhibition is also a great success. Azha.

4. Temple Rd.

Lahore ●

6-12-41

My dearest Madane,

I came here

to receive my brother & sister-in-law on the 29th night - and unfortunately Coo has got ill again - ever since the 3rd night, and is running a high temperature at nights - The doctor thinks it is flu' and hopes she will get well soon.

I am on the verge of a nervous-breakdown - as this constant anxiety is proving too much for me; & I just do not know what to do. I am trying to be brave and patient, & hope the powers above will help.

As soon as I return to Hyalpur,
I will send you the promised
parcels as there are good fruit
groves near that place.

The dry winter here is proving bad
for the health.

How are you? and the family?
Do you wear light Viegella loose
cardigans? (sleeveless) as I want to
embroider one for you in wool—
I have tried & found it looks
rather nice— and what is your
favourite colour? Do let me
know, as it will be a pleasure
to make something for you myself.

Have you received the photograph
I sent you seven days ago?

Azim is well and happy & sends
his regards to you all.

With love from Coor & Yours
Asghari.

3. Temple Rd.
Lahore.

2. 1. '42

My dearest Madam,

I have been wanting to write to you ever since I returned from Kulu - but one thing after another has been happening to stop me ~~from~~ fulfilling my wishes; at first Cook's two illnesses, then packing & unpacking to stay with mother, and I had been with her for a week when she suddenly passed, and left us all broken up, and at a loss to think or act in haste. I went through it all as one does in a nightmare, and then could not bear the idea of staying on alone in Lahore, so I went to Delhi with Azim to take care of him & be near my sisters. On the fortieth day ceremony we all came home, and that day suddenly my Uncle had a heart failure, & once again the entire family was plunged into mourning - it was a shock to us all as he was quite well and was not even ill! We returned from there & then the Lahore place was all upset, & I had to ~~settle~~ settle up the entire place for guests & ourselves. Then Suetoslav's shopping etc. and dance-keeping kept me very busy - but I feel I must send you some news through Suetoslav, as he is leaving tomorrow morning.

Thanks very much indeed for the new year Greetings -
I am sure they will bring me luck. Do you know
I received New Year Greetings from a Russian lady
on New Year day; and was very pleased - So you see
I am making more friends among your people, as
I find them so sincere and genuine; and different
from all other Europeans.

How are you all keeping? Do please send me
news of yourself, and Professor and George; and
convey my very best wishes to them for 1943 - I do
hope this year will end the war & bring great success
to your country; and friendship between our two countries; as
we need the help of your gallant country in our
approaching struggles.

My dearest Madam I have lost a
kind and loving adviser - my mother, and in spite of
difference of opinion I loved her & think very highly
of her, and will miss her sadly - but I do hope
you will take her place in my life and help
me with your love & kind advice; as I need it badly.
When last I left Kulu I wept because I was
parting from you and all the family I consider
as my own - little did I know then that I
would become completely orphaned & alone in
the world - & that I will need your love even more.

As I write, I think of your kindly face and ⁷
your loving attitude towards myself, and feel sure
in you I will find a mother's love and consideration.
So please think of me henceforth as your child—
and I hope I will prove myself worthy of your
love & kindness. Coo is well now, & I have had
her hair cut, so she has lost her little curls—
after we're quite settled down I will send you
a snapshot of hers. Svetoslav will tell you stories
about her I believe; as well as news about
the Exhibition which I hope will be a success.

I am sending a dress pin, and some blood
oranges for you; & hope you'll like them.

Coo sends her love to you all, and says
she will come to see you soon!! She says she'd
like to send a kiss for George, but she is
too shy to send it!!!

Mangun sends best greetings for the New Year to you all.
I do hope Svetoslav reaches home safely, so I am
worried about him.

It is very cold here these days; & I am sure it
~~is~~ is lonely in Nagpur these days. Always
with all best wishes & love — your Asghar.

"Pasr-i-Khalid."

Tarakabad.

By all pur.

6. 1. 42

My dearest Madam,

It was so very nice getting your letter; and I think the memory of it lingered with me persistently, and although I wrote to you in reply soon afterwards, somehow I feel I must write to you today and tell you of a queer dream. I may not be able to relate it fully to you at this time, but parts of it will do for the present I think.

I dreamt of receiving your letter with snaps of yourself, looking ever so sweet, and in one with some lovely bird on your hand. Then Raya is coming to see me, and I go to the station to fetch her at the station, but cannot find her & get terribly upset. Then you come to see me in some house at a hill station - and I have just lost my father & then my mother & am terribly upset.

and you are so kind and motherly to me - that ¹⁹
I am surprised, and my heart is full of gratitude

towards you - I also saw the professor and
George in my dream - it was a funny dream
and I saw Professor painting a picture,
the subject of which I remember -

• you see how full my mind is of you all -
It is rather silly of me I dare say, but
my dream seems so real that I want
to thank you for your ^{kind} cannot forget your
sweet loving words of sympathy - so touching -

You will be pleased to hear my eldest
brother has got a nice new job as Administrator
at the Court of Indian, & he is taking charge
there on the 18th and his little boys go with him.

• When Leo saw your portrait in the book
she seemed to think hard & lovingly put
her cheek on it & kissed it! she
adores looking at all the collection of
paintings in my books on art.

Do hope you are all well. Kindly convey
my respects to Professor & my best wishes to
George & love to Raya - & regards to Dr
& Raya's sister. Love & best wishes from
Cora & yours
Agatha.

With
best
wishes
to
all
I hope
the
Cox
Apple
Basket
is
all
right

J. J. Cheld.
Tarakabad.
Kygallpu.
20.1.42

My dearest Madam,

Thanks ever so much for the basket of lovely Kulu apples, I received yesterday to my great surprise.

It is exceedingly sweet and kind to you to have thought of sending them to me and made my dream come true! as I dreamt almost a month ago I had received a basket of lovely apples from you. This is a good omen I believe, and a present from you carries all your blessings too. Thus I thank you a thousand times for your sweet thought.

Both Cox & I will enjoy ~~the~~ eating the apples very much, and will take a few with us to Lalone for Agim also.

I hope you received the Burma (black stuff - for the eyes) safely.

I have received no news of Suctoctor for a long time, and hope he is well and returning

home soon, as he is overtaxing himself there, and I am sure he neglects his health when he is away from home.

How are you all keeping? Have you had a snowfall recently? Naggar must look lordly clothed in lovely white robes all round, and I wish I could see it too.

Let us hope this summer I will get a chance of paying you a visit, but one cannot definitely say about anything these days.

Yes, Russia is getting back what it lost, and we hope will continue to be successful to the very end of the war.

One can hardly say anything about the far east - only pray for good luck to be on our side, so that the Japs keep away from here.

I am reading one of your books these days, and have started some more painting and resumed my study of your language also.

I hope to send you some more grape fruit & oranges by the end of this month.

Co is going up rapidly, & you'll be surprised when you see ^{to} it.



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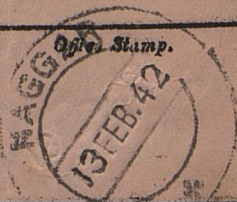
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Madame Benar
Bihar

Birthday greetings
good wishes
best love
Sghar

N.B.- The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Marina Hotel.

Simla.

My dearest Madam,

14.5.42

I have been rather upset due to so many reasons, and then shifting up and the actual decisions etc. have been rather trying, and to add to everything else Coo gets ill now & then; So have not been able to write much as I wished to so often.

Steteler must have told you by now of my trouble, & the accident from which Coo had a miraculous escape; Well now that is all over and I feel better, but until last evening I was very upset & wanted to leave the place.

Then I met an old College friend out for a walk & we walked back & talked of the Higher Life of the Higher principals and this made me very happy -

I found just the right person - someone who thinks like myself. I talked of you, and your writings, and she asked me to lend her one of your books to read - & I did; hope you do not mind that - because she is ● 'beliner' - and we can read & then discuss things together. She is the daughter of the Rana of Jubel, and sister of the Rani of Jurdan - and her husband is in the army, so she stays alone in a flat - & I am thinking of shifting in to another flat near her as I dislike living in a Hotel - because it is full of all sorts of people - ● and though I keep to my room, I dislike the atmosphere outside it -

She has promised to give me the "Geeta" their religious book to read, & to take me out for walks every evening. I will send you a snapshot of her later on & some of Cos & myself when they are ready.

I miss you very much indeed, & dear old Nagesh which I may never see again.

It is surprising how close I feel to you now, though
it is so long since I saw you - There is something ²⁴
about Higher Thoughts which draws all people
who think alike together - When I was talking
to that girl I almost felt you were there!
and were so near each other -

Yes, I consider myself lucky to have met you
when my mind was amidst waverings about
faith - you saved me from painful thoughts,
& you have made me think of a higher life.
Do you realize when I was there we hardly ever
discussed this subject - but Shetocler did, and
merely meeting you left a strong impression
on my mind & your thoughts & books helped me.
The Lals were of great assistance to
me, & Mrs Lal is very sweet & I like her
very much, & they stay quite near. Their
little girl is quite well and happy & Co has
already made many attempts at making
friends with her, but she seems shy - & my
little Co is too friendly I suppose, & feels full
of life and ideas.

I long to see you, and talk to you about so many things, and they cannot all be written - but do not know how long I will have to wait. 25

How are you keeping? and how is ^{the} professor? Does George play tennis these days? I suppose he rides as usual.

How do you like Svetoslav's new friends? Hope their visit will be a pleasant change, and Svetoslav will settle down to work after their departure - because he has so much painting to do I wonder when he'll get about it.

Kindly convey a message to Svetoslav from me to say - "that person did send the letter of apology after all."

Now I must stop & get Bob ready for the inoculation.

Do please give me all the news, and give my love to dear little Raya, & remember me to her sister. Any news of doctor?
Please could you let me have a photograph of yourself? I need it.
With all the best wishes & thought & love
Yours
Asghar.

My dearest Mother, many thanks for your sweet and loving letter. It brings me peace and joy and strength. I can never thank you enough for your love and consideration, & value it above everything else, because this affection is so unselfish & spiritual, and brings a great deal of consolation. When Dad was ^{ill} after his Birthday for many days, I felt sure you'd pray for her were you to know about it. - But little did I realize that loving hearts are linked together and are usually aware of the troubles of others. At that time I wished I had ^{visit} not come; but fate led me here for it meant a good bye ^{visit} to my dear mother. Since my return from Nagpur life has been a long period of pain & difficulties - but such is life. If you had known mother, you would have loved her, for she was a brave & lovely woman who treated rich & poor alike with equal kindness & respect, & herself was free of vanity. She was keen to meet you, & discuss many aspects of life, but due to her illness could not go there.

I am very sorry to hear of the backache, and I do hope you will not get it again. I get it sometimes, and it is worse when it is lumbago, & nothing but hot ironing helps a little - it takes time to go. There are some Indian Medicines which I am told are excellent for backache - but that is for eating - when I come up, I will have it prepared & bring it up with me for you to try, & will also bring a prescription.

Herewith two snapshots of us with our love - How would you like me with slightly shorter hair in place of a plait? Do you think it would suit me or not? as my hair is falling rapidly ^{is thin}.

I wish I could see the snow - it must be very cold & lovely though not too comfortable with the shortage of fuel these days I believe. It is very cold here these days.

I am longing to get back to my painting & studies, but the house is full of guests, and Raiz is ill, and I have to look after Coo & try to save her from infection, as Manzur's other little neices (who usually come on a visit) suffer from Exsima. The best method is to bathe her with a solution of 'Detol' after the visit of her little cousins - so you can imagine my difficulty & anxiety.

Yes, I am also anxious about the Exhibition arrangements; & I think Dr. better go to Delhi as early as possible, which will help things to move on quicker, and George should also go to help him, as there will be much to do, and the family should be represented well.

You are quite right in your surmise - we agree with you, but what can one do - 'they' are so thick skinned that no comment impresses them at all - But I am sure it will be a success as it is for a good cause, & the higher powers will be there to help. As for accommodation in Delhi - it is not so easy I admit - but I am sure it can be arranged for George as well. I am already making inquiries, & have written & suggested a few plans to my brother in Delhi & hope to get his reply soon. Then I shall wire & inform Dr. at once about it. We shall all cooperate & co-operate in helping ^{as} much as we can, and he should not worry about it - 'we should do our ^{very} best & leave the rest to God' - I am sure it will be a great success.

I will try and go to Delhi as early as I can, to see if I can be of some use. Both my brother & two sisters stay there.

Coo often talks of Prof. and you and George & hopes to see you soon. She sends her love to all with many kisses. Please convey my best regards to dear Professor, and salams to George, love to the girls, and kindly remember me to the Dr. With all good wishes & love from your loving daughter
Asghar.

3. Temple Road,

Lahore.

17.2.'43

my dearest Mother,

Suctoelar left on the 14th evening for Delhi after two or three days stay here. He met the Tass agency man also, and a few people here were asked to meet him. So last night I received the following wire from him: "Believe Exhibition not advisable, found better possibilities".

I feared as much, one can never be sure of the sincerity of some people. So I think it is wiser not to do anything that may not prove a success.

I do hope Suctoelar will make a wise decision, which will prove quite beneficial in the long run. A large number of people want to see his paintings. The weather has changed, and both Baby and I have been suffering from flu - now we are better, and hope we shall not be ill again.

I am longing to see you all again, and do hope will be able to come up this year. Thanks very much for the kind invitation of asking me over. Coo is a big girl now, and talks a great deal - she takes the milk out of a cup now, and is just as troublesome about her food - and as fond of dancing as she was before.

I hope to do some painting now, as the guests have departed, & we both (Coo & I) are feeling better now.

I have had my hair cut! as a matter of fact it was cut on the 8th - after which I had awful kidney trouble & flu - I will try & send you a snap - I am afraid I felt sorry immediately the hair was cut, but thank God it does not look too ugly.

My sister's operation has been performed successfully, and she is well now, and returning to Delhi tonight.

I am not going to Delhi now - but I believe my younger brother is coming here in the end of this month, for a couple of days only.

Is there anything you would like from the plains? I could send it along with Suetosla when he returns; so do please let me know.

Coo misses you all a lot & often talks of Kulu, and she sends her love to you all. Her attempts at speaking in English are most peculiar.

I do hope you are all keeping well.
With much love & all good wishes to you & all.
your loving child.

My respects to Professor -

Asghari

P.S. Please give my best wishes to George & kindly remember me to Dr Yalavankar, & give my love to Ludmila & Raza.
Margur sends his best wishes to you all.

My dearest mother,

I am sending some fruit for you with Sneteller, and I hope it will reach you on your birthday with the other little present I sent with the Dr.

I wish I could be with you on your birthday, and celebrate it there with the family but a pity I cannot - All the same I send you my very best wishes and good luck, and hope you will be with us throughout this life, and guide us towards the right path. You must take good care of your health mother dear for we need your sweet understanding spiritual guidance.

May the Almighty bless you on this day and all that is to follow.

Co. has sent you a birthday card, signed by herself, & now knows the alphabet. I hope to give her more time and help her with some lessons.

She misses you all and sends her very good wishes to you all.

I have been overwhelmed by guests, so could not write to Raya, as I wished to reply her letter in Russian.

I must try & study some Russian on my own, as I am keen to understand and try to make myself understood in Russian.
With all good thoughts & wishes

your loving

Asghar

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Delhi.

My dearest Mother,

I have been longing to write to you, but have been very busy.

I cannot thank you enough for your loving kindness to Co & myself, and highly appreciate the great care you took of us during our stay with you. We were very comfortable, and I felt both my parents were alive in you and dear professor. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude & thanks, for we have greatly benefitted in many ways by our stay with you, and do hope to see you again soon.

How is your foot now? you must have it gently massaged now & then, specially in winter. I saw my sister off to ~~Sialkot~~ the other day, and am going to Lucknow in a couple of days for a short visit, so hope to be back in Lahore by the 16th morning, as I may have to go to Bahawalpur for some days, before I settle down in Lahore. Co and I still have that cold, and sore throat, in spite of all the care I take. I want to read "I see Unveiled" but I

wonder when I'll get the chance to
the book. I am sorry now that we did
not try a science while I was in
Naggar. I was very keen about it -
but I felt somewhat shy to mention the
subject to you.

The more I see of life, the more
I realize the truth, and the great necessity
of self improvement, & the improvement of
humanity; and do hope it will rise from
the mire of this mundane existence to
better & greater heights to call forth
the best in man to perfection.

I saw you in my dream a few days
ago, and was ever so happy to feel you
were so near me.

I miss you very much, & often wish I
could talk to you about all the problems
I see confront us & solve them in discussion.
Coo is well & misses you all, and sends
his very best wishes to you.

Please forgive me for this pencilled letter,
as I have nothing better to write with.
With love & all good wishes from Coo & You being ashar

my dearest mother, I received those petrol coupons for 50 and have written to ask him what is to be done with them, as the Exhibition will not be held in Delhi now, and I am waiting for his reply now. He left Delhi on the 28th for Ahmedabad, and now in a couple of days will be going to Bombay, so I gather there may be possibilities of an Exhibition there sometime. Sri has a cold & I am anxious, & do hope he will recover soon. When Ghani came here I was not in Lahore, and returned six hours later, & was sorry he left before my arrival, for I wanted to send some good oranges. However I am sending a few now, in hopes they are red ones.

I took Co. out to the country for six days, and tonight we are off again to Bahawalpur for five or six days to stay with Nanzai's people, & on the 9th morning I hope to be back to receive my younger brother, (coming from Delhi) for a short stay of three or four days. He is having a tooth extracted, so we need good care, and I am pleased he will be with me. Then I expect Sr. from the 14th any day - as yet I am not quite sure of his plans, but when I do hear of them, I will write to you at once.

Of late I have been rather worried, and would very much like to know how you are, as I dreamt some uneasy dreams - and once I dreamt my brain was on fire, and I could not sleep - and was very restless, and I could see the fire in my brain, and it felt so hot. I also saw my mother, & Co. badly which

upset me very much, & I do hope she will keep well,
& you all will be well & happy always.

Last night I had pain in my heart & it lasted
for nearly an hour, and formication helped to ease it -
today I feel much better & hope it will not occur
again, as I am taking some mixture for it.

How are you all? Do please send me news of
yourself.

The weather here is changing - and it seems
the summer will come long before it should.

This winter I have been rather unsettled, &
I still do not seem to settle down, as I long to
do some reading & study & painting.

Coo is well, and sends her love to you all -
I will stop now, as I have much work to do, &
will write later on.

With All my very best wishes, & love.

yours affectionately
Aryeh.

Please convey my respects to Mrs. Professor,
& my good wishes to George & Dr. & love
to Rayg.

At times I feel I have been talking to
you, & you have been near me!

Murree.

20-12-'43

My dearest mother,

This is to wish you a very happy New Year which may bring you good news from all round. Thank you very much indeed for sending me those volumes of Isis Unveiled, which I hope to study properly and gain some knowledge I want to. I shall take good care of them, and return them to you as soon as I can.

I had ordered some fruit to be parcelled to you, but only yesterday I received news that it could not be parcelled, and I felt very sorry; but as soon as I get back to Lahore (by the 1st) I shall send you some oranges and grape fruit.

I heard from Sr., some picture cases (sent from Lahore) had not reached Hyderabad in time; but I do hope now they have reached the proper destination; I hope to get news of them on my return, & will inform you about them by wire.

S. wrote that large portrait called "Dreamland" was highly appreciated, & the Prince of Bearer wished to buy it, but was told it was not for sale. I do hope the Exhibition will prove a success, and bigger things will follow with a round of Exhibitions in the States. S. has found the 'same' old story followed up even there. He met Mrs S. Naidu, the 'Indian Nightingale' (and a great friend of ours.)

We came here to see the snows, but no snow has fallen, and it is very cold indeed. One or two days when out walking we collected pine cones & twigs to help light a log fire in our rooms to keep ~~the~~ warm.

Coo is well and happy, and misses you all very much. I will try and send her to a school in the New Year, because she lacks company of her own age.

You will be surprised to hear that I have accepted the post of an assistant mistress to teach in the Kindergarten School of the Atcheson College to begin with for a month, which I hope will help to discipline me. In case it does not fit in with my daily routine, I will give it up, and write as I have often felt like doing.

Last night I dreamt, ^a peculiar dream, that my palm (of the hand) got an erosion like a wart, and I pick it with a needle & squeezed it - then a cavity or found in which

● three ^{old} coins with heads of three different Gods, & one or two old relics of sculptor, and an old ^{piece of} ~~colored~~ wick !!!

What do you make of it? do let me know?

Just as I was sitting near the fire & writing Marjorie told me snow was falling outside, so I quickly put on my coat & hat & gloves & with Coo we went out into the snow for a walk, & it was really lonely & great fun. We enjoyed ourselves very much. Now we are going out for a picnic in the snows & may take a snap or two! I will finish this letter on my return.

6th January 1944.

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My dearest mother,

here at last I am to finish my letter and send you a little fruit, because a new regulation has come in that we must not send a parcel weighing over 4 lbs !!! It is most distressing because I wanted to send you lots of fruit, and unfortunately the manager never came here on his way back to Kulu. However I do hope I will be able to send some later on with Sr. or with Ghani.

These days I am very busy as Co's maid is missing and also another servant is on leave. So I had to give up the idea of working in the College.

I dislike social life and living in a city - I long for the hills and to be in peace and work - but I dare say one cannot always have one's own way in life, hence we struggle on.

Please tell George there are a few interesting papers enclosed in the fruit parcel for him to see, & they may interest you also.

Sr. may not return before the middle of Feb. Is there anything you need? because it is a pleasure to do something for you.

Thanks very much indeed for the New Year cards. Please thank Raya & Ludmilla for me, and kindly convey my thanks and very best wishes to dear father. I will write to him a little later.

I often dream of you all, and am happier while
asleep because in my dreams I am nearer you. 34

Thank God Coe is well these days, and misses
you all very much. She also joins me in
sending good luck & best wishes for the New Year.

Do you know when I was writing to you
at Murree on the 30th the snow started falling,
and it was a wonderful experience to see it,
& walk out in the snows with Coe - and later
on we went out in the snows for a picnic, &
the sun came out & it looked lovely, & we
took some snaps also.

My dear mother with my best love -
your loving
Aeghai

● Please excuse me for the ink stains on
the letter, because while I wrote Coe upset
some ink - & my bad handwriting is due to
excess of work & tiredness.

3. Temple Road
Lahore.

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my dearest mother,

Thanks very much for the Telegramme I was pleased to hear you received the fruit, but I wonder if it reached you in good condition, as I dreamt it had got spoilt on the journey. Herewith another parcel of that kind, and I do hope it reaches you in better condition than it did last time.

I will ask the shoe makers to send the pair of shoes prepared for Professor per V.P. post, along with the old shoe; and I hope it will be to professor's liking, and will fit him.

I heard from S.R., and expect him here some time early next month. He has sent the pictures, and I will take delivery of them here; so I hope it will be alright.

I gather the Exhibition has been quite a success in Hyderabad. I tried the trend of inclination about an Exhibition here, as I know some people are keen about it, but they are unwilling to cooperate & help. Let us

hope by next year they learn to appreciate
and more than they do already.

I miss you all very much, and often I
see myself with you in that lovely silent
Valley of peace, and am happy in those
moments of bliss.

Little Coo often talks of you all, and at
times says - "I must go back home to Naggar,
because I feel sad and homesick!"

We are having a great deal of rain and grey days.
How are you all keeping?

I have been so busy with household duties
that I could not read or paint or sew at all.
We still have not shifted into our proper rooms,
but hope to do so by the end of February,
when those rooms will be ready.

Are the Leghans still there? or has the new
A.C. taken charge.

I do hope these few oranges will reach you
in good condition, and I hope to send more
with Sr. and some grape fruits if I can get it.
Please convey my best wishes to Dr George
& Professor. Coo sends love to you all.
With all best wishes from Yas Leghani

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Temple Rd ³⁶
Lahore
19.5.44

My dear Mother,

I am sorry to hear from
Sue's letter that you are indisposed due to
a sore throat. Do please try some violet tea.
It is quite simple to make - get two tablespoons
- full dry violets, wash them in clean water, &
set them to boil in a cupfull of water; when only
half a cup of water is left, pass it through a
seine, mix a teaspoonfull of good honey &
sip it before going to bed at night.
I have been missing you very much - and
wanted to write to you, but have been ill
for over three months now, & undergoing injections
etc. to feel fit again. I lost a great deal of
weight, but hope to recover in the hills -
where I intend to go in the end of this

month to stay with my sister for six months or so,
Little Co often talks of you, & some Russian
words she remembers; and longs to see you
all again. Whenever she's asked where
she'd like to go - she says - "Kullu".

I hope next summer we'll be able to
come & see you if all goes well.

Somehow I have been feeling so depressed,
that I think this year may be the last
one, & yet it will be as fate is.

One day I was so upset I could not
sleep, so I read out of your book -
"Heart" - & later thinking of you was soothed.
Both Co & I miss you all very much, and
send our best thoughts & wishes to you.
We also thank you for your loving & kind
thoughts and greatly appreciate them.
Please convey my best wishes to father, & George,
my love to Raza - good will to Dr & Luchilla.

3. Temple Rd 37
Lahore.

31. 1. 45

my dearest mother,

I heard from Su-
He is in Delhi now, with Ag+, and will go on
● Bombay from there. He was quite well when
he left Lahore on the 29th. The Dr has done
all his shopping & will be leaving tomorrow
before dawn. How are you all? Do please
remember me to Prof. & George & the girls.
My little boy is ill, & I am rather upset
these days, hence this short letter, & bad
● handwriting. Shina has joined a little school
now. She sends her best wishes & love to
you all. It is still rather chilly and cold here,
& I am looking forward to the Spring.
With all good wishes & love from your loving
Aqshai

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Wahonee.

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My dearest Mother,

many thanks for your

very sweet letter. It came at a time when I was most anxious, and I felt it was a blessing - 'By Spring he will be quite well.' Yes, I do hope he will get quite well by then. Do you know when Dr. left he was ill, but after his departure he developed pneumonia, which became double pneumonia in six hours, & his temperature went up to 108.2. He has been very ill for the last fifteen days, & still the temperature has not left him. It goes up to 102, & comes down to 97.6 once in twenty-four hours. The x-ray was taken & it is found the lungs are clearing - but the spleen is enlarged. So uquinine is prescribed, along with some mixture. He has become very thin, & weak, & takes very little food, & coughs & chokes a great deal when trying to take his feed with a bottle.

26th I am afraid little Yusuf's phenemonia is still there, and he is being tortured with persulean injections every three hours - there is hardly any improvement - and he has become very weak & thin - I wonder if he'll pull through. Life is an agony and torture for me these days - and I feel quite crazy.

I can write no more now, as I do not even know what to write I feel so upset all the time.

Please pray for my little boy, and send him your blessings.

With best wishes from Marguerite and

love for Shirin & Y.

23rd March

Dear Mother, you'll be pleased to hear Baby is very slightly better.

Sorry I have just found this letter unposted - so am sending it now. You'll be pleased to hear Yusuf is out & came to see me twice! & sent his good wishes to you. S.R. is in Delling for a few days & will be going back to Baby again. With best wishes to all -
M. Marguerite

96 "Yatton"
Do please remember me to Father
& Mother and say she will write to you herself soon
with all good wishes & love from your loving daughter
George & Susanna & Dr. Yoder also
8.7.'45

My dearest Mother,

How are you all keeping? I miss you all very much; and Skinn often talks of you all; and wants me to take her, and her little brother up to see you. She wants to show him specially to Raya.

I have been very busy with this poor little boy; and I wanted very much to talk to you of so many things - but God knows when we'll meet again. Soon I hope. I think I should have brought The Baly up in the beginning of May, & then he may have escaped the last serious illness, which seemed something like a throat paralysis! Do you know this little boy, less than nine months old has had 150 injections in all! so much Sulphonamide besides has gone in him that it would kill any other person. He never perspires, and he has very little & light hair on his head - I can

told it is due to the Thyroid glands not functioning.

I wonder if he'll ever become normal again. I am told that very few people stand so high a temperature as he did one hundred and eight! Mother, please could you ask Ludmilla to prepare half a dozen of those white mint bars, (like those you gave Coo when she was very small, & came to visit you. She could only suck them) for Baby & send them to me. He will start teething in a fortnight & will like these to suck. This place is quite pretty, but nothing like Nagya. At times I long to paint, but hardly get any time to do anything I want to except attend to the children properly. I tried to get a nurse for Baby but failed hopelessly. So I have to wait till he gets a little stronger. I feel I must continue to paint, & go ahead. Sheeno can read now with a little effort, & is keen on singing & dancing, but we have been neglecting her due to this little boy's illness. She is going to learn riding now. Mrs Latt must have called on you; she is at Marali. I believe Azim will be getting married in Sept. She is a very nice, good looking girl, & I hope they'll be very happy.

I will write again when my Baby is better.

Please pray for us, we need your prayers. "Yatton". 40
With all the best wishes & love - your Affectionate
Murree.

My dearest Mother,

1. 8. '45

Thanks very much for your sweet letter; it made me think I was not 'alone' - Often when I feel very unhappy, I console myself with the thought of your kind affection, and good wishes. I was very happy to get your letter.

My poor son is rather bad since four days, and I feel most distressed - the pain of watching a child in pain and discomfort is dreadful - and I have been going through this since Nov. 44, and my nerves are in an awful condition. I wish my senses would be dulled, so that I don't suffer so much - a sickening feeling of apprehension is around me all the time, so much so that I do not get even an instant of peace. I do not know if this poor child will really pull through, & become normal again, or is doomed to live an invalid life - a living horror for Shira & me. I do hope it will not mean more of agony. I would much rather go through ten times worse physical torture myself, than that he should continue to suffer on.

I wish I could do something for him - I feel so
useless because I can do nothing for him.

Mother I feel so unhappy, and ever so lonely -
May the higher powers ease our misery.

Little Shirin often talks of you all, and we both
miss you very much, and hope will see you soon
and will be able to bring the little "Basharat" (meaning
good news) or ("the messenger of hope") boy with us. I am
sending a snap of the two when he was six months,
& at his best in weight in spite of running a high fever.

Shirin or Coe feels very grown up now, & talks of writing
books on the question of "God", but says she'll have
to do a great deal of research first by herself
she says she "feels" there is a God, though her father
says there could not be one. She is still fond of music
& dancing, and dressing up, besides finding out things.

She has a great deal of imagination, and makes
peculiar stories. She thinks no place could be better
than Kulu on this earth. She sends L. love to you all.
Do please convey my very best wishes to dear Professor
& George & Dr. and my love to the girls.

I heard from S.R. - I am afraid he has forgotten to send
those little peppermint buns, as he may be very busy.
How were the Lalls & the little girl? Yes it is the same girl whom

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Murree.

my dearest Mother,

21. 8. '45

many thanks for your sweet letter, and the parcel of peppermint buns. Both Shirin & Basharat love them, and thank you very much for having sent them.

Your words are kind, and I am grateful for your sympathy, but Mother how can I still feel the pain of suffering for my child - I feel myself responsible for his life, He is loosing weight, and ailing most of the time - This torture is dreadful, and I feel so helpless and weak to fight nature - I cannot bear it. Why should I have given birth to pain itself to punish myself with - Mother help me to be strong, my courage gives way so often, & I break down - I live the life of constant nightmares. Mother I feel so terribly depressed & lonely, & so tired of life - help me to be brave to face it all - I am trying to find new doctors to consult and see if there is any chance to improve his condition - but God alone knows if there is any chance for the little fellow.

How are you all? Has Suck returned yet? I wrote to him at the Delhi Hotel address twice, but received no reply to both. I wonder where he is these days.

I heard from Azim, he will be in Bombay in a few days, and may meet S.R. if he is there.

Yesterday Pt. Nehru addressed a meeting in Murree and "little Coo" went to hear it, and the remark she made was - "mummy, he is a good speaker, & quite young to look at." I wonder what he would say to that remark from one of his youngest advisers. He left this morning & we heard the people cheering. A pity I again missed the chance of meeting him. The monsoon is still in force here, & we are tired of it now. Hope it stops soon.

What is it like in Naggar? I miss the lovely view of the Valley from your house, and hope to see it again some day. The other night I saw Suck in a dream again, & hope he is well. Do please send news of him if any is received.

How is father? and George? I wish I were a bird, and could come & see you all! Do please remember me to everyone. With love from us three - Yours
April 4, 1932

"Yatton"

Murree

My dear mother,

29. 8. 45

This is to congratulate you on Sveta's marriage. I hope they will both be very happy, and bring you all luck. Now you have a daughter-in-law, and I hope before long George will also bring home a bride.

I wish we (Shirin & I) could also come and celebrate Sveta's wedding. I do not know their plans, so wonder where to send them my good wishes. I think, the best thing would be to write to them at Kulu.

How is fatha? and how is George? and how is Dr? My good wishes to them, and love to Raya & Ludmilla.

I miss you all very much, and hope to see you sometime next year, if all goes well.

Little Shirin is very keen to see
the bride, and sends her love to
you, Raya & all the others.

The Baby is more or less the
same. He has lost some weight,
and Shirin is recovering from a cold.

The weather promises to be pleasant
now, & we hope the rains have ended.
It must be lovely in Naffar.

With all good wishes & love

- Yours Affectionately
Asghar.

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10. Windsor Place
Delhi.

3. 10. '45

My dearest Mother,

Thanks

very much for your sweet letter. I was very pleased to get it. I have been wanting to write to you as I needed you so much when I was to leave my children to come here, & the Baby was very ill.

A very kind friend promised to look after them - and a maid & nurse were left with them at Murree where I am soon returning.

By now your daughter-in-law and Suet. must be with you, and I am shure she is very happy to be with you all. Suet. is a very lucky man to get such a nice girl, & she is very lucky

to have such sweet loving
inlaws. She could not be
otherwise than happy being
with you all. I wish I
was also there to welcome
the bridal couple, & join in
the celebrations.

Azim is married to the
same girl I talked of to
you & showed you her snap.
She is very nice. They are
going to Simla tonight.

Please give the other letter
to Suck. as I am short of
envelopes at the moment.

Mother I miss you very much.
& long to see you soon. Good wishes to all
yours
A.S.P.

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My dear mother,

How are you

all? I have been wanting
to write to you since the last
three months, + very often think
of you: But somehow couldn't
settle down to write to you.

Never got any news from Sueb:
about his Exhibition, nor when
he is returning home - But they
said something like end of March
when they saw us at Lahore.

So I expect to see them

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before I leave for the hills
early in April.

So if there is anything you
need from Lahore do let me know,
+ I will keep it ready for Suet.
to take up with him when he
goes home. I hope his Exhibition
has been a success.

Mother dear one night I saw
you in a dream - I felt your
presence - garbed in pale hues of
purple blue & grey swiftly passing
over the road of Napper, with

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me at your side, holding on
to your flowing robes - A sense of
freedom & exaltation was within
me, & I felt ever so happy;
as if I gained something I longed for!

Mother you give me faith, & hope,
so nothing can lead me astray -
though at times the turmoil of
the world, & all the ugliness hurts
me ever so much.

I cling to you for guidance
always, & love you.

I am here for a few days
& will fly back to Lahore with Lili.

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I left Baby behind at Lahore;
Poor chap is better, but still not
recovered & gets little ailments
now & then. I wish I could
bring him to you for your blessings

I will write to you again
later on. Please let me
know how you all are
at my Lahore address.

How are the girls? Please
convey my good wishes to dear
father, & George, & to Dr Yalavunko.
Love to all from Shri - Y. Asghar.