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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: Ld No. 3 C.

Recd. from: D

Sent at ____ H ____ M.

To ____

By ____

Office Stamp: MAGGAR 15 MAY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Bnr	15	11	20		52

TO

Recd. here at 17 H — M.

~~Madam~~

Madamme Helen Rerich
and nicholas roerichs
esquire Kulu Naggar
your wonderful message stop
cannot express my deep gratefulness
your kindness and blessings
stop shall try test

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

be worthy your love and
trust stop please accept

P.T.O

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~~Heartfelt~~

Heartfelt ~~gratitude~~ gratitude respect and my love stop all my love longing come kula stop.

~~Devichan~~

Deviki

Bombay. 17 May.
1945!

My dearest Mother.

It is with the most profund respect and love that I write these few lines.

Your wonderful meessage of the otherday has filled me with such joy that I take this liberty of writing—

I can not express how very grateful I am, but I only wish to tell you that I hope I will make myself worthy of the trust and love you and Father have given me—

My life is now complete, I do not wish for any greater happiness, because I can not imagine anything more sacred than what God has given me—

I have found him, to me he is the most wonderful being, like a ray of Devine Light. My ernest prayer is that I may be worthy of the great honour he has done me, by his most sacred trust, and I only desire to make him happy—with your blessing and

Father's, I know our life will be the most wonderful thing, it is like an omen of perfect happiness — as if the Temple Bells were ringing of a message of joy-

How wonderful to feel I am wanted, and that you call me home!

I am fighting now for my freedom to go home for the first time in my life!! Home now means so much, it is so dear, it is where my heart is—

Please pray for me, that pure and clean I may be able to be with you Father and all I hold most dear-

Give me the strength with your most wonderful love, I know with it I shall succeed-

Pray for us, that we may be together for ever soon I request you, and that we together make our life a dedication to the wonderful thing God has given us-

Forgive me if I have taken too much liberty in writing, I could not help it and crave your pardon-

Please accept my most profound respect and gratitude and love to you and Father- in all humility and love.

your Devika-

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code Lg

No. C.

Recd. from DMB

By [illegible] 1/1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 24 MAY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Bnf	22				33

TO

Madamme Helena Roerich

and Nicholas roerich ESQr Kulu naggar

Naggar.

Reply grateful your messages through Sinclair Lavistry

your love giving me courage strength stop

longing come home to you love.

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Sunday. June 10th 1945. 6
Malad-
Bombay.

My dearest Mother-

Your most wonderful letter
I read again and again, I keep
it in my "Gita" as it shall remain
with me my whole life-
I am so grateful, so very happy,
for your love, Father, Brothers,
and for all that you have
given me-
may God give me the strength,
and all that is necessary to
really be worthy. I shall try
my best ever.
There is a picture I heard you liked,
I send it to you- it is taken from
the play "Savitri". It is such a
small thing, but I hope you
will accept it-
To me your words are sacred, and
I shall "love him, trust him," dedicate
my life to him, and serve him all
my life- and beyond- I worship him,
he is my life-
with all my love respect and
devotion to you and Father
Your own
Devika-

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Bombay 2

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madamme helena Roerich
naggar kulu =

dearest mother today received your
t wonderful letter stop all my love
devotion thanks stop deeply
grateful your love fathers: and
brothers stop shall try be worthy
~~y~~ your trust and his love stop
please pray for me longing for
home coming love =

Deviki

M. O.-2(S).

Journal of Money Orders issued during the period of account ending 194 .

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Bombay. 7

July 8th Sunday 1945!

My dearest Mother,

Our meeting the 2nd one is over-! It was a great strain but in the end it was passed by the Shareholders.

I was thinking of you of Father, of him of all the wonderful gifts of God to me. I thought too of our Teacher, although perhaps I am not good enough to think of him but I hope I will be forgiven, it gave me so much courage - You know Mother, the room was full of these men, from every class of life, they started making a noise and shouting etc: to intimidate our Chairman

I was the last to enter, and the moment they saw me - they suddenly stopped - and then we proceeded - ! I felt it was the great aura of Love around me which protected me, and somehow reached them - I was asked questions, but somehow they came, simple straight direct - in the end they all went away happy !!

This is just a little discription of one of the things in my life here. I thought I must tell you because I really love you, and really thought thought of you so much - and this is an important step to our happiness - very very

important—
His health is worrying me greatly, I feel very unhappy that even for a moment I should be the cause of worry to him— If only I could be free soon!! The roads too now are bad, please dont let him do any rash thing by going in the car on a very stormy day— Please see it is a good day, too— the date, time of starting— Dearest Mother please forgive me for asking you all this, I do so simply because I feel I am your daughter really— and therefore can freely— How are

you and Father and all?
Please give my love and respects to Father - How I long to be home -
With all my gratitude respect, and deep love, to you,

Your own,
Dierika -

P.S. Please give my love to Brother -

20th July. 1945.

My dearest Mother,

This is just to let you know that since he has left I shall from time to time write to you. I hope you will not mind - and that I may take this liberty? I do not in any way wish you to worry - or send me any reply - just treat my letters as a "news" because I know you are busy - only once in a while perhaps you could send me a wire c/o Mr Felnis how you - and Father and Brother, and all are? - Devika Rani c/o Felnis I forget his address but I think both brothers + our Doctor know it - in fact I feel sure they do -

I got 3 wires today one 12
saying he would be
in Delhi on 22nd - the
reason is that my
man there (who is a very
dear friend like my brother)
Hithen Chaudhuri - is finding
it very difficult to get
our permission through
quickly - the Govt: dept:
say - earliest 3 weeks, latest
3 months! we want it
in one week longest! so
I feel and so does everyone,
that his presence in Delhi
is most necessary as he
can push things quick!
Sir akbar Hyderari is in
Bombay - and we hope he
goes back to Delhi soon
so that he can help too!
my chairman here has
got a fit of depression - he
is half asleep - but I am
very careful with him - He
is a good man - without
any culture - splendid
on the Stock Exchange, in
fact our major Partner who
is his boss is known as "the
Silver Cotton & Gold King!!" their

main business being
buying and selling -
at first our chairman was
upset - the one I have just
described - he said "how can
I manage if you go" but in
the end he agreed, and also
said he would help me
completely - I am dependent
on his help because he has
the major shares - represents
his boss - and he is very
powerful - this is an awful
position for me really, but
somehow he gave his word
to do all for me - which has
helped me - with Marwaries
which is his caste - their word
is their bond - especially
to their own partners - I am
also a partner of his in our
firm and a Director - But
he is a sentimental man,
very difficult as he is full
of moods - He says, "when
you go - I shall have no
real good adviser - no
honest person - I am so
used to your ways - I
respect you so much,
that I shall feel I have
lost a very good friend
and partner" - ! so I told him

even when I go I will be pleased to solve any problem for him - if he sent it to me! this made him quite pleased! they have got so used to meeting people who cheat & lie to them that when people don't they are very surprised and respect them, and fear them so - forgive this discription but when I refer to him again you will follow who it is - his name is Mr Prahladrai of Saksaria brothers. Such a strange man - he listens to me - but if he is depressed he goes in a car for days - or hours and no one can get him - you can imagine what that means to us if we need his sanction?! the other day before writing our final application for our "permission which is now in Delhi - he came to me and said "why should I do all this? all this money what does it feel? I have no peace, I can't even enjoy the money I earn, I can't even have happiness

with my wife + children
my mother! I want
peace!" so I asked him
to sit down, + gave him
fruit juice, and then
let him talk - he said
only prayer sometimes
gave him peace - so I
said "well why not do
one thing - if I give you a
gita will you promise me
to read it every night
it will help you such a
lot!" he was very happy,
and I gave him a small
gita - he keeps it now
and reads it - I knew
difficult, and the next
day he did all for our
permission and our
manager Sachin sent
it with his brother Hilton.
We have strange types here
to deal with mother - but
at heart they are good -
it takes time to work
with them, but one has
to, and so it is better to
try to understand them -
all of them are very bad with
each other - they have been

however very considerate, and kind, and respectful some — I am grateful for that — Oh! Mother how I just long to get it finished! I feel so ill — so weary — so tired — so restless !! I tell myself I should not be, but cant help it — dont you understand why? every moment away, is like years !! but I shall be patient and try to do my best so all goes well. How I pray it is soon — I pray so hard with everything, that I can be free in a perfect way soon! it's been now 3½ months fighting with a clear sharp blade — clean and with honour — this fight for freedom! but we shall win we must !! your message of love that under no condition "we" should marry — all will turn out well came my way this morning

it gave me so much courage - and strength and hope - hope that it will soon be - and that "our" dream will be a perfect reality soon very soon -
I have no wire of his safe arrival in Lahore - and hope tomorrow we shall hear - our Film "Pratima" (idol!) has its opening tomorrow 21st, I have worked and tried to make it a fairly good Picture - I dont mean I have acted it is the other general work of Production which is my job here - I hope the Public like it - the last Production I leave with the company is called Dussera or Vijaya (Victory!) I have completed all preparations and they now only start on it - so my last contribution and finish of my career ends with a fine Title Victory! Fancy I began my career with a Film called Karma and end with Vijaya or Victory!

I had a wire saying the roads were bad - I do hope all will be right and he has no trouble - next week I shall be in a Position to give you news - as I will get the Delhi news - about us - + our permission -

Dearest Mother forgive this long letter please, the next will be better -

Please give Father my respects and Love - and Brother - I hope they are well - also to Kaya + Ludmila, and my best wishes + love, and my greetings to Doctor. With lots of love to you with my respects and devotion,

Your

Devika -

P. S. I want to come Home Soon !! the rains are very heavy here - but is slightly cooler -

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: A Code: K. f No. I **C.**

Recd. from: Jnr

By: W 1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 20 JULY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Jogindernaggar	20	10	50	Lfdest	10

Recd. here at 10 H. 50 M.

TO Kalrich Naggar =

Road very bad already delayed

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bk.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

Class Prefix X Code KH No. 1 C.

Recd. from

By

Sent at H. M.

To

By

Office Stamp

22 JLY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions	Words
Lahore	21	10	40		12

TO Roerich Naggar (Kulu)

Recd. here at 8 45 M.

Arrived today leaving tonight for Delhi love

N. B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

PAPL 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code R1

II C.

Recd. from DMA

By M 2

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 25 JLY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	23				40

Recd. here at 8 H. 43 M.

TO Madame Helen Roerich
Kuhi Naggar Kangra Distt Naggar 2

Mother dearest he has arrived Delhi
safe stop last night he telephoned me heard
his voice after three months am so happy stop
shall give you news from time to time my
~~dearest~~ address care Jelmo stop love father
you brother =

Devika

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code MB No. T .C.

Recd. from D.I.D. 4/1

By ✓

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	25				49

Recd. here at 12 H. 12 M.

TO Madame Helen Roerich
Kulu Naggar Kangra Distt Naggar

Mother dearest he telephoned that made arrangements permission successfully stop he will come Bombay sunday twenty ninth stop mother how wonderful feel so grateful so happy stop send your father brother every ~~hour~~ one all love feel so happy your devoted

Devaki

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code i D No. II C.

Recd. from DYL

By 4 2

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 25 JUL 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
New Delhi	22				5

TO Roerich Naggar =

~~[illegible]~~ All well arrived

Love

Recd. here at 12 H. 7 M.

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code M No. II C.

Recd. from DMA 2

By [illegible]

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 28 JLY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	28	12	00		30

TO MADAME Helen Roerich Kulu Naggar Kangra Distt Naggar

Recd. here at 15 H. 20 M.

Mother dearest he comes Bombay tomorrow shall wire you soon stop permission granted today will receive early next week only he could get it stop everything suddenly coming

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

P.T.O.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: SE No. II C.

Recd. from: DMA

By: N 2

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 30 JULY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	29	18	25		26

TO Madame Helen Roerich Naggar

Recd. here at 8 H. 37 M.

mother dearest so happy he arrived safe one noon today Stop got good accomodation Taj mahal Stop our love to all

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

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Class / Prefix _____ Code _____ No.

Recd. from _____

By _____

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 23 JLY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.

Recd. here at _____ H. _____ M.

TO Coming

right stop feel so happy stop

fondest love you father brother

your

Deniki

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class Prefix X Code Sf No. T C.

Recd. from

By

Sent at H M.

To

By

Office Stamp: NAGPUR 30 JLY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay		29			9

TO

Reed. here at H. M.

Roerich ~~route~~ Naggar =
arrived safely all very
well = Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: NE

No. C.

Recd. from: DMA

By:

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To:

By:

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 3 JULY 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay		30			50

TO

Madame Helene Roerick Kangra Distt Naggar

Mother Dearest please send all letters to him Taj Mahal Hotel Stop. He is well Room T Stop Got good accomodation Very happy Stop Hope affairs finish Soon waiting Delhi today Stop Thank you beautiful star addour-lone

Devki

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: O Code: ND No. II C.

Recd. from: DMA

By: [illegible]

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 4 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	3	13	20		30

Recd. here at 8 H. 34 M.

TO

Madame Helen Roerich (Kulu) Naggar =

mother dearest all well

hope we can give good news

~~[illegible]~~ next week stop we both

very happy all love your

son and daughter

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

14th Aug: 1945. 30

My dearest Mother,

Your lovely letter I received and was so happy! Thankyou so much for it- Since I wrote to you we have done many things regarding my affairs - and now the last and final points are to be overcome. The permission from Delhi was a great surprise for my chairman Mr Prahladrai - ! he perhaps did not expect it so soon! and the meeting was held in which

Shares were issued at par — the details I shall tell you personally. Now remains my personal shares etc: which are being bought and the release of my contract and all papers and things concerning that — Prahladrai did get the usual depression but thank heavens it was only for a day! since then he has worked well — I only pray that from Monday 13th we can get all in shape —

My dearest is well, he loves his room and sitting room at the Taj — It is nice, and we try to make

it homely - with some flowers - and fruit, and he has bought a very small Ganesh, and a few old pieces for his table - and one or two little stones - ~~one [illegible]~~ it gives him great joy just to go to the old shop opposite the Taj, and see the things there - Some they have are really good -! We are very happy - and all my personal illness - etc: has gone -! We both loved your wire - and refer to it whenever we feel we are worried that things are not moving as fast as we would like them to - The pears came yesterday in very good condition and I enjoyed them

very much— The
apples are slowly
getting ripe— and look
lovely— Please tell
Kenia that we got her letter
and were very happy.
We hope all the little
difficulties she has
about carpenters etc:
will be overcome— and
I will personally help
her when I come— although
I am not a good
carpenter— & the wages
of labour seem to be
very high— I am only
bringing one servant,
we feel that is
enough— my other servant
who is really very
good I leave here—
I have got six pounds
of incense— and hope
that will do— also
I am taking coffee which
is a weakness of mine
as I drink only coffee at

Breakfast + eat nothing - It is special Mysore coffee and I am very found of it - We hope to be home in Kulu by middle September - my mother will perhaps want us to stay with her for about 10 to 15 days. We both feel it is right we should stay about that number of days - My dearest Mother I feel so happy - so happy - I can not really express to you all - I only pray I may be worthy of him - of you + Father, and Brother - and your love and trust - I often wonder if you will really love

me- or like me?
my dearest- say
you will- but still
to be honest I do
wonder-! I am sure
I will of course worship
you all- and shall
be the happiest person-
in fact on that point
I have no doubt-
I feel so happy- so
very grateful to you
for all your kindness
sympathy and love-
It will be a most
wonderful day & moment
when I see you and
Father and Brothers,
and our home-
Strange I do feel so
near you all- as if
I knew you very
very well- and as
if I was always yours.

We have been very careful here - but of course the news of our marriage has got the whole of society talking - Everybody seems very happy and excited about us being married - and it is really the one subject of discussion all over - in the clubs, and private homes, etc: and we have been quite frank about it to our personal friends - We have most friends here in common, that is my old friends here are my dearests too, so it is quite nice and easy to tell them - They very carefully

asked themselves, and it was quite amusing to watch them try to ask us - I feel sure our Guru is protecting us - because everything is coming out very nicely — we have His Blessings and we will try our best to keep our life as He would like it to be - my dearest tells me everyday about the great Guru - and everyday I feel nearer to Him - it is a most wonderful and sacred feeling - mother I hope by the end of this week all my affairs will be complete - it is really very exciting to feel my freedom approaching fast - after all these years —

Before my dearest came, I was very ill, very worried - very restless - but since he came - he has somehow filled my life so completely that in half an hour after we met - all vanished - and all our worries stopped - It is really wonderful how we together feel - how we don't want or think of anything but are simply contented completely happy with just each other - nothing else has any meaning - our marriage is sacred is really ordained as if we were meant for each other - I am simply longing to go away from here - and feel so restless for

that wonderful day - Please pray for us - please give us a thought for some time every morning and night - I think of you - of our Guru every night - and first thing in the morning - It would be very nice if our Pundit did Lakshmi puja every Thursday evening - The Goddess Lakshmi is my special love in the sense that she I have always been attracted to - because she is the real essence of all things beautiful. My mother used to call me by that name, when I was small, because I used from babyhood ever put flowers and beautiful things very carefully in a place of worship - Thursday is the day we

always worship Beauty
wealth, health - creation, love,
in all forms - and as Lakshmi
is the Goddess of all these
it used to be dedicated
to Her - Her day is Thursday
or rather Hindus have
kept Thursday for Her -
I do hope you all are
well - Please give my
love to Raiya - Ludmilla,
and my greetings to
Doctor -
I shall give you news
immediately I get
some - & shall write
you too -
Is there any book or
anything you wish
or Father or Brother
from here? do let me
know - I shall get it
if possible -
With all my devotion
and love to you and Father,
and my respects to Brother,
Your ever devoted
daughter.
Devika -

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: Q E

No. 11 C.

Recd. from: DMA

By: 2

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 14 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Taj		13			12

Recd. here at 14 H. 5 M.

TO Roerich Naggar =

all well leaving

here twenty fourth

much Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: Q A No. IV C.

Recd. from: DMA

By: IV

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 20 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
andheri	17				46

Recd. here at 9 H. 26 M.

TO madame Helen Roerich Naggar

mother dearest all well hope final news monday stop marriage on twenty-third gods blessings are with us stop so happy

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

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No.

Office Stamp

MAGGAR 2 CAUG 45

Code

Recd. from DAD

By

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To

By

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.

Recd. here at H. M.

TO happy

we both send all
love you father brother
all stop please pray
for us shall send
news immediately your
daughter — soleich

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P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 C.

Class / Prefix } _____ Code _____

Recd. from X Rc

By DMA

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 22 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin): A 2/1

Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
				25

Recd. here at 15 H. 8 M.

TO Bombay 21

Roerich Naggar

our Marriage twenty third

Stop leaving for Simla twenty-forth Stop

bringing only one more hearer Stop

driver not Coming now Stop all

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: YD

No. 7A C.

Recd. from: DMN

By: 3/1

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 25 AUG 53

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	23	23	20		23

TO Roerich Naggar

Recd. here at 15 H. 58 M.

dearest Mother we are married
is it not wonderful stop leaving
tomorrow stop love to all from us

Your Devika

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code IR No. III C.

Recd. from DDR

By a 2

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 25 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	24				15

Recd. here at 15 H. 55 M.

TO Roerich naggar =

all love after our marriage

today stop leaving for simla

tomorrow t

love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code ml No. III C.

Recd. from DAA

By 2 3

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Subathu	27				32

TO Roerich

Recd. here at H. M.

Naggar Kulu =
arrived Subathu safely
stop all very well stop
hope arrive Kulu september
fifteenth all love stop
~~hop~~ how are roads stop can ~~[illegible]~~

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix _____ Code _____ No. **C.**

Recd. from _____ By _____	Sent at _____ H _____ M. To _____ By _____	*Office Stamp.*

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	*Date.*	*Hour.*	*Minute.*	*Service Instructions.*	*Words.*

TO Can

Recd. here at *H.* *M.*

Sahgal arrange station wagon from amritsar lone

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code 7 No. C.

Recd. from DHA 2

By 2

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 22 AUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	21				

TO Madame Helen Roerich 15 9

Recd. here at H. 30 M.

Mother (Kulu) Naggar Kangra Distt. Nagg

dearest am completely free today stop everything settled perfectly stop leaving Bombay friday stop we both send all love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Pre[illegible] X Code N B No. I C.

Recd. from DAA

By [illegible] 1/1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 3 CAUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Subathu	29				29

TO Roerich Naggar =

Recd. here at 12 H. 55 M.

everything necessary for car sent to georges stop try to repair stop but please arrange for ~~[illegible]~~ station wagon stop will wire exact date stop all love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code T No. II C.

Recd. from DMR

By ✓ 2

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 3 CAUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Sabathu	29	18	00		34

Recd. here at H. M.

TO

Loerich Naggar =

please ask Sahgal to arrange special station wagon from amritsar as he promised me before I left stop believe wagon are from Kulu stop

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix _____ Code _____ No. **C.**

Recd. from _____

By _____

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp.

NAGGAR 3 CAUG. 45

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.

TO Stop

~~[illegible]~~ wagon will

wire date in a few days

love

Recd. here at H. M.

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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EXLUCILION X

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code NB No. 1 **C.**

Recd. from Dmc

By [illegible]

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 25 JAN 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Hajapgarj	24				9

Recd. here at 8 H. 45 M.

TO

Roerich Naggar.

everything well exhibition

extended love =

roerich

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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3rd Feb: 1947.

My dearest Mother,

This wool we send with our love for your birthday, and do hope you get it in time. We could not get the exact colour you asked for, but hope this will be allright -

With all love, and all wishes from us, we kiss & embrace you - your W:

Some friends are sending this now for us - So excuse this short note. We are well and very busy - it's very nice here, and interesting - all love. W:

Saturday
Feb: 16th 1946.

Taj

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

My dearest Mother
We have sent
you 15-lbs: of coffee pure
Mysore coffee Beans.
Before grinding for
use it is the best
way just to heat them
over the fire once on
a dry pan, and then
grind as then the
taste is best, also
any damp in the
beans dry and it
is very good for the
health. This is the
method South Indians
use, and I find it
is very nice, also the
heating disinfects
which is also good.
The cotton for
gloves I'm
getting today
and I think by

monday we shall send it. I hope you will like it. As the materials etc: are not easily found in shops it takes a day or so that's why I cant send immediately I get your letter.
George wanted a copy of the Illustrated weekly & today may be I'll get some news about it. The trouble is the times themselves have no special copies to spare — Anyway lets see what happens. Here we are still pushing all we can & hurry the main issue, those people in Baroda are so slow. and inspite of all we are doing all we can, but have to be most careful, as the slightest false move may disturb things. I must frankly

Taj

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Say that D= Geotz is of no use as far as practical things go, he also has no idea how to manage these people and does the most silly things which we shall tell when we meet you. However the good powers are on our side and I feel we shall get all in D= Goetz perfect way — D= Goetz of course is still nice and did help in some ways, but he has a complex in relation to his bosses so his methods of approach are wrong — I wish we could send you a wire saying all ways finally fixed, but how can we until all is actually in our hands? Please help us with your thoughts, and

please think of us very
much - you I hope are
well and Father and
all. We are definitely
well now, and feel
fit - I give my husband
Fruit, Marmite soup,
Ovaltine, Strawberries
have come now so
we shall enjoy them
with cream. Also we
had first mangoes. Did
you read Sir Akbar has
started a new Dept. in
Govt. and that the announce-
ment is "From early next
week the designation of the
Information and Broadcasting
is to be changed to that of
Information + ART."!! I make
no comment - and hope
you have read of it, it is
quite interesting at last
they think of the art of India.
The food situation will be
rather bad, and the poor
are really in a most hopeless
position - From now please
address letters c/o the
National City Bank they
reach us quicker, and
it is safer as they keep them
carefully - Please tell Raya
to send my letters there
also. I send you and our
dearest Pasinka my love
and kisses, and all love.
your own Devika
Please give our love to George

and the girls and remember us to Doctor.
His King is made & has come out quite nice.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: O Code: 9D No. I C.

Recd. from: Dmo

By: Doll

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 20 FEB 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay T.of	13	9	20	Resent	20

Recd. here at 11 H. 30 M.

TO

Roerich Naggar.

Please wire drivers salary age and community stop good driver very desirable aaa Well Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class } O Code N No. 2 C.
Prefix }

Recd. from —

By 2

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 20 FEB 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Tcf	18	13	—		23

Recd. here at 11 H. 31 M.

TO

Roerich Naggar.

Have you recd my wire Thirteenth stop driver desirable please wire his requirements and whether Hindu

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

all well love

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code L

No. C.

Recd. from D

By Lill

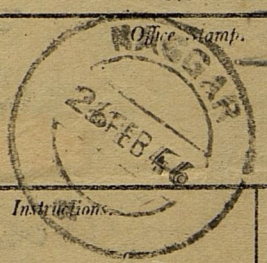
Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. 1

NAGGAR 26 FEB 46



Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
udaipur	25				

Recd. here at 8 H. 34 M. 13

TO

Raeich Naggar =
all well leaving Tomorrow
for Jaipur address New Hotel
Love =

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code RK. No. I C.

Recd. from Dmo

By d 4/1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 9 MAR 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Udaipur	8	17	50		21

TO Roerich Naggar

Recd. here at 10 H. 5 M.

Returned to Udaipur for few day before going Bombay wire your news state give Hotel all well Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: O Code: KK No. C.

Recd. from: ~~LA~~ Dma

By: /1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 20 MAR. 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.

TO Bombay Taj 20 Recd. here at _____ H. 25 M.

roerich naggar 8 22

cannot leave before thirty first stop please ask kulu motor company arrange super bus from pathankot en april fifth morning stop have one got your petrol coupons stop

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P L. 100000 Bks.

all well love.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class } O Code K 2 No. **C.**
Prefix }

Recd. from Dma

By [illegible] (2)

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 24 MAR. 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Taj	23				27

TO roerich Naggar =

Recd. here at 13 H. 58 M.

please send railway receipt to Guruswami malad stop all well expect leaving ~~to~~ here thirty first ~~as work to~~ as work ~~not yet~~ not yet completed articles sent

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks. love =

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: IF

No. 1 C.

Recd. from: Dma

By: Mal Sharma

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 9 APR 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	9				11

TO roerich naggar (Kulu) = Recd. here at 13 H. 15 M.

arriving lahore eleventh staying

frettis =

love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class } X Code PF No. C.
Prefix }

Recd. from Dme

By Mal 3/1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To

By

Office Stamp. MAGGAR 15 APR 14

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Lahore	14				41

TO Roerich Doffice

Naggar Kulu Valley

Recd. here at H. M.

Have no reply from Mandi company regarding new date for superbus stop we are now ready to start but plan to spend day in Mandi stop our Bombay driver also coming please arrange Gopal's room.

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

Bombay
31st.

My dearest Mother
We arrived safe
after a very nice
journey. Of[illegible] our
car, driver, Mr
Guruswamy my
secretary, at the
station in Bombay
Central - ! The
room & sitting
room at Taj was
with flowers and
fruit and milk
for my husband
So we started off
quite in peace &
had also a talk
& Hithen who came

to see us. This afternoon I shall go & see about my tascelē: & tailors & a little shopping. The weather is not as warm as we expected and we dont use fans at all, as the Sea Breeze is mostly blowing into our room. Bombay is as busy as usual. My husband wants to get in touch with a few people for the Exhibition, like Desai Jebson, and a few others. I have read Sudmilla's list and will try to get her things also yours. thread & [illegible]

86

the servants gloves, but please let me know how much cotton for gloves. I am at the Taj till I think my husband returns from Baroda. but in any case your note will reach me.

Tell Father that my "soul brothers" nephew is making a small book for some society here, of which Father is a Patron and went to Hithen about it, it is a series of say five writings of Father. Any news here we have not yet had time to gather.

Today is the 1st 1946!

We both send you Father George our best love.

we had such a busy morning, and last night, just spent in our room the evening with Hilton & his sister and saw the New year in. We thought so much of you all, and sent you so much of love from here.

Immediately my husband goes and there is some news from Baroda I shall write. I hear that the company has presented me with the car I used here, now we use it, which is a great help as taxis are very expensive. So that is something at least. We shall leave it in Bombay & ours and Hilton will look

after it - There was
news that Sayadiants
who tried before to form
a company here with
the Desai's did not
do so - they probably
could not get the
~~more~~ money.
Tell George please
that from time to
time we may be
sending parcels to
please keep them
in our bedroom
and if we send any
for you or household
things such as the
things Ludmilla
wants we shall
address them to
him, only ours -
should remain
unopened as they

will last better in the box. and our bedroom is I feel the best place. We miss you all very much, and do hope you all are well. Sarala was looking well in Lahore and both were happy to get the cake. They may be I hear posted back in Kulu, they have applied to go back & Sahgal said there was a chance — With all love and all thoughts to you Father & George. Let us hope 1946 will bring us all we want in a perfect way.

Your own
Devika.

(This is written in great hurry.) The weather is very lovely & we feel well, its quite cool.

all love. everything is well and let us hope all will be very successful all love for coming year. — Krenko Ochumato Bam C.

28th Jan: 1946. 68

My very dearest mother,
I was so very
happy to read your
sweet words, and
felt so near to you,
and felt you really
kissed my face.
How I wish to see
you really - and
hear your voice -
and Pasinka too - we
both ever talk of home
and how you are.
It was nice to hear
that all things
reached safely - but
I am glad George gave
now the full address
to Kuhn, as it saves him
a lot of trouble to get it
from Naprota - I shall

Mis kiss for me, and tell him I love him clearly - with lots of love you
Own DEVIKA. for you XXX!

at once tell Gurusawany
about it and any further
things will be sent to Ruho.
We had sad news of
my mothers mother, she
died on 17th Jan; my mother
was very attached to her
and feels the loss very
much. Anyway let us
hope she is happy now,
she was a really good
woman, brave, and ever
did good deeds. God will
bless her - she had I think
fourteen children, out of
which five girls and 2
boys live - and each have
done quite well in life,
and she has kept in
touch with all and been
a dear friend to even us
her Grandchildren. I wrote
to mother, but writing
is not much use in
these moments —
My husband must
have told you all the
news regarding pictures
in his letter from Baroda;
that was the best

thrilled actually — Dr Goetz & Mrs G. were nice, homely people, Dinanath's son was nice too, so was his wife, who is quite young, we had tea & dinner there, they are nice but he seems rather afraid of his job, and that I found even in higher officials is a constant worry — they talk as if someone unknown is listening — my uncle also was there & aunt, they had a very good position there, but he has just retired, he was the vice president of H H's council for 33 years, and greatly loved & feared, but anyway he could help a little — Sir B. L & Lady Mitter gave us a good lunch and after meeting us were very happy — by that time the "thing" had been "passed" and they had to lunch also Sir Azizul Haque the member of Vicroy's council, & comes from Bengal, ~~so~~ he was very happy too to meet us — He said the Govt: had actually saved India by having "Control" over things, also

that could be done,
details we shall tell
when we meet - the
funds of H.H. personally are
almost nil, he has we
understand spent so
much - anyway all
is as well as can be.
The general situation
is restless owing to the
fact of scare in money,
however it may settle.
We had a hectic time in
Baroda, a fine reception
and tears came to my
eyes, when I saw how
really lonely our
paintings looked - so
vital, something really
wonderful - and the
remarkable thing is
to mark what people
like, the poor - were
wonderful too, they
clustered round even
the more complicated
pictures, and were very

by this latest one of Rs:1000,
notes - he was very happy
about all these controls. 70
we saw other friends, Prof.'s
of different Institutions my
husband saw, also press.
and I must say ~~also~~ my
husband really very
well managed everything.
Baroda gave us in our
spare time a few textiles there
is one old old shop which
gets things from the old
families, and also from
a Port in the Surat District
where sailors and others
sell for a small price their
goods - we picked up a
few things but good - it
was most interesting and
you would have loved
the shop - Sir B.L & Lady
Mitter showed us a large
Platter of porcelain on which
there was a self Portrait
of Rembrandt, also some
lovely Bronze things of
Shivaji's time. Lady Mitter
& Sir B.L. told me such
nice things of my Parents
and spoke of me as a little

girl, they were really delighted to see us both and were very happy about our marriage. They also remembered meeting you in Naggar - and loved Father's book - We left for Bombay only after settling all, when it will come through the actual thing one does not know - but all is passed. The Mehtas were also most helpful - he is Dr Goetz's boss and a most charming man, so is his wife - we had dinner with them also -
We shall write again soon, I shall write to George and try to get the copy he needs of the weekly - also the alarm clock - Please give my love to George, and Petya & Raya, and remember us to Doctor, I'm happy to hear from Raya's letter he goes out for walks now - we have given his ring to be made -, but the gold was not good in the buttons - anyway we shall try to do the best. I do hope you and dearest Pasinka are well, you are the dearest of dear people, I love you and love you both and send you lots of love and give Pasinka a

from 11th to 16th 71

My dearest Mother, Jan: 46.

Yesterday I got your sweet letter which made me very happy as I was wondering how you are and whether you had received my letters. It takes so long nowadays. Please tell Ludmilla I have got the cotton for gloves 1 lb: and sent it to you. I do hope it will be all right. My husband comes back from Baroda today, from his last letter he said Sir B.L. Mitter the Diwan had said he wanted some pictures for the Government and gave a very fine speech at the opening. It is rather sad that our friend was not the Private secretary - However I feel sure things will be

worked out all right and that the push we are giving from Bombay too will do something—

My husband returned and we find it is best, as the people there also think so. He went to Delhi he wrote a letter which will do the trick with Sir B. L. and Goetz also felt while my husband is away he can be sure things will move properly—

In the meantime here there are several things to do—

This letter you may notice is written in bits and to day I can tell you Delhi's letter did have the desired effect and he went just so to

letter from Goetz to say that the best of our paintings have been chosen - which my husband says are very good, and he will write giving a list immediately he gets the complete one - We hear that the Raja + Rani were there, and I suppose they felt guilty for not opening the Exhibition she went with an Englishman, he with the Dewan who must have told him Mr Desai wrote!! anyway the good news as far as we know is that they have definitely made a good move - according to the Educational minister my husband did the wisest thing to come here and push matters from here - Mr Desai's letter means a lot specially as he is one of Gujats most

prominent men—
Raval wants us to
Exhibit in Ahmadabad
but gives "no assurance"
the only man who
could or would do
something has gone
away, left his family
for a lady he is very
interested in, the Sarabai's
or others will only admire
but do ~~noth~~ nothing—
apart from these few
families there is no
one there and pictures
get damaged as nothing
like State arrangements.
—also our best go, and
only from an artistic
point of view we suffer.
So our idea is to tell
Raval to ask those few
people to come to Baroda,
and we as friends,
also can inform them
its a very short run
by train on 2 hrs: or so,
and we have the
advantage of also
showing them in
a good place— So
we feel this is best

but to get your reaction
and Fathers have sent
an express wire
today — I feel all
will be well and
will work out well
and in spite of all the
trouble my husband
had to move these
people it will be worth
it in the end — at one
time the situation
was very bad there.
My affairs are moving
slowly but well on
the whole, I am quite
hopeful, but am rather
worried till they are
completed in a good
way — Strange it was
important for me to
be here personally
as nothing would have
been done otherwise.
It is now convenient
as I am in touch and
can get these people
on the phone, + see
them — Raya's letter
came, she says Kulw

is like Spring, I am
so happy to hear you
all are well — Please
tell her and Ludmilla
we send our love and
all best thoughts — I have
also managed to get
what they wanted
knickers etc! — Things are
still expensive, very
much so and not
easy to find —
There has been simply
panic here in Bombay
due to the Govt.'s idea
of these notes, everyone
was upset and it
has caused real
fear — now traders
~~fell~~ feel shy of accepting
Rs 100, even —!
The climate is very
nice, & sea looking very
blue and lovely, Bombay
people call this weather
a "cold spell" but it's
like this every winter.
Tell Pasinka we love
him like anything & kiss
him behind the ear.
with our love & my love to
you and lots & lots of squeezes
and love your own DEVIKA.

all love Jan. no news of pussycat!

Friday c/o Mrs E. L. Chaudhuri
Fife Lodge
House no: 24
Subathu
Simla Hills

My dearest mother,
We are with my mother now - we are so happy -
It was a wonderful journey and as you must have heard everything worked out very well - It is of course wonderful to be FREE!! - my husband is the most beloved considerate perfect darling, he has done and is doing every possible thing to make our honeymoon a dream come true - It is the most perfect marriage mother dearest, and I feel I have always been his - always. All those empty years - all those past days - and things I did now seem so

Lucull - so futile compared to our love and our life together. My mother loves my husband she thinks he is perfect. the real superior man, which ofcourse he is —

They tell me I am looking so much younger, so happy, my mother remarks that she has never seen me laugh so much!

Subathu is a pritty place, not too cold, Lucull, and not overcrowded - The Bazzar is pretty - and we go for long walks every evening. It is so peaceful, so restful - I love the country life - and have always longed for it, as we were brought up as children in the country. The real perspective changes and one is at peace to be one's self which is rather more difficult in the noise

and tumult of a city -
I am longing to see you all,
I do pray I may be worthy
of all the love and trust -
I shall try my best ever -
my dearest husband looks
much better now - and
I shall ever take the very
best care of him -
Everybody was most happy
about our marriage - as they
should be - they feel we
really will be happy - and
I know that with every
year we shall be happier.
Please give my love &
respects to Brother, and loved
his wife -
I do hope Father is allright
we understood from the
Doctor there was a little
trouble but it is allright -
My mother sends you and
Father her profound respect,
she was so touched to

receive your greetings and
is writing to you personally.
With all my fondest love
mother dearest, and devotion
and respects to you and
father,

Your loving daughter
Devika.

P.S.
Please give my love to
Rani & Ludmila, and my
greetings to Doctor.

Nothing is managing very
well. He has quite taken
to my work and is very
smart and willing. He is
also good natured which is
so nice. Love Devika.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix: X Code: NA

No. 1 C.

Recd. from: Dma

By: [illegible]

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp: NAGGAR 26 DEC 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Ambala	25	13	5	X	14

TO Roerich Naggar

Recd. here at 8 H. 55 M.

please send our
Mail Maidens Hotele
Delhi Leaving tomorrow
all love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class } X Code KH No. 2 C.
Prefix }

Recd. from Dme

By

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To

By

Office Stamp.

NAGGAR 27 DEC 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Delhi M	27	10	40	X	16

Recd. here at 15 H. 45 M.

TO Roerich Naggar (Kangra)

Arrived yesterday safely

Pandit sends his greetings

all well

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

Sele 2

Roerich

Naggar

Faletti Hotel 27th Dec.

My dearest Mother

We arrived safe, at 3.30 yesterday afternoon - But I was very car sick and felt very bad, however as we left the mountains & came on the straight road all was well and I felt well! Lahore is not so cold, but the dust is very strong - We had Asgari's husband here the moment we arrived he was waiting for my husband - They

sent Flowers & Fruit
& insisted that my
husband goes to a
Tea they arranged.
I could not, I was
dirty & too tired - so
while I changed &
cleaned myself
my husband had
tea here, then washed
quickly & went 1st to
Asgari's for tea & then
to Gunus who was
insisting also - Asgari's
baby looks intelligent
he reacts my husband
says Shirin has lost
her looks has become
very shy & only towards
the end game her
"uncle Kulu" a few
flowers. after that
we had dinner &
thought of you all.
Today Gunus is

coming to see us at 5. p.m. after lunch we go to Sengals & Prof. Dickenson. I leave at 8. I hear some frames of such pictures only were slightly damaged by white ants, however nothing to worry about as the frame have been taken out at Baroda & no picture is damaged. I'm sending by the driver 5 seers Carrots 5 large Cauliflowers, 5 seers peas, 5 Cabbage, 5 seers tomato - 2 doz Malta, 2 doz. oranges, 2 doz Bananas - Nolbole. by Kapursingh, which I hope he will deliver in good condition, I'm giving him the money

telling him he must
buy these only on the
day he leaves—
We still talk every
time of the good news
how wonderful it
is - really the very
greatest - Please
ask George to give me
news about the CAT
also,—
Our dear Sweet how
I think of it, of you &
all. and miss you
I kissed the little
silk stockings they
look so nice - We
arrive in B:bay" the
day after tomorrow
morning - Shall wire
from there. Shall give
the cake to Singals, tell
Ludmilla the lunch
Basket was wonderful
they had no food at the
DAKBUNGALOW so we were
very happy with ours.!
The town people here have
become very indifferent

money does not
pay his way - the
servants here even
in the Hotel won't
work, won't help, no
coolie is willing &
when Vishnu asked
them why they behave
like this they say
"well we have
seen everything &
don't wish to worry"
I must post this
now, please give
our love to "Pasinka"
& George, & girls &
remember us to
the Doctor & (the
horn in the car came
out so Gopal the
brave boy is blowing
the square one -)
Lots & lots of love,
your loving
Sr Doctor Devika.

P.T.O.

Please send us copy of the letter!

— all my love to you —
we are very well and
thinking of you all —
take best care of
yourself and
don't worry.

— S.V.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class } X Code 9
Prefix }

No. 1 C.

Recd. from Dma

By 15 1/1

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 31 DEC. 46

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Delhi M	30	15	45		16

Recd. here at 12 H. 5 M.

TO

Roerich Naggar

Happy New Year. All

Love Stop Leaving

only tenth

/ Devika

And Svetoslav

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } 2 Code KF No. 2 C.

Recd. from Dma

By 1/1

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 4 JAN 47

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Delhi M	3	10	30		25

Recd. here at 15 H. 5 M.

TO Roerich Naggar

delegation arriving

tomorrow headed By

Volgin stop will wire

duration and details

stay stop we are staying

ten till tenth Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

Maidens
1st Jan 1947
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My dearest Mother Pasinka & George,
Today is the 1st and we wish you all, a
very very happy New Year, and the girls &
Doctor too. We send you our love and hope
you all are well. We were surprised to hear
of Mothers experiance and do hope she is well
now. Yes, the air is full of strange feelings and currents
Delhi on New Year feels very cheerful. We lined with
Nehru, and it was quite informal, only Mrs Naidus
daughter, and the scientist Bhaba, besides us. Nehru arrived
from Calcutta, but had attended a meeting & a party, before seeing
us. The time was spent happily, we talked of Father's book, of
Preservation of the art here, of yours interest in his book, and your
love to him, and how glad we were to hear his journey ended
safely, my husband told him that we may go to Russia, & he
would like to talk to him on that subject as it would be nice to
have a link of culture between the countries - to which he at only
that point made no comment. Well perhaps at this stage he
could not - or perhaps Bhaba being there he would not, any
way, we did our best. He asked when George's Dictionary was
coming out, we said George's book was being completed at
Calcutta first. Bhaba seemed to try to say things against Russia
but when we pointed out, that in fact Kapitza was being
helped in every way in Russia & also others, like him, he was
quiet, he wanted to say that they were ~~let~~ liquidated
by the Gov: anyway he is on the comittee of this conference & does
not know who from Russia is coming - neither does Nehru.
Nehru thought this the 1st time Russians are coming to India.
My husband said many had come and gave names. It was
nice and we had a very happy time, he greeted me most affectionately
and they all are happy at our marriage — We both

Excuse writing & paper. No pads
with us. D.

seem to look real ~~tough~~ strong fellows, compared to these here. Nehru looks very pale old, & thin - Mrs Naidus daughter asked about George, why he was not here, and we frankly said he had no invitation or proper intimation. The Interasian affair also no one talks about much, I suppose like this one all will arrive suddenly. Bhaba said a plane full of Russians were coming seven or eight, but knowing the ways of their Govt: perhaps they were not scientists at all, just press people from Russia on their way to China." ~~So~~ that is how he started & said in London it happened like that. Bhaba is a Prof: himself, a useless fellow, who is also an artist, a lady friend of his thought he painted as L. de. Vinci did, she was the only one who thought so. 'Prof Sani & others will come & we shall meet them if they do. The thing will open on 3rd. and we may go if invited in the proper way. Bibi (Mrs Naidus daughter) was very nice to us & she was good in asking re: our Pictures etc: Mrs Naidu is here now & in bed with asthma, but she was delighted to see us, and so were all our old friends at her place. She asked after Mother & Papa, & George, & said why does George not come to Delhi, when we repeated the same thing to her, & she was delighted to hear that Russia wanted to take all Pasimkas work and had written to that effect, and also Sos: work. She was happy about our marriage, and found us both looking splendid - of course we also were glad to see her, to me personally she has ever been ~~helpful~~ helpful and has known me since birth - She told us many funny things, amongst them that Bulabhai Desai, once

when full of good food & wine, in a party in Delhi, started convincing her regarding his ~~ability~~ talent as a singer, and started singing and beating on the TABLA, because a rather pretty girl was there, much to the surprise of his friends, and he assured Mrs Naidu that if he had not taken to LAW, he would have been a great singer." She added that for a man then in his position fighting the INA case, this sort of behavior did him no good! Well he is dead and was a good friend to us, and so we switched the conversation to his wonderful defence of the Ina men, to which she agreed fully. She said that she felt now the strange greed and hatred of men all over the world and here. Mr Nehru said his face was slightly ~~swolen~~ swollen after the stone incident - poor man he said that it was not thrown willfully. The house seems to us quite a temporary affair, quite unfriendly, as if one feels, the train is coming. The news re: Grigson is Mrs Grigson went mad: after the burning she got fits and although was not violent yet had a terrible fear of the muslims wanting to kill Grigson - and that thought haunted her, the last sane thing she did was I believe when so s: pictures arrived, she put them up and asked Bibi (Mrs Naidus daughter) to go to TEA TO SEE THE PICTURES, she liked them & then after a few days that fear came again and then she lost her mind and went raving mad & violent! The poor man had not only to manage ~~an~~ an inquiry regarding the treatment of certain Bhil women ~~by the Congress~~, by the Police, and a lot of such things which Congress took up, but also arrange to send his wife to an Asylum in England. Only two Pictures of Papa survived so we are told by Bibi, she does not know the names. So that is that! Hyderi said he would never like to be in a State. He said he did not do very much for Mirza there but, when the matter was brought up, he did not say anything against Mirza - He also said ~~[illegible]~~ Tutankhamon had agreed verbally to all, ~~with~~ and when he went home, his people made him change his mind, and so according to Hyderi, he let down the big Boss badly

and put him in a very bad position - The big boss he says can't
displease N because they have a hold on all the soldiers
toys and otherwise. its very ammusing all these ideas. Poor
Hyderi + Lady they have had to suffer because their house was
taken from them. We (Sv + I) are most happy in our rooms,
and really since I arranged some pictures flowers etc. it
looks so nice! We have warmth, and they days although
coldish are sunny. I understand "Toots" is ill, and people who
know hope he will perish soon, he they say is on the decline generally.
We met "ours" today and Sv: I think gave their news. Heavens, those
people live a most really miserable sort of life - afraid of everything, +
dont meet anyone who is worth meeting. Sv: had to tell them
where to find Sir Maurice Gwyer (the vice chancellor) to + and ask his
man regarding the scientists - they know nothing, and dont
really make use of the situation - Mr Umasheb left for Moscow
for a few months, Mrs did not go because they did not want to
take the child in the cold weather, but Gladyshev said she cried.
her husband will come after a few months. Just Georges wire
came regarding Vavilov's arrival, but here no one knows.
and if they come they come in a Bunch and stay only for
the conference, but we shall again make all enquiries
and wire back. Strange and queer is that these people have
no real intimation they expect different people everyday
+ Russia has not sent an official message, as to who is coming
[illegible] so bad as it gives room for people to say things against
the Eng: + other names everyone knew. Anyway we shall ring
up all those we know. Ram Gopal says he wants to buy a few
of Fathers pictures before leaving on a tour to Australia, he has
got a contract for 3 months, so to Sv: said we shall show him
nice selection in Bombay, ~~he did not expect~~ let us hope he does
buy some. Mandi asked Saifullah to enquire re: our Prices, so Sv:
came for Papas pictures + for Svs: work! and Saifullah said he
would write to us about it. Well we hope all is well with
you all. Strange that Kartoska played games! 2nd childhood!!
We both are really well and its nice here.
With all love and kisses to you + Pasinka, and love to George,
Your own Woozlik -

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code MF

No. 41 C.

Recd. from Dma

By [illegible] 0/1

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 18 JAN 47

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Taj	18	12	30	X	26

Recd. here at 16 H. 50 M.

TO

Roerich Naggar Kulu

List of Books transmitted

please send me twenty copies

indology and copies of ge sale

Saga For Local Scientists

all well Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } _____ Code _____ No. 2/1 C.

Recd. from Dma

By [illegible] 011

Sent at _____ H. _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 21 JAN 41

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Taj	20	12	30	X	17

TO Roerich Naggar Kulu

Recd. here at 8 H. 50 M.

Have written regularly

Probably read one

way all well very

Busy / Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code KH No. 2/ C.

Recd. from Dma

By Bz 0/1

Sent at ____ H. ____ M.

To

By

Office Stamp. NAGGAR 27 JAN 47

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bom Bay Taj	27	10	40		26

TO

Recd. here at 14 H. 45 M.

Roerich Nagger Kulu
please send all Literature
about Roerich pact
if necessary take from
My shelves proceedings
in french and English

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

all well Love

X

8 a 71

Le Bombay Tag 15 11-15

Roerich Nagar Kulu 850

Trying arrange fathers pictures

will wire within ten

days all well love

KATRA

17 FEB

1 90

17

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix } X Code L1 No. 1 **C.**

Recd. from _____

By _____

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To _____

By _____

Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	*Date.*	*Hour.*	*Minute.*	*Service Instructions.*	*Words.*
Bombay	1	2	14-45		12

TO

Recd. here at 14 *H.* 55 *M.*

Roerich Naggyden

Please send samples of root immediately

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code LA No. C.

Recd. from

By 8 24

Sent at H. M.

To

By

Office Stamp. KATRAINE 25 FEB 47

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay Tag	24	1	11-5		

TO Roerich Naggar Kulu

Recd. here at 8/43 10 H. M.

All well have arranged

Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code NG No. 1 C.

Recd. from

By Omaj

Sent at H M.

To

By 14

Office Stamp.

Handed in at (Office of Origin)	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	14		18/35	14	

TO Roerich Naggar

Recd. here at H 20/5 M.

Wire your news all well
going Delhi twenty first
Love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

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INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

Class / Prefix X Code P1 No. 1 C.

Recd. from Dwg 4/1

By

Sent at _____ H _____ M.

To

By

Office Stamp. KATRAIN 20 MAR. 47

Handed in at (Office of Origin).	Date.	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Bombay	19	15/4		26	

TO Roerich Nagar

Recd. here at 13/17 H. M.

All well returned from Hyderabad going Delhi twenty first staying Maidens if you have please send latest american peace banner book love

N.B.—The name of the sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from, the text.

P.A.P. L. 100000 Bks.

5-th Jan:
1948.

My dearest Mother,
Just a line to say that we arrived very nicely at Bombay - That was the best trip we ever had - in such a small car - but - not a bit difficult or bumpy - and was so quick - ! Strange that my husband got the idea he should go then - and really it was very nice -
I do hope you are well I did not like the cold you had, as I know it must have been painful. Let us know if you need any medicines please - Bombay is very cold - we have to shut the windows - and its very nice - my husband is well and I hope he will not worry - his Blanc his secretary is coming & he is busy sorting out accounts of Hall Estate and putting them in a book with her - this keeps

him busy, and he will now also start & I hope some articles on Art. I try to keep his mind busy - only of late my own health had been funny - only today I am really better, after only fruit - and the Doctor knowing my health for years - never gives me medicine if he can help it. He says to try first only stewed apples & fruit juice - so let's see. I'm feeling today really well - my soul Brother was thrilled at seeing you - he says, you are very beautiful, and he said he thought you had a wonderful fire in your eyes - He said you were so full of beauty & courage - that he feels inspired!! poor man he has never had the chance of having met people from the better life - and especially such a lovely person as you. He said he had suddenly an inspiration to go to Khandala, and he says that he feels so much much better now - He has

been a dear good friend to me
all these years, and has
never failed me in anything.
How rare is real good
friendship - and as such
I am always grateful to
him - Of course the outer
side is a bit far from a
being polished - but I in a
way prefer it knowing
the heart of the man -
He was delighted with George -
and said that George is has
the qualities of a dear good
man like a child.
Well I shall write to all
later - please tell George that
his letter to that lady had
gone to her -
Do hope this finds you well,
much love for the happy time
you gave us - my sorrow is
that I had pain and could
not be myself -
Jackie is well, he misses
the good books - + says he must
have some -
with lots of love
Love to all Your own Woozlik

Mother dearest,

many thanks and love for your lovely letter. My dearest is really allright and has care - he lost 2 oz in weight and I shall not be happy till he has that of course. His little tummy works well, every day, he reports details which make me happy - His food is well chosen and light and nourishing - when I can get a little meat I shall cook nice veg: stone for him, light ones - although now he has tomatoes, Fruit, Eggs - Chicken Broth, milk, corn Flakes = good Bread + fresh things and light and he feels happy with them - When I have a cooker I can do many nice little things which he likes -

The weather is very fresh but breezy and that is what is bad, as one catches cold with high winds - Here the sea being not far the winds are cold, + blow all day long - If only also he worked stop worrying about

when & how - he would be absolutely
care free for his work as he says -
anyway let us see - I personally
dont worry, as I feel its no use -
and does others no good - I just
try each day to do my work, and
make if possible others happy, my
dearest est and any others who need
my help - It is not enough, but still
it helps one somehow to hold on to the
truth - and have faith -
We shall soon be seeing you
and hope you will be well by
then.

With all all love,

Your own

Woozlik.

Дорогой Мамик! —

Скоро увидимся —

Как Ты поживаешь? —

Я все хорошо.

Крепко обнимаю и

целую. — Спасибо Юше за

Woozlik is better.

Наши очень хорошие.

11th oct 1948.

My dearest Mother,

Thank you for the lovely time we spent, we enjoyed our stay very much. and I was happy to be with you - The journey was truely dreadful, and the train stopped at every possible station, we came here at 5-15- or so and were really glad to arrive - That is one train no one should take as it a passenger train - also comes very late - We however were quite cheerful, and once ~~here~~ here, I had a nice bath and changed -
The weather here is nice and cool, we had rain and the breeze is cool. So far the nasty october weather has not come as this and may are the bad months here. Our Train was full of Razakar's from Hyderabad, and poor things were packed like Sardines with military police - So we had quite good company! On our return after I came here, the Doctor came - He was not

depressed, and said that he would
prefer to stay here. he said the doctor
on the ship told him that if he 98
were in her shoes, he would
certainly feel miserable - also from
the chief men there he were told
conditions, and when he asked
if he would get his work, the
men never answered - and
while saying goodbye - he said
I wish you happiness and health
here. So from all he heard, he
feels most upset and worried -
From aunty no news - and I feel
sorry because I thought I could
give you some good news -
Today I am arranging for your
dress, I hope the results will be
all right - People here are in the
same ways, some hope, others
carry on, others just don't feel -
everyone is just going on. My son
brother sent us a whole Basket
of Fruit, another of Flowers - it
was nice of him, as it will
be Dusserah tomorrow - Again

Dussorah has come, and in spite of the dreadful Punjab happenings, people including Refugees are spending money today - the markets are full of all sorts of things - We gave Vishnu a new Bushcoat, he is very happy -
The case is at a standstill now, and I hope we shall be able to fix it. Today I send these few lines, as I want this to go -
I thought my husband had put in a Trunk call yesterday, but - that is not so -
Please give George our love, and the girls -
With lots + lots of love to you,

Your Son.
Woozik.

We both are well, my cold I fixed and am quite fit, except for a small cough, so is my Baby - he is very sweet and well -

Wednesday 10th Nov. 1948

My dearest Mother,

Much love and thanks for your very welcome + sweet letter. I am very happy about the dress, and that it fits well - The belts I've seen so far are not nice, too short, and rather hard + showy with very ugly decoration - I am keen to get soft suede belts, or nice other types which I once saw -

I have written in detail re the "oil" to George, + by now you must be knowing about it - Firstly we have to see every detail before doing anything final which we have been doing, + with great care -

Today the Doctor says he is going to see you tomorrow, I hope this reaches you in advance so that you will know in time, it is perhaps better to tell him, as he will

go away to look after the property and have a good feeling too - He 101
said he wanted to see you, to say
good bye - so its better to let him
perhaps - He is very glad to go
back, and we have arranged
for fruit & he sent here by
him, once he is settled he will
see to the Fruit etc: my husband
has explained all to him as discussed
with you and George. So let us
hope this is a good solution for
the time being. Later we shall
our selves develop our land and
see it really prosper - I have always
wanted to see that Umsoati is
a real living place of work, and
if we can we must see to it -
In a way I feel good about the
Doctor going there, the first reason
that our place will be in a good
position re: management we hope,
and 2nd: I have noticed in my
life that suddenly when a
person gets fed up after waiting
for a thing + goes away - very
soon after that the thing comes!!

So I hope the permit will come soon after he goes - it may be wishful thinking on my part but I have that feeling
Wooslik loves you my Mama + hopes very strongly that all will be well soon - Please send Wooslik all thoughts that "it" may do the right things and that "it" may be the best to all and look after all perfectly.
Lina says that America is not interested in Indian dancers, a friend Jones wished to so, she is a good dancer, but it seems there is no scope.
With all love & yours + kisses and all thoughts, and thanks for your letter.

Your son daughter.
Wooslik.

18th Dec: 1948.-

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My dearest Mother,

How are you feeling now? I do hope the Plaster and little medicine reached you -? take great care of yourself and keep away from the wind - keep your little windows shut. My husband is much better, he is resting, and feels really fit, but I am not letting him rush about, just he is having a nice cleaning inside, and rest. He sleeps well, I read to him, or he reads to me, and

he rests because he feels sleepy by that time - I am very happy he sleeps well, and wakes up fresh and cheerful - Sorry you had pain and do hope you are really better. Nespray is not yet here, the new boat with goods expected for Xmas on 17th will only come on 30th so they expect macaroni etc: then -
We both send you lots & lots of love & kisses, I shall get my husband to write a few lines here -
yours Woozlik

Дорогой Маник и все домашние. Всего, всего лучшего раз что Маник лучше я тоже уже лучше -

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If you need anything please ~~we~~ ask George to write me shall get it for you.

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Lone W: 30th March 1950

My dearest Mother,

How very very sweet of you to send me the lovely Ivory box, and the sweet Lapis inside - many many thanks for your wishes and thoughts and the sweet gift - I shall treasure them, and am very happy with the Lapis contour, like our mountains - We are well, and more rested now - and are pushing to finish here as soon as possible - How is your cold? how is your tooth? I sent

the tooth enamel & yours & glasses which Katherine tried & thought all right, also a box with confectionaries which Katherine bought for you & I do hope they reached all in tact - Katherine wrote a nice & happy letter, she had a good journey - also enjoyed her first cup of good coffee at Lausanne! She enjoyed her journey to India, she got her a lot of things here, & sent some little things for Sina & all others. She took 4 pictures & another of the mountains which my husband painted & of her which you have seen. Here she are also busy getting some of my husband's old paintings bought by some friends reproduced - We do hope Mama you are well, and send you all love - much love & thanks and kisses for your sweet gift and wishes - and more love -

Your own
woozlikin

13th March 1950 105

My dearest Mother
We arrived safe
and well here, and

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

are getting things done.
Katherine is well and feels
much better now, she
was completely tired
after the awful journey
to Lucknow - She went
to Agra to see the Taj and
she was very impressed.
Sir Shanti arranged her
car & a man to go with her
as we could not go we
had to see some people very
urgently - She had a lovely
time with Sir Shanti &
stayed with him the
night before going to
Agra, we all dined there
and left her there - The
girls fixed her up there
and she was very happy
she went as a government
guest so she was delighted.
We are glad for her sake
that Sir Shanti
was so good to her.
We got her papers
again fixed up -
as we told the man who gave

her the permit & he said
all was well - today
they have gone to settle about
her luggage etc: at Thos: Cooks.
We have been very busy
with the boxes and have
got two ready, and one
with my husbands paintings
opened - they are lovely
pictures - old ones - and
slowly we shall arrange
things such as reproduction
etc:. We saw "ours" & in
Delhi, they are as vague as
before, but they say they
will write again a reminder
also about Pasinka's paintings
they say they will inquire
if we write them, so please
ask George to send us an
official letter for them
just stating facts and
to ask where they are, as they
~~we~~ are personal property
and were in our friends
charge, and we have had
no reply from him so wish
to know where they are in
what gallery - or something
to this effect what you feel
~~we~~ right & they will push the
inquiry through -
We all are well & hope you
are the same - we send
much much love your
own woodinka. I'll get the
book you wished for K.

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lots of George.
love to her
how is he?
I'm still trying
for his pepsin.

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22nd March
1950

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Mother dearest,

Yesterday dear Katherine left, and we are sorry she had to go - Her departure was very nice, she had flowers, and mangoes, and little luggage, as the Rani took all her heavy luggage, and Sir Shanti Bhatnagar was with us, & he & we pushed her through - & no trouble at all - not a thing was opened or seen and she passed on very well. Sir Shanti was here for his own work, & it was nice as he really helped - one could wish for no better send off - She was not at all well here, her tummy gave her trouble, Dr Periera who examined her said

that her "stool" showed
no germs at all - but
that his opinion was it
was the "change of life" which
gave her most of her
troubles - Anyway she
will be now in her
own surroundings, & she
was so looking forward
to seeing & being in Switzerland
She said she felt sad to
leave too - and I think
she was - She is a grand
person, she looked also
very beautiful, she had
slimmed herself by
taking hot water & Lemon,
and she looked young
and sweet. It will be so
nice to see her again
either here, or in her home.
Her home must be lovely,
she says with such joy
~~to~~ "its beautiful"! any
way I'm happy we did
all we could for her -
she took a lot of ~~a~~ the
"yellow meterial with
her - We now will
just rest for a day or
so to gather our thoughts
and make our plans -
There are many pictures

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of my husband which
we want reproduced
and seen to here.
and we hope soon to

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

do this - Its hot here
but not so bad as
we thought - anyway
its best if we finish
things quickly and
move to Bangalore as
its lonely there, even
though April & May are
the hottest months, the
~~ch~~ air is dry, and the
nights and till 12 am its
cool - with lots of nice
cool breeze - we are
getting paints and
things to take with us
as my husband will
paint, and I hope to
arrange the room
so that he can have
every possibility of peace
and air, & light - I will
see to the rest.

How are you
dearest mother?
I hope your cold is better

with the change of the weather one has to be most careful — most careful, specially you as you don't take care of yourself — my Bijju is well, I shall see he takes more fruit, and veg: and we have already got nice fruits, Tomatoes, Grapefruit for him and now also he will have his steamed Chicken broth again — so we are well — and full of life — we already have seen Mrs S.'s letter to you — he has written to Strangely to Pundit ji and others — anyway we've told an important official that she is in no way connected with us — as he tries to use this fact — We send you all love and kisses dearest Mama —

Your Woodzhika.

Taj 22nd May 1950

My dearest Mother,
much love for
your sweet letter.
We do not find the
jade for the Princess,
but have hopes it
may be possible
sometime later.
The knitting needles for
Petia we shall send.
The camera of George is
ready, but how to send
it? It is too heavy for
air mail, and I feel
my ordinary mail
it may get broken.
The watches are still
being done. The
glasses mehar has
already sent. Did
you get the box of
books, we sent a

long time ago? we hope they arrived safely? it is nice to hear that you all are well - we are well too and hope soon to fix up a place to stay in. the Brown's house we were able at first to get, but now government have given it to the Times people as they say Brown is not employed in India now - and has taken his money out, and therefore we cant have it - However we are still on the job and will see what can be done — It is hot now - but our rooms are not bad.

water in all other places has dried out. our trees are in flower, and are we hope going to give a good crop — we have no news of the Doctor in Kilo. and hope all is well there. we are sorting out our pictures here, we are getting canvas from Europe, and paints, also from here. How I wish my husband had a nice place for his painting — we shall fix up his studio in Bangalore — upstairs, and sleep downstairs as the room downstairs is very nice, and cool, & airy, and with a nice view of the whole plantation — upstairs there are

and the saving is the cool breeze - We have lots of fruit, salads etc. and are managing all right - We hear from the Francis's who say they had a wonderful time in Switzerland and that they really enjoyed their stay there. We found our lost car - and now are getting it put in order - Yummy after all these months! My dearest is very happy about it - In Bangalore the rains have not broken as yet, and it's very dry I hear there. Luckily in our tanks the water is not bad - and so that's good news, as

large windows all round, and one can see the nice country around and the hills – the light is good too. We have only two bedrooms, the sitting room + dining room, + office – with large verandahs all round, its quite enough for two – but no spare room – which we dont need at all. Katherine seems well. She was worried about her affairs a bit it seems, but I hope all will be well for her. It is sad she had to send the child away with David

Rani Dorji said she may come to Bombay, if she does & we are here, we can send the things with her, and pay for extra weight as she will go by Plane. Please ask George to find out.

Dr Bhatnagar's family have taken a house in Manali for the Summer, so they may visit Naggar - Everyone here is wondering about events here, as the marwaries seem to be creeping into all the best places - and that's not healthy - people are not happy, and feel restless -

We send you dearest Mama our love & kisses, and feel very happy you all are well -

With all love your Wooshinga.

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21st May

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Give yourself our love and thanks and to the girls — Thank heavens our rooms are cool; after Calcutta this is cool! your own Woozlinda

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

My dearest Mama,

Here we are at last. As you know Tashi Tsering did nothing re: our advance luggage, and we found it at Badogra just locked up. no instructions were given and a plane empty went off in the morning!! Anyway once at Calcutta we were lucky and our friends by influence phoned to Badogra and insisted that we get it all 3 boxes, by the next plane, we took the others with us. We spent the day with friends, and it was nice, as it took away the shock of the heat, thier house was as cool as could be expected, and they

did all they could to help us — we did some work there inspite of the heat, and saw Galileo as we had an appointment with her husband. our air conditioned train was a real treat, we enjoyed the rest, and were well looked after. here it is very hot sticky, and we are living on all fruit. which we get lots of — and cold chicken and other things we have started our work and will let you know how it all fares — there is such a lot to do. we have met a number of "ours" here, and have had some interesting talks, they dine with us tomorrow we are keen to know the fate of Pasinke's pictures they know little so far. The exhibition is here, and very disappointing — much love to all the happy time and the peace — please

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

28th May 1950.

Mother dearest,

You must be wondering why I have not sent the Camera, rogue & other things? the reason is, that after the awful colds me both had, we accepted an invitation of a friend to stay with her at the Hill Station near by Matheran, in her home. It was really lovely there, beautifully cool, I had to wear my ~~Shoo~~ Pashmina shawl in the evenings, and in two days we were absolutely all right, fit, and well, and used to go for long country drives, and sit on the rocks, with

the lonely vast views
in front of us - only two
days ago we came back
and were in time to
meet H.H. of Nawanagar, who
had a lonely time in
Europe and they
are so happy with
Switzerland and that
the girl is there - They
say Inge is a wonderful
help to Katherine, & both of
them were very good
to them & the little girl -
Katherine is a wonderful
person. So kind and sweet
and thoughtful - how happy
I feel that we met, and
that I feel so near to her -
H.H. brought back lonely
Canvas, & paints for
my husband - and other
small things for us
& you - which I shall
send you when they
give it to us - It is
so nice to hear you all
are well, and happy, I am
so glad Georg is all right
and that he feels so well.
We shall soon send all
the things to you, in this

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coming week we hope. Vogue one issue already has been sent they come every month, and the April + May issue I will send too as soon as they can be got. H. H of Mandi has bought out my old partner who had 1/3 share in our Bangalore Estate - Since there was a feeling that he was not a help in anyway, and that he may be in the way, and that he had done nothing for this one year - as we had a sort of understanding that after one year we all would decide if he should form a company or

do something, for the sale etc: he was perhaps keeping quiet, but any way I went to him and asked him to sell at the price he bought without asking for any profit, and he was good enough to do so - I told him it was better this way. He was very hurt and said this was not fair to him as he really had done nothing to worry us, I agreed, but told him frankly that Her Highness was not keen to have any business men and as he also had done nothing to help during the year I would be grateful as an old friend if he sold out completely. He did sell out + was paid, the poor man offered to buy the whole thing from us, but since it was decided I should ask him to sell - I told him to sell. So that is now a closed chapter, and for

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his sake and mine, I feel its the best thing - He was the Chairman of our Company for some years, and proved then very good, he was very nice and never failed us then. Even now, he did a thing which no business man would have done, no one would sell at the price he bought on a paying concern, and I feel very happy that even though he was a Marwari he proved to be at least a gentleman —

Now we have the ~~pa~~ place, more Dus - + H. H. well let us hope all will be well. This I just told you because you met him, and he has the highest regard for you - and it would be of interest to you -

How are the Prince + Princess please give my best regards to them. We are getting ready to leave here soon. and shall write soon again. ~~to~~ Please give all love to George -

With lots + lots of love to you dearest Mama, we both are well now, thanks to our lovely change -

With all love
your own,
Wooglinka.

Today I sent Vogue Harpers Bazzar.

12th June 1950

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My dearest Mother,

We sent one watch over to you, the other two will be ready soon - and they will be sent too. The knitting needles I sent to Raya, for them, with a few Books of Patterns, also a little thing that catches stiches, which sometimes in jumper making one needs to hold certain stiches while one knits the rest. Petia + Raya will I hope understand it? how are you all Mama, how is George? we have asked very good Doctors here, about his complaint last

year and they all say, that it is only possible to say when he has the trouble, only then his urine, should be examined, and his blood test made, and that the local Doctor should do that
But to prevent it, good walks, lots of Barley water, some good Chicken Broth, and proteins, very little starch, plenty of fruit - oranges, Bananas, Sweet Lime, Grapefruit. the Grapefruit only if he feels like it -
Soda ~~bi~~ b. carb: in very small doses, and on WAKEING, a glass of warm water with a little salt in it

even half a glass
with a little salt,
they say it is very
good -

This mama dear
I only mention
because I feel sure
I should ask these
Doctors + this is
what they said,
it would be best
to tell you - Of course
they said if an attack
does come then
during the attack,
Blood, urine, and
"stool" also test should
be done during the
attack - This is the
best they say - So one
has a good idea
what it may be -

We are well, and very rushed getting all things ready to leave Bombay! The monsoon has burst and it's very nice, I'm only touching "wood" that it continues—

Katherine wrote to say she got our letters—Every wire or letter she writes I immediately answer—I don't want her to feel neglected—she is such a dear sweet good person—it shows on her lovely face—She seems

very very devoted to 118
the teachings, and
she will perhaps really
be able to lead so many
She meets to a better
way of life and to give
them hope - That is her
wish too, to help others.
and to be a guide to them
who need her -
I send you fat kisses,
and lone, and to George
too - please give him
my lone -
With all lone
Woozlinka.

Binjio is full of life, he is
very glad today, he is getting all
his paints + brushes,
+ other things.
The sunshade,
I'm still looking for the
type you have - others
were a cheap looking
and not nice and
very expensive - Any
way if I dont get better
I'll send these -
lone W.

Monday 3rd July 1950

My dearest Mama,

Much much love for your sweet letter which made us very happy to know that more or less you are all well. It is very sad that all this had to happen, that so many poor had to suffer. I do hope all will be well soon. We are delighting in the climate here, and in general the place. My husband has already got colour in his face, and is full of life - he stayed

our servants also
are nice, they have
their own rooms,
with thier beds (coir)
ones & ~~[illegible]~~ they have
very nice rooms
with Electric Light too.
The Studio will be
upstairs, and its a
very lovely room with
lots of light — So we
have all these things
ready — and every
week now will come
into ~~[illegible]~~ town — Sir
Shanti was here,
he came & see us,
and as usual was
very charming and
jolly — I like him very
much, he is such a

charming man,
and he really loves
my husband -
It is wonderful that
dear Georges work
is now discussed
in all parts of the
East & West - may he
be blessed with all
God's blessings for
great success and
Happiness, both of
which he so richly
deserves - We had
some coloured snaps
from Katherine, they
are lovely, except, I
look funny trying
to avoid the Sun in my
eyes - It's Shame with
Katherine - I never

keep any letter or
write if they unanswered
as she is such a really
lonely person, and
I should not like to
let her feel hurt in
any way -
what do you feel
about the latest
news? how do you
feel it will end?
the watches are at
last ready - poor
George is worried
about them, but
I hope he knows that
they are quite
safe - the only reason
we took time was
because we thought

we would have a really good try to repair them, which is now done - and after 2 or 3 weeks we shall send them insured as we dont want them to be held up, & in that time mail will be better in your district. Please tell Mr & Mrs Bradham how sorry we are to hear his news, please ask George to send me his full name & address & I shall write to him.

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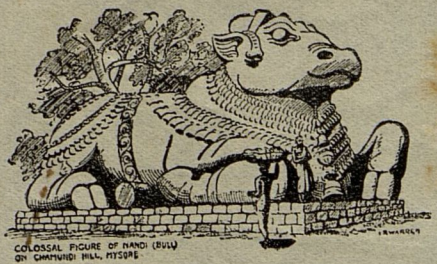
Please tell Raya that we were most interested in her long letter and I shall answer her as soon as I am a bit settled. This year its not so difficult, as we dont have to fix up things, and be ever on the spot as last year. We are well dearest mama & do hope you George and the girls are well - and happy. With lots & lots of love your wooz linka -

LOVE PLEASE TO GEORGE.



COLOSSAL FIGURE OF NANDI (BULL) ON CHAMUNDI HILL, MYSORE

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14th July.

now to catch the bus. lots + lots of love. your own Woozhinka.

Mother dearest,
No news from you for ages - I we do hope you all are well. The Postal Service we read in papers in your part of the world does not yet work properly - that's why I still have the watches. What is the world coming to? it is very interesting the war news - I wonder how far it will go? here my husband is well, and we feel happy to be here, and right out in the country, in a week or earlier we shall get really more

settled, as then all
the things we need
will have been opened.
How happy I feel dearest
mama to have at last
my clothes out not as
in a Hotel all stuffed in
Boxes - and my books,
and things now are
easy for me to get at.
The place is very nice,
just enough for two,
if we use the upstairs
room for our work -
just your letter came, by
a man my mother sent
him - How nice, how
happy to hear you all are
well and happy! lots of
kisses for this news!
How thrilling to hear about
George's Institute, what a
really great thing - to build
a temple of his learning and
of the Lord's teachings in this
country -!! shall write again
as ~~too~~ want the man to post
this, he is going

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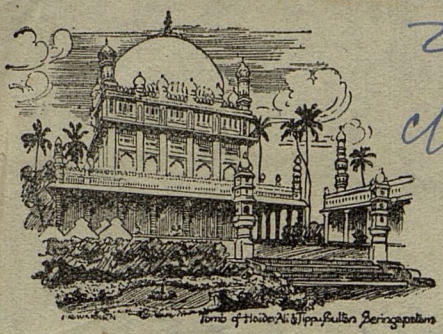
Tomb of Haider Ali & Tippu Sultan Seringapatam

23rd July 1950

c/o Mrs E. L. CHAUDHURI
Joy Murn Hotel.
Cubbon Rd:
Bangalore (Cant:)
S. India. Mysore State.

My dearest Mamma,
How are you? Can we send the watches, is it safe? here we have opened some picture Boxes, from old Exhibitions and are cleaning and refreshing some of Pasinkas then we shall put them in good boxes again. We use the upstairs room for this work. I am so happy that my husband has his nice paints + Canvas which Her Highness of Mandi got from Paris - she gave them to him as a gift - now he has more or less his colours - he has worked out a lot of pictures which I hope some he will do now - we have ordered stretchers and they

will be ready soon,
also some are coming
from Bombay. This
year we have more
peace as we had
arranged the system
and everything last
year was really an
effort - The manager, +
yeswant manage, well,
but my husband of course
issues instructions, and
simply enjoys his walks
into the different sections
of our grounds to see
the trees which are
lovely - he goes with
the manager - and
he tells him what
should be done, that is
where the berries are

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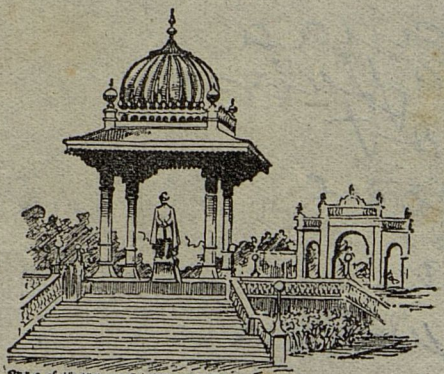
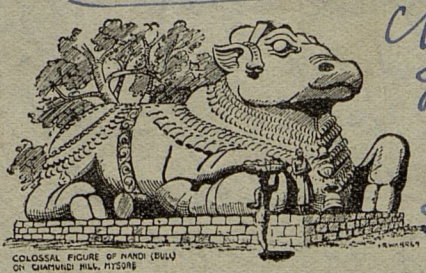


Statue of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Bahadur
G.C.S.I., G.B.E., the late Maharaja of Mysore

most, the pickers are
directed - Its a simple
healthy clean life,
we go for very nice
walks in the evening -
and then its really
beautiful - we see the
Blue hills away in
the distance - at sunset
its a real pleasure
to go out along the lakes.
I have written to Katherine
I hope she gets my letter.
yes, how lovely if she
comes over this winter
she will so enjoy staying
with you again for
4 to six months - She is
really such a fine
person - I wonder how

they will manage
now thier affairs
if Mr S. is not
well - I suppose
they can do
so easily when
they actually
are there personally -
my mother was suffering
from a sort of rash.
which they say people
who had asthma once
sometimes get in later
years. She has a good
Doctor, but we shall
see how she gets on, she is
better now - It is wonderful
about George's Institute
and only right that our
Rani Dorje helps too.
Please give the Princes
& Princess, & Rani, & girls
our best wishes - I think
of the Princess so often, there
are so many such pretty
squirrels here, how she would
love them - we wonder how
far this war will go?
We send you much, much
love and kisses, and hope
you are all well - lots of love -
yours ever Zinka

11th Aug: 1950



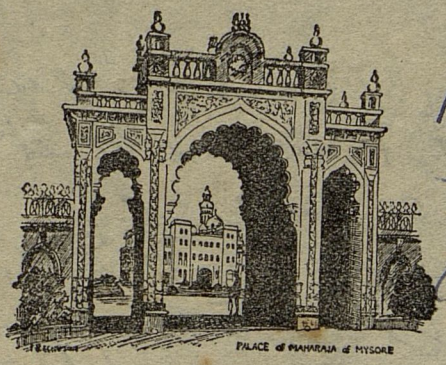
COLOSSAL FIGURE OF NANDI (BULL) ON CHAMUNDI HILL, MYSORE

C/o Mrs E. L. Chudhuri
Jayburn Hotel
Cubbon Road.
Bangalore-
S. India.
Mysore State

My dearest Mama,

How sweet of you to have taken all the trouble to write to me, as I know you dislike writing English so. But it was so nice hearing from you, and we were so happy you all are well. My mother is better, but not completely so. She will I fear need really first class treatment, if this does not go away. But so far she has improved a great deal. She sends you

her loving thoughts
and wishes so much
to get other copies of
your books - She is
so thrilled with
Fiery World which
she says she would
so like, but I have
only one copy which
I can't spare - Heart
and other Books you
gave me are in my
Boxes, so I have none
to give her - She is really
wanting at least one
other book to read -
We are well, and are
as busy as usual,
we have done quite
a lot of things here -
We have sent a tin of
yeast for Bread - please
read the Instructions
inside the tin - and
tell Petia how to use it
we hope you are well
mama, and George + the
girls - With all love and
+ at kiss to you. Woozlinkie



1st Sept 1950

please give our sweetest greetings to the Princess and Princes

My dearest Mama,
much much love for "Heart"! How my mother loves it- She reads and reads it backwards & towards and is very grateful that you sent it her. I am very glad the Tin arrived & American "Hops" and only hope it works - Please let me know. We don't need it here - as my cook only does cakes etc. but not bread, as we get soo bread from special shops. Also I keep the white flour for our cakes - So I hope to get more for you if you need it -
We sent you a wire with love for your sweet wishes for Aug: 23 - We

had a "Happy day" really
happy - and Pasinka's
Photo had a nice
flower Garland on
it, with all the
different flowers that
grow here - we thought
of you, and George and
sent you all our lone.
The weather is now
lovely - we were
worried about the
rain, but now
have lots of it.
This letter I send
off now mama as
the boy is going into
Bangalore - & he can
post it there. We
both are well - and
hope you all are
well and happy.
lots of lone and kisses
your Woozlinka

write
to us - lone
your letters

Maidens Hotel
old Delhi

Friday

Our dearest Mama,

Just arrived in Delhi, safe, tired, but well - It was a truely dreadful journey from Kathihar - but from Lucknow - here was nice - dusty - but peaceful - There was no arrangement from Kathihar and people were climbing up & round the trains quite without any controle - However we came out all right and poor Katherine was quite well through it all - Lucknow was nice we saw Mr Maidins

daughter who came
to Government House
for Mrs Naidu's death
anniversary - and we
talked many things
of George too + his books -
Delhi is very nice
now - and we are
glad to be here, Katherine
says she feels she has
come home again -
we went to see Indira
with Katherine told her
re: George's book and
our happy stay at
Kalimpong -
I enjoyed my stay
and thank you and
George + the girls for
all the trouble you
took for us - Dear little
Crookety gave us all
joy, and to see you all
happy made me happy too

Kalimpong is a truely lovely place, and I am so happy I was able to see it under such sweet conditions.

Delhi is nice now full of flowers, but in ten or 15 days I'm sure it will heat up, its cool now, especially nights & morning. The Rani of Mandi me saw today She, & Indira and Shanta send their love to you. How are you all? I'm so glad me got you on the phone, but I missed you as no one told me & they were there- me shall try once to phone from here.

My B. husband is well and full of life - me

saw all the art school people in Lucknow - they were very happy to see my husband. Here we shall try to see Panditji, and get Katherine's permit, & get Rani Dhumdi to do the needful, also lay some foundation for art contacts as my husband wishes to discuss these things with the Education department -- There are also interesting & other things we shall have to see here -

We are rushing about and so this letter may seem more like a "wire," but am writing in great hurry -

lots & lots of love to you and George, and many kisses & thanks for all the happy days,

Your own Woozlums.

We sent Doctor the money from Delhi and the other by money order.

Maidens Hotel
old Delhi
Sunday.

My dearest Mother & George,

My letter of the ~~day~~ other day will only be posted tomorrow due to Holi, and so I write this only that you know so that you may not wonder what has happened. Today the Phone worked but I did not talk because it was cancelled at first and then just as I'd gone away it came. These days shut up is everything, we went however to "our" and found all out. The old man & his wife with the little boy have gone home; and a new set of people are here. The place inside looked very

dull and depressing, and quite dusty - we hear the "boss" is better as he had a chance to get well while the cold weather was on - any way we shall see the young Paul, and let you know - H. H. Mandi is going soon away before Katherine, the School seems really nice and we feel they have chosen it well. The Indores are here - they have had a lot of difficulty getting to America, the customs people there even undid lining of coats to see if any jewels were in there! Pandit ji is very busy, but Indira says she will try her very best - he is very upset with East Bengal affairs

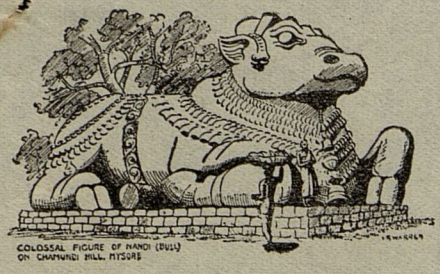
so perhaps cant think of any other thing—
Mr Shibayev, we went to see his college as he wished to show his work, he certainly has pushed his department well, and what is nice is that the University has given him one new wing consisting of about five class rooms, one large Examination room, one Room for books, one large office—and he is doing well—but one thing is he has visions every day at 4 or so in the mornings and he says he is told to do this peace work of his, he has written to Panditji also—and others, he ~~wrote to wallace~~ to sent a wire to wallace to come here and help in this, which was stopped by the Indian government—and he

me feel has to be dealt with carefully as we dont wish him to drag in father's name + mothers also - We want to get from him very carefully all the facts and then see how to mend any damage that might have been done - One thing is he has to go to England soon to join his wife + will be away 3 months - so that gives time - but before we leave here we want to in a nice way get all information from him as to what he is going to do - so that we may be warned - and can take necessary steps - He is sending his father his plan typed - so she can see it - We dont quite know his position here - but we will in a few days - the whole

thing seems a bit strange - He firmly follows his visions and what he hears so he says -

Katherine is looking very lovely now in her smart summer dresses, and with her hair fixed - She looks a real picture and very fresh and young looking - it's a joy to see her - We are all well, except for the fact that the journey has really tired us - it was certainly the worst ever - Lucknow onwards was nice - Mintris car was not bad, but the luggage fell off - the tyres punctured three times - and it was trying - anyway it's good we saw all this I feel because it saves you or you may take

necessary precautions
when you leave - of course
later on they expect
more trains -
Delhi is warming up -
at night it's cool-ish,
& in the morning too.
I send you all love
and kisses - and hope
all is well with you
all - my "hubsand" is well,
I hope soon he will start
getting a little more weight
not much, but a little -
He says he feels very well -
with lots of love
Your Woozlinka.


COLOSSAL FIGURE OF NANDI (BULL) ON CHAMUNDI HILL, MYSORE

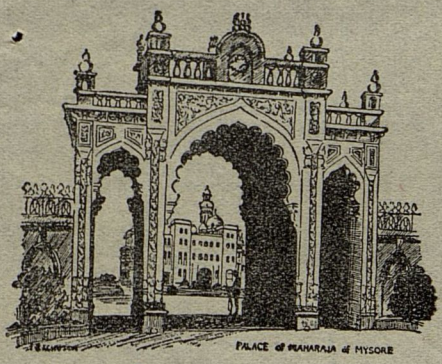
Sol: day

23rd Sept: 1950

My dearest Mama,

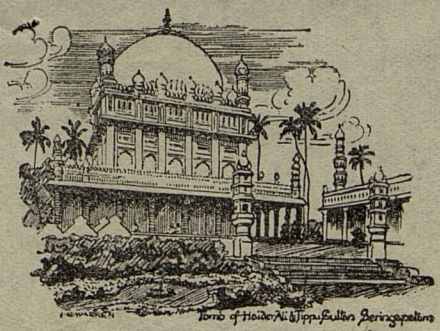
How are you? We had a letter from George & Lucy you all seem well, and we are happy - especially to know George had this Rainy Season no trouble at all - How much joy you have given to my Mother with the Books - "Heart" She has now read three times over, it

is sweet of you to have sent it to Mr. and it is some joy - real joy to see her read these two books with so much interest — She makes notes, and copies out passages from the books, and sends to her old friends and she really is helped by them - Strangely enough she says they remind her of her childhood days, when she stayed with the Tagores, and in the evenings, there would be music, and people gathered



into a large room
and they also discuss
all such things.
They as children used
to listen, and she says,
that she has never
forgotten those happy
lonely days —
We are happy Mama
dearest, and I hope
that my husband
now will paint
on his large canvas.
He has done very
small sketches, and
that is the only thing
which makes me
very sad, that he has
not yet done a big

painting, that is our
real life, and I
pray every day that
we can live it - all
other things seem so
small and useless.
I as usual study I
do not leave this
for a day - even if a
little, but I keep it
up - and do not let
go - also I read on
subjects of help and
interest - our Parsinka's
books - and writings
and other things
of his I constantly
keep before us -
what better example
can one have of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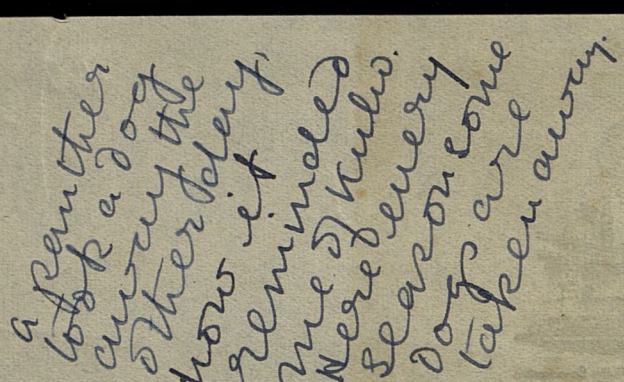
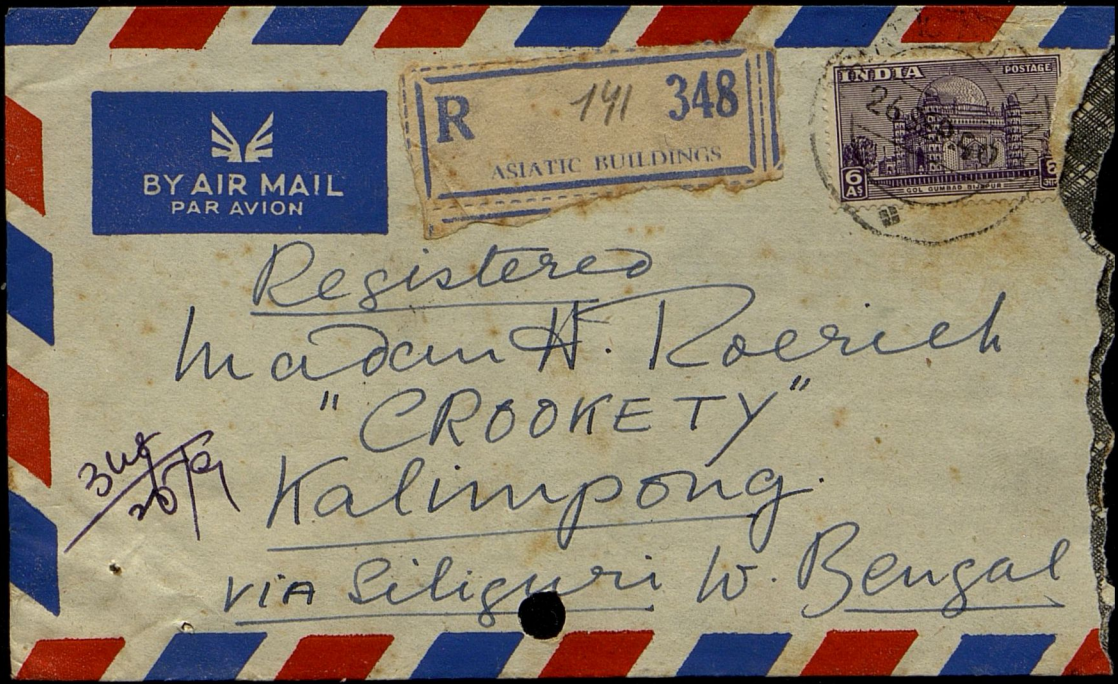
a great life - ? we have some art Books here - I buy them, and we have some Russian books - which we read, that is my Binjo reads to me - my Binjo is the very best - I always think of him as you described him as a little boy in your arms at night when you used to go & wake him up. He is full of life, and is happy too, he is all over the place here, all these birds, and the earth, and the

a panther took a dog away the other day, now it reminded me of Kulu. Here every season some dogs are taken away.



flowers, the wild trees, how he loves them.
I sent the girls a few little things which they may like - and I hope they will have a happy day on their birthday -
With lots + lots of love Dyow dearest mama, and fat kiss from
Your
Woozlinka.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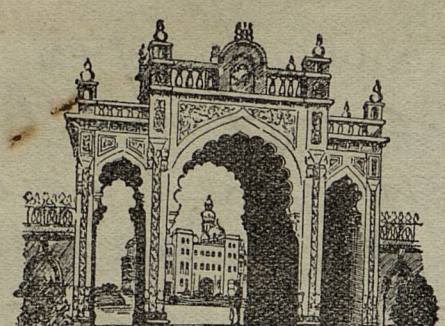


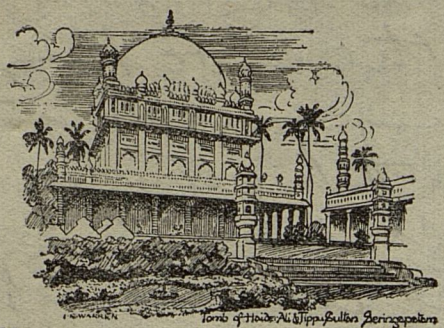
Bangalore

30th Oct: 1950

My dearest Mama,

Much love for your wishes Dus- We had a most happy day on the Birthday, and we enjoyed ourselves- Dussera was also very lonely here- We are rushing, and rushing now to be off on the 1st week of November sometime the exact date not fixed- The Tasses, and the water, here we are fasting too as we dont want worry later. Its a great

rush, and we hope all will go off well. Katherine must have arrived, we could never have met her, as we even now have such a rush. It was nice that perhaps you arranged they go on to Delhi, as we hear that Bombay has the full october heat — I am so looking forward to seeing them, Katherine says she has fixed my up with Sir Shanti to stay with him, I feel sure he will take good care of them and the climate too is very nice, Katherine said in her letter that she was happy to go to him, and also it seems her as she put it



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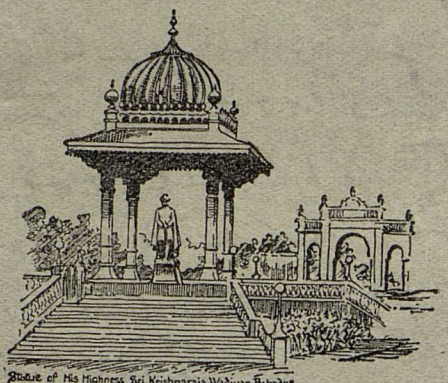
"hotel expenses" for them - ~~Sd~~ Sir Shanti has a lovely garden, so that is nice - How sweet of your mama to have sent my mother those lovely writings - they are wonderful, and for her they will help her a lot - many thanks for them, she made me bind them in a folder properly, which I was happy to do - I am in the midst of all the packing of the house, and giving all the things for the whole place to be as

usual painted and
repaired - the stock for
these things - and
the servant here
has to get everything
so that everything is
done and cleaned, and
polished - He was so
good last time, that
when we came -
it was as if we had
never been away.
The beds were made,
hot baths were ready,
the Dinner was ready,
all the inkpots ~~hand~~
had ink, all flowers
were arranged, books
out, and ~~p~~ we just
simply felt we had
not been away -
even my dressing table
with powder - etc. handkies
everything was so that
it was really nice -
But to get all these things
cleaned and done

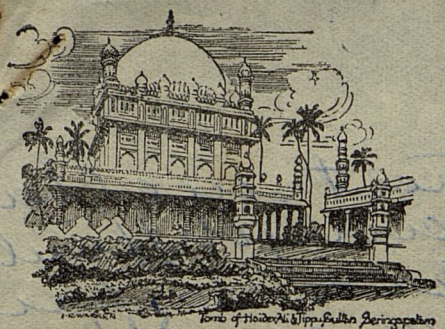


Statue of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur
G.C.S.I., G.B.E., the late Maharaja of Mysore

me or rather I have to see that now he get all the things - I have taken my Binjus paint things in one big box, and canvas - and all one can, as I dont want him to go from Kalimpong here and there, he must paint there for the months we stay - It will be so nice to all be together again, Katherine, Inge, and Martha, how nice to have them with us - We are so looking forward to seeing you Mama, and we hope soon to be with you

I do not yet know what way my husbands wants to go - but once we leave here, and are on the move, he plans the whole thing, even here it is so - but its not moving about - Its cool here and bright, very happy bright days - the small "blue Mountains can be seen very blue from here, and the open country for miles around -
I send all love and fat kiss to you -
I do hope you, + George and girls are well -
All long mama dear your
Woozlinkie

I shall possibly not write now for some days - as I am rushing with packing, cleaning etc. but will as soon as I can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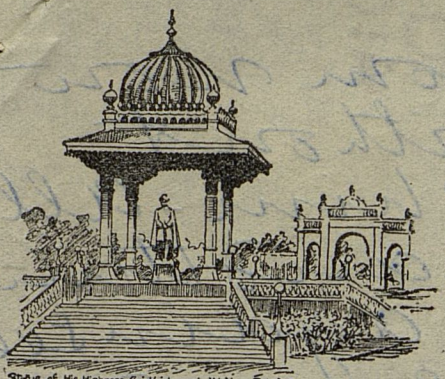
3rd October 1950.

My dearest Mama,

How nice to hear the little "Red" shoes fitted you - I was attracted to them & my husband said "all right" let's send them they may fit' So off they went! and I am so glad you got them safely — Two more have been now dispatched, and I hope they will fit you - I was so happy to get your sweet letter, it is very sad you take so much trouble to write, I know how you dislike writing by hand, of course I love getting your letter - and always read them first twice, then I give them to Bingo - It is nice

to know that we shall not have any difficulty with the roads, and that it is easy - The journey down was really terrible, specially the train - Katherine was seeing India at its worst - but I kept things cheerful - and it all passed - Here we are finishing the oil work - now the problem of sending it off comes - and that will take a little time. I dont want my husband to have the worry of last year - we had to leave so many things undone here, which as you know causes trouble and expense in the end, and he was so



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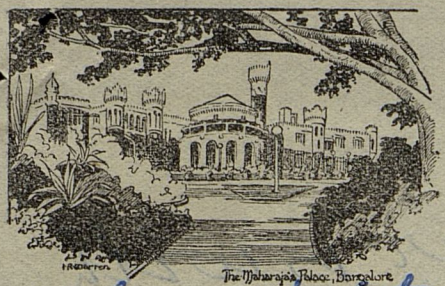
worried and upset that he lost weight in two weeks - The Tasc question, the work here while we are away, the sending off of aid, and finishing a few other things I hope we can very peacefully and nicely finish, then one can be mentally free - Now he looks so well, and full of life and happy, it's a joy to see him, he should not rush, as he gets very nervous - I am arranging

things from now slowly without worrying him - all the boxes and things have to be gone again sorted, and arranged - also the household things kept nicely so that all is in order. We have here all our old boxes full of things and I am cleaning each one properly so that ~~no~~ nothing is spoilt - The weather is lovely now - Sometimes in the morning we get very hot bright sun, which means rain at about 12 p.m. noon -
What do you feel



about the situation generally? Has the war stopped? our Radio tells us so many interesting things - and it's interesting to see what happens - We sent the girls a few small things which I hope they will like - Please let me know if you need any thing, as on the whole shops here are very nice - We get cheaper than Bombay so many things - How happy

My mother is with
you at teaching, she
is completely taken
with them - its so
good for her, and I am
very happy you
sent her "Heart" - its
all her own, to copy +
read when she likes.
We are both well,
and hope dearest
mama you, and
George + the girls are
well -
Take good care of
yourself -
With all love +
kisses to you -
Your own
Woozlikin.

Please excuse this untidy letter

5-th Nov 1958

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My dearest Mama,
We loved your letter and news much love and thanks for them I am glad the things arrived they are some medicines soap toilet things of ours which I did not want by Plane - and also to carry around - we are so anxious to be with you dearest Mama but we are really waiting a few days longer to see

what happens about
Inge, and since they
all are so new to
everything we feel
that we can't just
leave them — They
feel so much more
protected or rather
happier if we all
move together —
Katherine seems
better than last
year, Martha's really
nice, and does
everything for them,
poor dear Inge, she
can not do things
for herself, and so
it's for them a great
thing to have Martha
I have sent you a little
jam today I hope it

reaches you safely -
Katherines Carstare,
Yes want drove it
up from Bombay
very nicely and
he helps them
too, as they have
lots of little things
to do here - They
have today moved
to Dr Bhatnagars
house - I only hope
it wont upset
Inge, as being in
again a new
place ~~an~~ a dog
make her a little
upset - We shall
send the Lisogen
to you by post.
Why does George not

wint a Battery
we thought he would
need one —
We went to the Prime
Minister, but only
did not see him
and to be frank we
did not like to worry
him as he is so
busy — and so
tired — Sudhira is
well and she also
now takes up a
lot of her time in
Public life —
Please give George
our love and tell
him that we wish
soon to go there —
It's cold here, but bright
and fresh + dry —
we saw "ours" but they
know nothing —
with all love mama,
+ kisses your own
Woozlikin

C/o Indian Bank. 150
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Bangalore.
S. India
Mysore State

19th October

TATGUNNI ESTATE

Mother dearest,

How are you? it is long since we heard from you. I dont expect you to write to me, because I know how you get tired to write in English and how many letters in English you have to write - although I look forward to your news - George tells me that the silks were very much liked, I am so glad. Kesang wrote us a very nice letter - Dussera, the Durga Puja is finished, it was so nice that our Pasinka's day came during that time, as the flowers are really at their best, and on the 9th we could fill his place which we have for him with lonely flowers - full of beauty it looked - and we read his Books, and

thought of him, and you
and sent our love to you
both - I sent you lots of
love, and I felt you were
with us - We have with
us Pasinka's, books and
always read them they
are out for anyone who
is here to read and enjoy -
Some friends come and
they love to see his works -
Dwali is soon coming,
remember Rulo, and
how the little earthern
pots were put for light?
I always remember
how nice it was - and
you remember what
nice flowers we used
to get? even my Zenias
were nice in clours -
We are well, and very
busy - our Taxes are still
being settled, and our
Bingo has so many things
to do regarding this, as if
we are not careful the
Tax people will take away
almost all we earn from
here - so we have to settle
this matter as to how to
arrange it, last years

TATGUNNI ESTATE

is only now being discussed and now we have such a stupid man in charge. He absolutely will not settle the matter. Last years man was very nice, and he would have done something if he was here, but he has been removed - anyway we are hoping to find some ways - It is very difficult, as there are 3 types of Taxes, Agriculture, Factory, excess Profit, and we have to find a way between these - These are problems which one has to face and settle as these people have no idea how to do it - the new Tax people are so new - they have not the experience of the older men - The men last year was of the old school, this one just is new and we have to convince him - etc.

However we are doing our best, and I hope we shall get over all this. apart from this we are well, Benjo looks nice and rested in spite of all the walks and out door life - I am well too - and am very busy, with all - There is so much to do, and so little time - Life just seems to fly past - the hours seem too short - Benjo is now on his 2nd Book, this is on art; most interesting we do our work, in the nights, and in the day, after lunch, we read. It is very dry when it does not rain, when it rains it gets really cold sometimes and then it dries up - again it rains, and so on. But we need now really lots more rain, as our new trees need water. The soil here is good, and things take well if planted carefully - one has to see everything ones self, as the labour is lazy - we send much love to you dearest mama, and all thoughts and kisses - and embrace you - also to George - we hope Inge is well?

yours Woozlik.

ॐ 1st Jan: 1951

My dearest Mother,

Today is Christmas day, and we send you and dearest George our love and our thoughts and kisses, and all that is nice and happy - We shall if possible see "ours" and see that the letter is delivered properly dont worry, it will be done - Inge is well in her back pain, only she is very weak, and gets sick in

I shall try to get something for the

her alone when
tired, and when
even resting, ~~not~~
she feels sick - but
the operation was
one hundred
per cent: successful.
and it's really
wonderful. to see
that she can
stand, & walk, and
sit up - without
that dreadful
pain —
The Nehru's asked
my husband & me
but Patel died,
so they will ask
us again. in a
day or two —
It will be interesting

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see them, to me
have already seen
Indira, and her
children, ~~several~~
times and she was
most awfully nice—
She sent you her
love, and asked
so much about
you - they are very
friendly to us - and
welcome us very
sweetly — We saw
Rajkumari Amrit
Kaur, and the Doctor
brother of hers whom
you liked so much
in Rulu. The Doctor
sent you his warmest
greetings and said
he remembers well
the happy time you

gave them - ~~he~~ you
my husband tells
me liked him
very much indeed -
Dearest Mama, we
wanted so much
to be with you ~~in~~ on
New Year, and spend
it together - but
soon we shall be
with you - Inge is
very ill, she is a little
better today, but..
not much - Mrs
Myatt has come & I
feel she will be a very
great help - indeed -
I dont know how they
will keep house in
Kalimpong - are they
going to rent a house?
Inge will have to have
complete rest - She is
quite pulled down -
mother dearest, I had
such a sweet dream

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that I was in your lap - that I had ~~your~~ my head in your lap and you were saying such sweet things to me - as if I really was your own child, and you were so sweet - It made me very very happy - it must have been your good thoughts sent to me -

We shall soon start for Kalimpong, and I hope my husband really paints, I have got all his paints with us - on the 2nd he gives a Lecture on Art, at a gathering here "the Caravan of India" he already

Government treated
him well- they gave
a big dinner to him
and he was really
very much liked -
It was a pity the
Princess was not
with him -
We both are well
and send you
dearest Mama.
all all love and
kisses and all
good wishes for
1951, I am enclosing
a small diary which
I hope you will use.
Hoping to see you
soon with all love

Your son
Wooglinkin

Enclosed also is a
small bookmarker
from Kashmir.

has spoken to the young artists who were so keen that he should talk to them — I sent Indira & she sent her love to you — We have given the letter as you wished —

Prince Peter had the room next ours, and he was very nice to us — we liked seeing him, and being a good man, & kind he has made a very good impression in Delhi — We went last evening to a farewell reception given for him, it was nice — and we are glad that he felt happy here and the

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30-January
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My dearest Mama,

Here we are in Delhi. We had a very nice journey down His Highness was with us, as he had to take Ananda Mai from Kurdar-pur to Nandi, and the rest of the journey we did alone. It was very hot at Amritsar, and the air conditioning did not work so well. In fact I don't think we had any air in it at all - However Delhi is not very unbearable, as there have been rains, and it is cloudy. We have also our air conditioning rooms which provide a lot of comfort. How are you dearest Mama? We hope

you all are well-? 15
I wrote most of our
news in our last
letter and hope it
reached as it was
all about Naggar—
Manali was getting
warm, but again
snow in the mountains
and rain brought
down the temperature
Binjo is full of life, he
did many sketches
of Her Highness, and it
was very nice that
he worked - It makes
me so happy when he
does his bed work.
Sir Shanti me sent
he is well, so is his
family, we shall be
dining with him this
evening, as his eldest
girl whom I knew
when she was young
has also come, and
there is now the
whole family there.
His house now is not
as nice as the last

one, but it is not
bad - he changed as
he wanted a smaller
house - we have now
to see many people in
these few days, about
[illegible] days we shall stay,
then to Bombay Taj,
Rooms 212. Yeswant is
here, he is very useful,
so is old Hira - they were
splendid on our Mandi
trip - ~~Sir~~
I shall write again
as soon as possible when
we have some new
news - Please tell George
that we shall see Dr & Mrs
Chakrabarty too -
I do hope you are feeling
all right mama, dont
strain yourself too
much -
With lots & lots of love
to you, and George
please give him
our love,
Yours
Woozlinkie

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4th June.

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Rooms 212.

My dearest Mama,

No news of you for sometime, we hope you are all well and that you feel a little better now. How is dear Inge? She must feel so happy to be with you as Raja said in her last week's letter she had Katherine's room. How nice for her. I can well imagine that after all that happened she could not stay at Durpindar. Here the news is the same, we are completing our arrangements, and leave in a few days. Her Highness is coming here today to meet her children. I think she is with Ananda

mei, as she comes straight from her Banaris ashram - They went all from Mandi to the ashram. It will be nice to see her and hear of her impressions and experiences - Binjo is well, thank heavens the rains started and so it was again livable and we are very careful too. Lots of good fruit, and Barley water, good Tomatoes, so we have overcome the several difficulties - Dear Bangalore is really cold nights + morning - very dry and fresh. But the rains are again slow in coming, and so from here, we have had to find machines & send there for our "wells" etc: - Binjo has really a nice time with his friends in the art world, there are few of course, but they are good, and they see him, + we see

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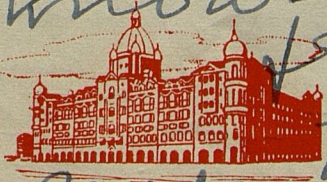
them and Binjo seems
he really enjoys meeting
them - Of course we saw
old Venka, but he's gone
yesterday, and suddenly
has become very old.
He has "Sugar" in his
system - We saw a
most interesting little
colour film taken
by Mr Bhavnani
of Kulu, Parasuka
is there, and looks
really wonderful. We
asked him to give us
if possible the Photo's
if he can print them
here, we would buy
from him he said
he would let us
know - So many old
friends come
round, artists,
writers, poets.
Critics, and it's very



nice to be with them
it takes one into our
world, as to hear of real
workers all doing
some creative work.
really is nice - Binjio
enjoys it - Kamla
~~Dag~~ Dhingra, saw
us too on her way to
Paris - they now keep
Paasinkás Pictures -
they work in unesco.
They are very happy
in Paris, life is cheap
if one has a flat, and
she says one can live
really well - They have
Exhibitions, wonderful
art work going on -
and if she said one really
lives there it is very
nice - of course she says
the tourist life is most
uninteresting, very much
for what the American
tourist wants - and that
is definitely shallow. and
terribly expensive - Hotels

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She says are frightfully expensive, and not nice, not like the past. They are happy because she says they know that if they wish they can give up the jobs and come to India, and in the meantime they are learning all they can. She & her husband of course want to make their home in India, and have already been offered land, by our Government, as they lost so much in Pakistan — She came on a day that we had a lot of guests whose hospitality we had to return

and so she had a good time, as ~~it~~ I had very nice dainty things prepared, she was really happy - She said everything was so lovely, and pretty the flowers, and all, as if specially ~~agg~~ arranged as a happy send off. She left by the afternoon plane for Paris, to arrive the next afternoon wonderful the quick way one arrives these days - What about ~~Kosa~~ the war? will it stop, or continue in Tehran?

We hope you are well mama, and we love you and think of you and send you our love lots of love and kisses

Your own
Woozlinkaya..

Lots of love to all, please tell them, Inge, George, & the girls — When is Kesang getting married?

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5th June
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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Mother dearest,
How are you? George
says you have bad
pain - Dr Periera sends
his "love" and says
that soda bicarb, in
small quantity one
hour after meals in
a large glass of water
is very good for you -
and also to drink a
large quantity of water,
sometimes with a
few drops of Lemon
juice - this may
help you - but of course
you know best what
to do, as you know
how you feel -

Here we are
completing
outstanding
affairs, the oil matters

Tasc, matters, and other things including our art friends - Bijoy is well, so am I - it is very difficult here. and as soon as we can finish we shall leave for home - there Bijoy can have real fresh air and rest, he needs rest now after all these months of moving about - But there too now with the new laws etc: we shall have to work hard, and be careful. someone said that we must be ourselves there to do things as no one else can for us, and these issues if not settled now will harm our plantation and so we have to do this there conditions in general are not bright, there is a general feeling of depression in all fields, and people are depressed - & our friend B. in Delhi was sorry Bijoy did not go when he sent wires to him, he said he wished to make him the richest, but I told him that Bijoy was ill and could

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

not come and meet now he can do so if he wished anyway ~~he~~ let us see what happens — we have done good and progressive work in Delhi, the finance friend was delighted with the picture of Kanchenjunga, it was ~~to~~ a wedding gift from Binjo to him — In our academy of drama I was able to have some good meetings, and we fixed up concrete structure moves which they will carry out — Binjo also was very much desired and he also fixed many things — We saw Pandit ji and all was well — but he was very busy — if we came even a day later we would have missed everyone, as we made all engagements immediately — all writers and artists here, are coming to meet Binjo, they

always wait for his
arrival - so we are
busy men after our
usual work — Please
tell George, we are trying
for the prints of Tashiding,
its not easy — and we
shall let him know
soon about it —
In a day or two I shall
go out for your combs,
in Delhi they were not
nice — I hope the little
hanging mat reaches
you in good condition
it must be well
dampened, before hang
-ing up - and the
windows open so that
the fresh breeze can come
through —
one good thing here is
the strong Red Breeze,
and our rooms are
nicely fixed up — so they
are cooler than others.
We have also lots of
good fruit - and the
cherries and red Plums,
are excellent this year.
We shall soon get strawberries
too from the Hills around -
The mangoes also are good.
We send much much
love dearest Emma, and
hope you are better —
Your Woozlick

19th July 1951

My dearest Mama,

We have arrived here quite safely, and it is really lovely down here - the weather is lovely, 69 to 70, even 66 degrees - fresh and beautiful - all the flowers I got from Kalimpong are thriving, the orchids are flowering and the white daisies are so lovely evidently the climate is good for them although there is no dampness - Binjo is suddenly looking so much better even in two days, I'm afraid we stayed too long in Bombay, as although the weather improved, we both felt it, but Binjo had so many things to do that he did not wish to leave them unfinished, as they were important. Dearest Mama, I have now taken to writing down things I wish to and want to do a small book on Binjo, his work, his life, his art interests, his general self, and adding to it all the different things people have written about him - this is a secret yet, as I do it now privately at first, then I will get Binjo himself to tell me, and perhaps it may be useful - I feel its no use waiting for the perfect time, years go by and me wait, so better do it while I can to do it - I am now also keen to improve myself, to be better, and for this I am going to try every way I can to do so - I shall get books necessary to read and study from the spiritual doctrines - and who knows I may be able to

really understand - Dont please tell anyone - as I dont want to tell - its no use - your loving thoughts I need - to help me reach definitely a higher sphere, I want to reach in my mind that sphere, and to feel it. I am so tired of the usual conditions, and my heart longs for a deeper feeling - and I may perhaps be of service in a better way to my dearest Binjo too - If I strive hard may be I shall be able to be of service, what do you think - I always tell everyone that they should see you - now wonderful your mental sphere, and energy. But then you are you! my mother is well, and sends her love to you. Forgive this strange paper, I wished to send it off now - all love and my respects to you your Woozlick.

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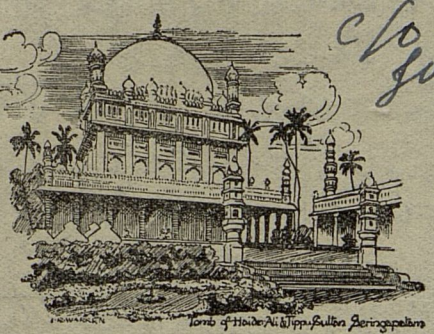
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c/o Mrs E.C. Chandhuri
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Cubbon Road
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Bangalore
S. India
Mysore State.

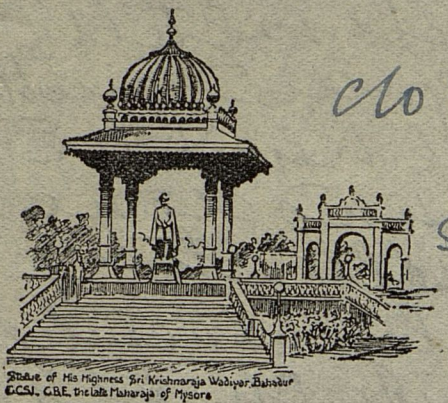
17th August
1951

My dearest Mama,

It is long since I wrote to you, as I have been almost every week writing to George, I was sure you would get our news, without worrying you. We are both well, and happy, and very busy - We have not a real well, & soon all our worries about water will be I hope at an end. We have hardly had any rain at all, clouds, and plenty of breeze, and cool, but no rain to speak of. This is helping us as our

I hope dear George has a Jolly Birthday, did she like the shoes?

coolies can sweep up
all the dry berries
which otherwise get
lost when it rains,
but its bad for the
crops - the people -
It is an interesting thing
to see now - everyone
is reading books on
how to be better, and
it is wonderful to see
how many such books
there are by all sorts
of European, American,
Indian, writers - Here
it has become a real
thing with people, and
in Delhi & Bombay too.
The books are cheap
1/8 - 2/8, twelve annas -
a lot of yoga books too.
I do hope you are well
mama, from all letters
of George & Raya I understand
you are very well now.
which makes us very
happy. I am studying hard,
& have so much to do. It is
nice to get out of Boxes again
with all love to you, and
many kisses your own
Wooglik -



Statue of His Highness Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur G.C.S.I., G.B.E. the late Maharaja of Mysore

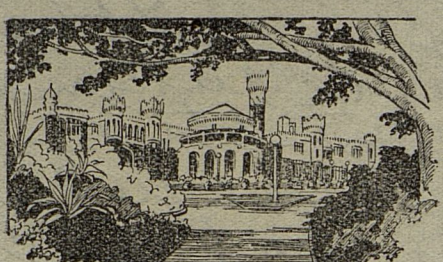
c/o The Indian Bank.
Bangalore.
S. India Mysore State.

25th Aug: 1951

Mama dearest,

How nice to get your loving wishes for the 23rd! much love for them, and it just came in time - How are you and how is your health? George writes you are better, so does Raya - she says you have really improved - We have been frightfully busy, the Estate this year is taking so much of our time as there are so many things we are doing which we left undone last

year. The well is still being dug, and another 20 feet more has to be done - if we had done this after collecting the oil early November last year, we should have had no trouble. Also we have a new place & put these seeds, the plants come up so strong and well, and we have thousands of lovely dry seeds - Last year we planted but only a few came up as they remained idle too long - Also there is 14 acres of land we have prepared for replanting the small trees which give lovely berries - Then the oil is being distilled, lovely oil, so



The Maharaja's Palace, Bangalore

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full of this scent, clear and fresh - It demands here grown so much now, all fires are waiting flame even just a little. Then we have so many other things here to do - The day simply flies - hardly have we time to finish before it gets dark - mostly we live outdoors - and our Binjo has got brown his arms are really brown, and he now has slowly got very nice black hair, not plucked any more - We have lovely fruit, and vegetables and plenty of fresh good milk with thick yellow cream, and of course the

fresh lovely air - It has become quite autumn weather now - the mornings are very clear and cool, and the evenings too - at one time it reached to 80, for two days, and we felt very hot, we are so used to it being cool that even 73 - or 75 deg: we feel hot, or the place is dry I suppose the moist air gets all dried up — We had a very happy wedding day - full of joy, and so many wishes and flowers, and our Binjo had a special cake, and all the things he liked - It seemed the day was specially made to make us happy — my work with my writing and my Hindi

COLOSSAL FIGURE OF NANDI (BULL) ON CHAMUNDI HILL, MYSORE

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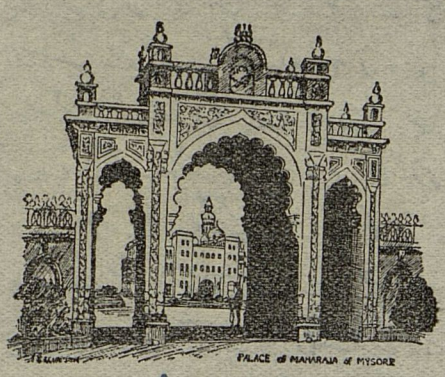
and Bengali, and my other reading is going on, every evening Binjo now writes, specially in a book form, all his ideas, on art, also on other subjects — & he has only so far done small sketches, not any painting, only with crayon, but I hope soon when we have a little more time he will paint too, even if it is small. Last year he used to also do small things, just in his room, and he found it so much easier to do the portraits — our life is very peaceful, and happy, Binjo really improves when he is

in the country quiet like this, it does his nerves so much good - Friends come but only when they are invited, or we would have to do many - at home I just love the quiet, read, write, talk a little to Binjo, and do my garden - he also does the same, and it is most restful - There are so many many things to be done that we are never complete with them - we have lovely rocks here, and now in a corner which is ugly we want a rock garden, in our spare time we shall get it done, Binjo says he must first design it. There are in the forest



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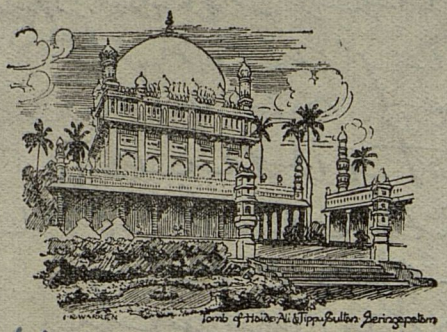
most wonderful Cactus, different kinds, not very far from here, so we can easily build it up - The rations for workers are now slowly improving - we have the tank headers our old well, worked by Electric pump - that actually helps with our distillation, plus gives water for our house, our Servants, cooking, washing of clothes, our garden, our baths where we don't stint in anyway - then the workers now about 5-6 - to 65 - for their drinking and cooking, and their

veg: gardens - and each family has not less than three children, also some old relatives, like father, mother, brother etc: So you can imagine how much is used, and how really wonderfully it works! But we can't strain it like this - So the other well has been drained, and will be used too - our lakes except for one which has a sort of well, are dry absolutely as the December rains were not there - and no Spring rain, at least not to fill them. all this may be too long for you - but I just gave a small outline of things in general - The Ministers here are most friendly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the finance minister who is also Industries in charge, had tea the other day, he was very helpful and nice, and I hope that he helps over certain problems - which for him as he says are of course easy - We shall soon be having all of them, I only want if possible three or four at a time, as one can arrange a nice tea, and it is more homely than a lot - one can talk better with them -

It is me feel always a good plan to set these people, once or twice as the villagers then

feel happy, and work
better - they don't
feel as if no one takes
an interest which
was the case before
we came - as only
these Anglo Indian
managers live here,
and you know what
the rest of managers
are? I always got
all Governors, Ministers
also Bombay Studio, and
it always did the
workers good - even
those who belonged
to trade unions, and the
Red Party etc., but we
had on permanent staff
4 or 5, and temp: staff who
came from outside
on daily basis about
~~one~~ 500, 600, even a thousand
when the films were
big - Temp: or permanent,
all were happier after
official visits - its strange
how they talk of "no confidence"
and yet when they are
faced with officials

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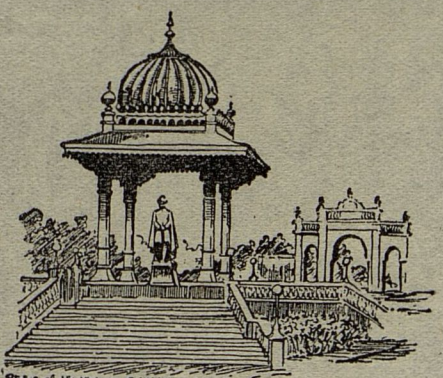

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they get very docile -
Mama I must stop -
too much have I
written - as you will
be really tired by
now - We are well,
and happy, and we
love you, and send
you all all wishes -
I have read many
books, now - Ramakrishna
in Bengali which is
delightful - his language
is wonderful - its so
very different from English.
With lots & lots of love
your
Woozhik.

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COLOSSAL FIGURE OF NANDI (BULL) ON CHAMUNDI HILL, MYSORE

c/o Mrs E. L. Chaudhuri
Indian or Bank.
11th Sept: 1951.

Mother dearest,
Thank you for your most welcome letter which made me very happy - yes, I was in any case going to send you some Mysore silk to give Kesang, and have already asked for selections of the best we have - today the man will have them ready, we shall select it and he will post it direct by air freight if possible in any case you will get it well in time - we also wish to send the little one some,

+ ours he sends direct
Dher - We are so glad
you all are well - and
that everything is
all right with you -
Here we all are well,
and feel happy - We
find this place (in spite
of our constant work
with the Estate) very
nice, its clean and
fresh, and it is really
peaceful - I make
our Binjo rest every
after noon for about
20 mins: after lunch
and now he looks
and feels much better -
He writes every evening
it will be a fine little
Book, I study hard, and
am enjoying it -
Please give Inge our
love, I shall soon write
Dher. With lots and lots
of love - and kiss -
your Woozlick -

c/o Indian Bank.
Cantonment.
BANGALORE.
30th Sept: 1951 S. Indian Mysore State.

My dearest Mama,
Just to let you know we all are well - How are you, I understand from Georges you had to rest one day? I do hope you are feeling better now - It is nice to hear dear Inge is well - how really wonderful she must feel after having being completely cured - We here had an invitation from the Ramdorgi, I hope they liked the silk blouse pieces we sent Kesang - Did you like the silk, Tashi told me they like the Mysore silk once in Bombay and she was thinking of getting some - But in Bombay its not easy - We do our reading and study best in the evenings, I am doing quite well - Binjo has almost completed a book. and will continue with another when it is finished - We are very busy all the time - last years & the year before's terrace - etc for here - When we left the accountants just slept over it last year - as usual in the South everyone leaves all

the work until it has to be pushed by the people concerned themselves. Anyway we are trying to do all this it takes ages — now adays in India everything is slow and one has to literally push every inch — If one lets go — then it all slides back, again — our new 15-acres have been planted, and the others will be done too — our new well has lots of water now and it is being done up properly — The season here is like autumn, very fresh and cool, and the rains have been of a monsoon type now — how very grateful all nature seems, so green, and all the flowering trees are full of Bloom — all colours and they look lovely — So many birds new types have come too including a small small sun bird, its so pretty. All the Redlilips have come out, the same you have, they here flower in the Monsoon December, and Spring — my mother is well she sends her love to you she has a very nice cottage, and is happy with it — Shanta our friend who is a wonderful dancer is now here — She is such a fine person — you would like her — I hope the Princess is well, please give my love to both of them, and to Inge — with lots of love and kisses Dyou dearest mama your

Wooglik.

c/o Indian Bank
Cantonment.
Bangalore.
S. India
Mysore
State.
24th Oct: 1951.

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My dearest Mama,
How lonely to get your news, your wishes and letter! the box we both like so much its really lonely - Binjo got all well in time and we both were so happy. Much lone Mama for all -

We all had a very nice day - our Paasinka was with us in our thoughts and we put lonely scented flowers near his Photo, and the scent of these filled all the lower

rooms - It was very nice - The days are lovely clear fresh and very healthy air, although it is like Autumn, the leaves on some large trees are falling fast.

Our Binjo is very well so am I, and so is everyone here. In the heavy rains some of the people had colds - as there is such a drop of Temperature -

We hope you are well, and are not feeling the rains lately too much - with lots and lots of love, and fat kiss,

Yours

Woosh R.

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The car is going in to town, so I want quickly to send it this now.

c/o Indian Bank.
Bangalore.
S. India
Mysore State.

My dearest Mama, 19th Nov. 1951.

I want just to send this so that you get a note this mail to say we are well, and are trying our hardest to move these people here, who have not moved so far - a man privately told us that before the end of December we must push and get all land and Taxes fixed, as after that all our friends here will be changed and the new type will come in, it was nice of him, and we are following his advice - He says we can only hope to get anything if we push hard the heads of the Government here, as they already are of the old school in some respects and want to help us - Let us see, what happens, we hope they will do it soon - Binjo sometime back in the evening had one side nose bleeding, like you had, we stopped it, and of course the next day, I made him rest up, and all was well - He got this from constantly that

day smelling ~~one~~ a very strong oil, not ours, on one side of his nose, which the people here say must never be used - anyway it was locked up by me, it's a gross oil, terribly strong - and all is well - we have taken salts, our tummy is well, and we feel fine - one good thing here, one can have heaps of very fresh vegetables, fruits, good rich milk, so we have a good light diet - my mother has read that lovely Book Community, so have I it is very very beautiful - how my mother enjoyed it -

How are you Mama, how is everyone, & the weather here is really cool now, lovely cloudy days, fresh wind rain, and very like autumn like, we like it now very much as it is refreshing - But on the whole we had very little rain this year - Send us your blessings for our perfect completion of these things we need them - The task people are trying to take away a huge sum, but we are not seeing it this - they are the "have not" types and are sly kids too -

With lots + lots of love, and kisses, your Wooglik.

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MAIDEN'S HOTEL
DELHI

27th Jan: 1952

My dearest Mama,
How are you? We are well, and are in Delhi now. The weather is very nice, Spring, and very fresh. Bombay was getting warm, although at nights we still had light blankets — We hope Dhe with you as soon as we have finished here — We saw the Bhatnagar family, Sir Shanti was away and will only be here in a few days — The Raja & Rani of Mandi are

here, he had trouble with his teeth, now he is better and being treated - they both are well and send you their love and all wishes and to George too. She looks very well + nice - they were very happy to see us - Here we have to see many people also about lessons etc. let us hope we can finish soon - Katherine has asked us to use her car, we shall first see Yes you want to see that it is properly serviced, and only then use it - please give her love to Inge, and tell her about the car - we shall not use it until it is properly serviced, Katherine said She only wants Yes you want to see to all this as she trusts him and does not like any other men, so we shall get it done - it is true he does it well - Let me

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MAIDEN'S HOTEL
DELHI

now if you need anything from here. I will get it sent immediately to you. I hope the umbrella arrived it's not by any chance pretty but it was the best they had - so I hope it may be of use to you - Mr Binjid will let you know all news later, since we only arrived the day before yesterday we have not had time to see things up - it takes time

after some months
meet to get again
the contacts —
Please tell George I
shall try my best
about the Prince, as
soon as I can and
will let him know.
We also think he is
really a good man
for any one to employ
and if there is a chance
he will sure do well.
I do hope you are
well mamma dear,
and send you a
done, and kisses
with all done,

Yrs. ever
Wooglink.

Please give Inge + Martha our love, tell them all the flowers have come out on the trees here, + all gardens are full of flowers. Everyone sends them greetings from the Hotel. Please give our greetings to Princess + Prince, tell him Calcutta is hot.

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DELHI

My dearest Mama.

Here we are in Delhi, and we both are glad to be here - We have a fine air conditioned room and it makes one quite fresh - outside it is hot in the day, and cooler in the mornings and at night - We saw Sir Shanti he seems not so well, he says he is tired today and has felt the long journeys he had to do. He met Katherine in Calcutta, + later here. She went on 12th as she had arranged - We had not such a bad crossing in the air, it was rough, but I could stand that much + did not take any medicine - The landing was a bit rough, but we survived it all. Hira came with us as he missed his plane

and could not get over
as there was a huge
tree across the road.
Calcutta was truely
awful, it is such a really
dirty city - we met some
of our friends, and I saw
my uncle who is very well,
some Film people came to
see us, it was interesting
but we wanted to get away.
& through a friend managed,
to get an excellent coupe
for here, not air conditioned
but we took it as we
wanted to get through - the
Raja is coming tomorrow
from Simla, so we shall
see how to arrange our
next stage to Mandi & on to
Kulu. How are you all?
we were so happy, and
everything was so lovely
and nice, thank you my
dearest mama, for all
your kindness, and all
your consideration of us.
I did not feel the cold and
had a most happy stay.
Please tell George that
I deeply appreciated all
the happy times we spent.
Please tell the girls that
I am grateful for all their
help and kindness. I shall
write soon again, as soon
as I know when we are off
again - with my love to you
mama & kisses your
wooslinkin

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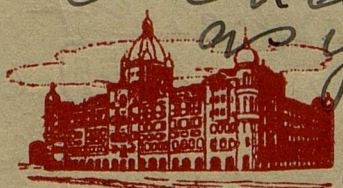
TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Monday-
3rd 1952

My dearest Mama,
Just a line
to say we are well,
and are doing our
work as best as
we can - You remember
the friend who asked
for beds? well we
asked the chief man
on the special board
whether it was
a fact that this
was discussed and
he said "nonsense
there never was
such a question, and
as you well know
if at all there
had been I."
would have known it



he added that this must be one of this friends many ways of talking - This man is an old old friend and is very prominent so it was good we asked him as he was sure to know — He even was very much surprised at the idea — Anyway this is only for your private information - We met yuns who has just returned from his Ambassadorship in Iran, he was full of his job, and he says, that those countries have a great good feeling for India - He may be sent to Russia, as no one else wants to go, he also does not like

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the idea as he says he now wants to work in India as he is out of touch having been so long away. Pandit ji's sister Betty with her two sons lunch with us today, we dined with her last night—

We are full of work and are on the different jobs—when anything concrete comes out I'll write now it's collecting facts for the cases in question. The prices have dropped a lot

anyway we shall see. Bombay with its heat and moist climate is trying but its heaven compared to Calcutta we get good Sea Breeze, and are trying to finish as soon as we can —
All our friends are very nice and helpful — The city is fresh and much better than last year —
I hope your health is good, we remember the happy peaceful times with you —
One mental help Binjo is that he now does not worry what to do as he is here to actually tackle the blues, we work together — all love to you, and kisses
your woozlick

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MAIDEN'S HOTEL
DELHI

lots of love please to George & the girls.

23rd May

Mama dearest,
We arrived here safely and are well - and now we are very busy with all we have to do - We are so glad we were able immediately to get the shoes for Dele Rabden I hope he got them in time and they fit him - I also sent you and George some fresh soda bicarb, and the girls their Rouge, and

nail polish remover.
The peaceful time
in Kalimpong has
ended - and again
work starts - thank
you mama for
all the tenderness
and all the love
and for these
happy months.
I do hope you feel
better and are
taking rest -
when we know
more I'll write
everything - we
are out all the
time so dont get
any ~~time~~ time
for writing - but
we shall try -
with all love to you,
yours woosh

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14th June.

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Mama dearest,

Much love for your letter, we are so happy you are resting and feeling a little better - Here we are full of legal matters, and are busy working out our problems - We are glad that the Prince & Princess are happy with our P.M. Yes, he is a most lovable person, and the best we have - We have already started talking about certain protective methods to the right sources, about our Estate and we hope they will be of use. Dr. B. is trying to get my husband

Delhi, this is not serious but like heme the watchful in all steps, and find out more - so we shall answer him after a few days, as some enquiries we made we shall hear soon - Besides these issues which heme the Lion must be fixed, and we can't delay as we are already late in these matters - We had a very happy letter from Suse. saying how well she is and how she has picked up in health - Katherine wrote, she is also very well. She mentioned that she sold her car, nothing more, but she told yesterday that she sold it very cheap in a hurry on the last day in Delhi - The mouse has broken with great relief for all - its a blessing - I had to heme an old tooth out as with constant inflamations every now & again, the bone was getting affected, now I feel very well. our Baijo is well, and a happy boy - he is given good fruit, and his tummy is kept clean, and his little

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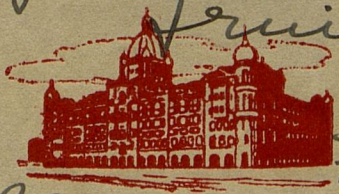
head is well washed, and he has really nice haircuts - he also is getting some rents fixed, and frames for his pictures made, and all the ladies are so thrilled to see him, he has a young girl pupil very nice who comes for instruction in art, he gives her a few hints: sometimes, also a maharani who will come to buy some drawing things she is very nice - so he is full of life and looks very sweet - How I wish I could send you some of this lovely fruit, and these nice tomatoes, it's such a pity they say these grape fruit, and mangoes



don't travel well in this weather, we can't get anymore strawberries, but we get good cherries, and apples, figs, they all come from fresh stock - the fruit is good -
We send lots of love and kisses, and hope all is well with you -

Yours lovingly
Woodchuck

10th

c/o H. H. Rani Saheba
of Mandi
Bijdi Palace
Mandi

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My dearest Mama,

Here we are in Mandi and it is very nice - our Beijo went to Nalagar, he was very disappointed with several conditions - the Doctor was nearly all right, but still he does not go about much, although the Doctor said he really liked being there, only felt lonely, and when he got ill especially - We shall soon be going there, Beijo has still some work here - and will finish soon. He slightly sprained his foot on the bad roads, which he said were very bad, but the next day it was well, and he got tummy trouble in Nalagar, and was very bad that night, when he returned, but next day, after Brandy & mint he was well, and he had a good rest, with lots of

fresh air which is cool + lonely, and sunshine and he again is fit, and very well - full of fun and is happy - Hira cooks for him as he gets Chicken Broth, and chicken lightly done, and apples, and Kisael, and good veg:, fresh Eggs - ~~as~~ and these light things since Hira does very well, we dont bother the Palace cook, who has enough to do. We get all veg: from the garden as they buy nothing, here - all they have - Including home made butter + Bread. So now Binjo is starting to look again very fresh, and he feels well - We have done a lot of work seeing Images, Temples, and all Binjo wanted, even spent one day with H. H. Suket at Suket, where we found a wonderful old Image - The country here is lonely, full of wild

I think so often of you and the happy time we had with you - My happiest hours when we were all alone that first ten days - really it was lovely - You have no idea how I enjoyed it. I do hope you are not getting yourself too tired with too many "talks" - take care during this hot time. Here it is much much cooler than Kalimpong. I see in the evenings a really warm shawl must at the end of May the Rani says it gets hot.

I shall write soon again with lots + lots of love,

Your own
Doogkin.

flowering trees, and snowy
huge mountains, the air
is cool and absolutely clear,
fresh, & clean - all the
countryside is full of
nice fields, full of ripe
corn - so here they should
have no difficulty for
food. Her Highness is
most kind, she gave
us in the palace a little
house ourselves. which
was the childrens house.
very well fitted up, &
we are happy as lits
very clean & nice, & we
are surrounded with
flowers. with a lovely
view of the snows -
Benjo is also making
sketches of H. H. I hope they
will come out nice - So
we are busy - and well.
How are you dearest mama

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23rd June 1952

TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Mama Dearest,

Just a line to say we are well, and we are in full swing with our work - we have some important discussions in a day or two which may result in getting all data properly arranged for our final dealings with the T. people in Bangalore since the laws have changed so much we have had to go as far back as 8 years. they now go into all details of

8 even 9 years - so we have to arrange accordingly - The only good thing is the weather, it has started to rain well, and so its cooler, the breeze is lovely, and so it helps - It was truely awful when we first came - We are also seeing most of the art world and those interested in art. Sir S. wrote saying he is coming here on Thursday, he is keen also that George does something - Let us see what he says - He is in the Educational ~~time~~ dept: too - as a joint sec. People here feel there is going to be a great slump all round. I wonder, we are well dearest mamma and send you all love, lots of it and hope you are well - with fat kiss to you - your woozlick -

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c/o The Indian Bank
Cantonment
Bangalore
S. India - Mysore State
17th July 1952.

Mama Dearest,

We have arrived safely and came to a most welcome home - everything is nice fresh and peaceful - The crop we are however not sure about, it does not look as good as last year - and we are a bit worried about it - The Berries are small too now so we cant tell fully - they are smaller at this date than they were last year - When they ripen a little after a few days we shall tell more clearly -

Since we have been back hardly a week, we have done nothing but go straight ahead on our T problems - There is a new young man, who is very difficult and has put many difficulties in our ~~our~~ way, we go again tomorrow, and again have to talk + see - it is rather

It is very cool here, and is raining but is not damp thank goodness - we feel much better + have more energy

Binja is very sweet he looks sweet, he is singing a little song to himself now

discouraging as it stands
I'm afraid - however we shall
naturally do all we can -
I of course go with Binjio always
as 2 is better than one - and
they are more careful when
a woman is there - my mother
has been a great help in keeping
our T, people who work for us
alert and we are most grateful
to her for doing all this inspite
of her not being too fit - She
has had a bad cough for some
time, and is only a little better
now - There is not much
news else, except that we
both are well, and find
the open country lovely again.
The Birds are wonderful, and
all the flowers are nice -
We have very excellent vegetables
this year - When I dont go
into town I'm busy at home
getting things fixed up
and out of boxes - its really
so nice to be out of boxes -
and to just relax - our servants
had everything spotless and
tidy - it felt as if we never
had been away - well mama
dearest we dont know what
is going to be decided, it will
be too awful if they drag it all
out and delay - anyway let us
see. We send lots of love to you
& George, and hope you are well.
with lots of love your woozlick.

This is written in great haste & excuse wrong [illegible]

The operation was about 15 mins. only - they say 16th
my dearest 187

Mama, just a hurried line to say Inge has been operated upon and all is well - Dont worry - she they say is in very good hands - I did not go to see her, but because she feels shy when ill, as but have been with them & my husband has seen her -

~~[illegible]~~ Sunday
Katherine comes
to our Hotel, with
difficulty we got
rooms for them
and they will
be more at
ease here —
We send all love
to you dearest
and kisses too,
excuse pencil,
I'm just dashing
this off before
we go to the nursing
home — All love
to George + you —
Woodhouse —

Rooms 212.

27th Dec: 1952

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

My dearest mama,

Here we are at last! we were so very busy there last two months everyday going and finishing the T. affairs, which seemed never to end, we had one more awful person to deal with them the last, all a new group who just did not wish to see things as they are - however as all was simple and clear, and as one of the still old school was there we managed somehow - and we hope that the next T. affair will now be done properly - all

this took ~~[illegible]~~ time
but we had to see to it.
Here we have to again
see to these matters and
the oil too, as there is now
a worse slump than at
the begining of the year,
and all prices are down.
Please tell George that
as soon as we settle
a bit and get over the
journey, we shall
get all the things, I have
made a list of them.
Your things I have
personally ordered
yesterday and hope to have
them in a day or two -
It is very sad we could
not spend xmas together,
and we hope that we
shall soon join you.
Here its hot compared
to Bangalore, which was
lovely now - (but not
very bad - not hot
enough for fans) as soon
as we can I shall write
when we leave here.
as yet we dont know. We
have to give Hira his leave
of a week as he has to see
his people - It is so difficult
these days to get servants

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even a man to take. Here's
place for a week is
difficult - they are not
honest, and one has to
be very careful - Hira
is dead honest, faithful
and clean - and very
nice about things -
Regarding your storage
things, George wishes to
know how they are, they
seem from the outside
to be in good condition, and
from our own boxes
which we open, at the
Taj we find all in good
condition - but I don't
know how the warm
clothes are of yours, they
are kept in the best
storage place in Bombay,
and are as good as one
can expect, especially
in this climate. The
girls could have taken
their clothes, they
could have worn
them. Anyway
the boxes are very well
placed and are cared for

they are cleaned, and aired
and the place is dry - but
one must remember that
the climate here is damp.
and so something may
get mouldy -
We both are well, and
Binjo is full of life - His
Pictures and an article
by a well known man
came out in an art Book
called "Marg" it is quite
nicely done - our Binjo
was singing so nicely
this morning it was
a treat to hear him -
We do hope the shoes
fit, George, Petia and
Raya. I had them
made by their foot
measurement. Is there
anything you need? do
let me know - and I
will try my very best
to get it -
With lots of love to you
and lots of all good
wishes dear Mama,
I shall soon write
again yours ever,
Woozhick.

I think it was good you gave
that cloth to Petia if you did not
need it - the colour is good for her.

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12th June 1955

My darling Mama,

Every day I have wanted Dwrite Dyou, and George, I have thought, no, I will wait till I get time Dwrite a long letter, in this manner I have let time pass — because I never got that much time — This Seminar has taken every moment of my time, from fine am, the whole day at intervals for meals, and of course other things I have gone back Dit — ours is the third biggest Industry in the world, and so the responsibility is great — now also I am not free from it as the final Report has Dbe done — Books, + Books I read, check, and draft notes — out of it all will be extracted the final actual Report — all this I do for the Editors who are not entirely conversant with the Subject of Films —

How I loved your dear letter, I felt ashamed too for my neglect, and beg your forgiveness.

I loved all the gifts too, the kind thought — the lovely wory, and George's Book Dune, the girls lovely gifts too — many many thanks for such tender thoughts and love — Here all is well — I cant tell you what the crop is like, but soon we shall know — The other questions will also be done, I did some work in that connection — The Binjo has come home, and he is so happy, he just runs about like a child. He has done a lot of good work in Delhi and Bombay — He is quite well, and soon will get over the tiredness of the trip — It was very hot for him — We send lots of love Dhanna, and kisses, and all love — Soon shall write again —

your woozhik —

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL BOMBAY

Mother dearest,

How are you? We have sent by registered Book Post 2 of Paramhansa's memorial vols: and the photos of Paramhansa's Treeko's one volume please give George—

I had a bad cold for a few days, now I am quite well and busy again. Now Beingo caught it and had the same but today is again well, but it will take another few days— against this wish I did not allow him to go out and have complete rest so he got better

sooner, and he has fresh chicken broth and very nice light food which nourishes him. The damp heat does not suit either of us, but this is the only time we can come, so we have to make the best of it. There was so much to set, for our factory and orders take time specially drums, glass bottles and tubes, and machinery for the wells, every bit has to be done here, as it's the only place - our T. problems too here we have to see to - There is a great depression, things in general are cheap, but no one is sure about trends - even artists of all classes feel this, but on the whole in the art world everyone is progressing with their work in spite of bad times -

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TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, BOMBAY

Books are being written, Dancers are busy, Films are in full swing - and everyone of these people are going forward which is a good thing for them. Money for all art is slow because of the general trends - our oil is very much down, so it was good we fixed the contract before we left last year -

I saw Dr Pericra he says your diet on the whole is good, except that you should add dry wheat chapattis to your food - and drink a lot of

liquid, and have
rest — He has given
me a tonic for Raya,
which can be made
up in Kalimpong, he
says this is better
for her than other
patent medicines
at the moment, also
some special tonic
when I can & shall
send them —
The fruit thank
goodness is very
good so we can
get as much as we
want —
We send you &
George our love
and hope you all
are well —
with lots of love
and fat kiss,
your Wooshie.

25th Aug: 1953. 192

Mama dearest,
much love and
thanks for your message
Dus on 23rd. We are so
glad Dknow you feel so
much better - how you
have suffered with your
legs! it is really nice the
pain Binjio has stopped.
is so much better,
the air has done him
good, and he has got back
some of his colour - Let us
hope it will continue Dbe
so - Here rains dont
come as they should -
We have a bad crop, and
are trying Dcollect all
that is possible - This year
Binjio says he must
see that he gets as much
work done here as possible
manuring, etc: and
going ahead with other
work, as these cant be
left Dthese people here.
on the whole the people
here are healthy, and
things are not too bad
as far as conditions go
here - We have not

seen our chief minister but will soon, we are avoiding going out as much as possible, as we have a lot to do here. There seems to be so much going on in the world so many changes - now Japan says she must have a really fair size Island as she must have room for her people, she has no room now. India is having bad floods, and no one knows how India and Pakistan will manage thier affairs - a friend of ours will be coming here for a while we shall ~~here~~ hear a lot of interesting things from him -

I shall send you more news later, I want this to catch the post -

With lots lone lone mama, and again many many thanks for all,

your woozlick

14th oct: 1953

My dearest Mama,
How are you? We heard from George that your legs are now much better and this makes us very happy - On Pasinka's day we thought of you and we spent it very nicely - yes, he was a great and wonderful man - and somehow he always seems to be here with us - the memory of him is so clear and fresh - I often dream of him, in such nice ways I see him, happy and well - We hang his books around us, and we talk so often of him - It is interesting that even the head men of our village calls him Guru, and

knows all about Pasinka —
we are well, and very
busy, the days pass so
quickly and time just
flies — our Binjo will soon
be having his big day,
he is well, and I pray will
get better and better —
we take good care of
each other. and he is
always tender and kind
and sweet — always in
a good mood — It is peaceful
and we are very busy.
we have to still settle all
our accounts etc: and
other T. matters too, but
they take time — However
one by one we are doing
is much as possible —
we saw Venka the other
day, he is looking younger
than before, and is very
busy with his work —
we send you much love
and kisses and all our
bestest love will be with
you on Binjo's day —
with big kiss your Woozlick

So you need anything, let me
know I will try to get it —

4th Dec: 1953

My dearest Mummy,
We were so happy to get your letter, and to know you are stronger - now the weather also will help you - Here also the weather has become very nice, clear and bright, and all the Red and White and yellow flowers make it look very like Christmas. Has George come back? We feel also it was best he went, he will have a good chance to meet people and renew contacts which is very necessary. These days without good personal contacts we find it is difficult - No we did not visit Leones, as the expense is very great, and the amount of oil very small - Here we are well and very busy, as we have so many things to do - all the things that can't wait, and for the future months also - so

that Binjo will have at least some rest & know that important things have been seen to till we return — Funny how one has to see to everything, but ones self or no one does it — Binjo is well, and I hope he gets stronger — We also have taken and still take lots of photo's — Binjo's new camera is a great help & him and he has a pleasure to take pictures now — It is very dry here, very like Delhi and everything is dry — is nice for the house things as they get fresh again — some things get damp when we have heavy rain, which we had this year —

I am sending 2 parcels addressed to you — please don't open them before Christmas, they have small things for everyone in them — Do you wish for anything if so please let me know — George is sure to do some shopping in Delhi, the climate there must be lovely — Binjo really gets it in the dry Delhi weather, and he loves that type of cold — We send you lots and lots of love — and to George too — We also hope he did all he wished to do, and sent him a wire from here — which he had no time to reply I think — as once one

is in Delhi its very difficult distances are so great, and all the time somehow one is busy—
You will be pleased to hear that our Academy has progressed quite a lot, and we have opened centres in many places, where Dance, Drama & music, will have scope - and already groups have started and are doing well - of course it is slow, we should have a good network, but anyway now these seven centres will function quite well—
In Delhi we shall start our National Theatre, is it not a shame that we have no real Theatre? apart from this a lot of 1st class manuscripts have been got for our Library, and good Publications besides a large number of Records - so these few months have not been wasted, and we hope to have better things as time goes on.
We hope you will get better and better - and that all will be well with you - How sad it is that our aunt died - anyway she is free!

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with lots of love –
yours Woozhik.

Dont forget please, not to open the small + 2 parcels before Christmas – and let me know if you need anything –

Дорогой Маник,

Получили Ваши письма о полете Юши. Я ему телеграфировал в Дели на Имя Шибаева. Но сведений пока не было.
Полеты всегда бывают полезны, только движение приносит сдвиг. Конечно Институт надо основать без задержек. – Крепко обнимаю и целую – Твой
– обними всех наших –

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Mother dearest,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

I send lots of love and kisses for a very very happy Birthday - and love you - X.X.X.

Крепко обнимаю и целую.

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! Мамка !

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MAIDEN'S HOTEL
DELHI

20th March.

My dearest Mamma,
Here I am quite safe at Maidens - We had a nice journey and Delhi is not hot! Calcutta was warming up, but not bad - The Hotel people are nice they had a lot of flowers and nice fruit for me, and are looking after me well -
I have already started discussing with our people here about our meetings, and hope all will be well. Panditji and Indira I shall see, and will give your love + Gori

21st June to Indian Bank.
1954. Cantonment
Bangalore

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My dearest Mama,
How are you? I do hope your cold is better? I wish to tell you that I am really sorry I could not thank you before for my lovely stay with you - It is not Kalimpong but just to see you and spend happy peaceful days with you. Thank you for all your love and tenderness, and care. It was so nice to be with our dear George and it was nice to see how busy he was - and is - It is for him really the best period for his work on his books and other studies, in fact a rare opportunity which so few can have -
At Calcutta I was very busy as I had a meeting at 3 - that day - and had to do a lot of work with our Chairman and Zone Secretary - so there was no time - then at Delhi the same thing not a spare moment - as besides our Academy we had to see

I make Binjiv write as often as possible
[illegible] yesterday he [illegible]

all those people who we do not have the time & all in the winter, as then we meet their losses - It was a most useful and nice trip - Bombay was also very rushed and there we had our own plus academy work - The heat of Delhi was something really surprising but we managed very well as in the day till 11. A.M, and in the evening after 5 p.m it was not bad, and we had our lovely rooms which were very well air conditioned so we slept well - in Bombay it was also raining and so it was nice - Here we are just resting up, and the fresh dry air will I hope help us both. It is trying moving about in the hot weather - here still it is cool and will get cooler. I am very busy getting my things in order, and it is easier here as we can really unpack. Binjo is singing and is happy -

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Hira brought 6 puppies the
other day hoping to keep one,
but I did not as I dont wish
to keep any of these types of
Dogs, the Estate is full of them-
Yeswant's gift to me of his two
ducks also I shall not keep,
although they are rather nice
and very at home - the chickens
also are nice but I would
rather give Binjo a good
soup than be sentimental
and not kill them - we had
a monkey here I was very
tempted to keep her, she was
absolutely tame, the pet of
a muslim who died - she
would come to us and show
her mouth for food, for water,
and spend all day sitting
like a Dog. also she would
lie on her back to be scratched
on her tummy - but I sent
her away as other untame
monkies came and our
fruit, Bananas, Papayas,
& Grape fruit were in
danger. So in this week
of being here we have seen
a lot of new comers. -

our Lakes are full, and
the country is very green.
our Crop is not good, our
trees are just growing
as if they enjoyed life!!
we are wondering why
the crop is bad what is
it? anyway let us see.
The Chief minister called
Dsee us on Sunday, and
we have a few friends
who we have seen—
But we both wish to
just rest up after all these
months of moving about.
The Doctor sent us some
lovely cherry jam, 9 lbs: it
is lovely! very well made.
and here also mama we
got lovely Plums so I made
them into stew—remembering
that you said one must
not eat them raw—
But they are very nice—
we are well, and send
lots of love and kisses to
you and hope you are
well now— your
wooglick.

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My dearest Mama,
We were so happy to get your wire and letter. How are you? Raya says you are better-
Here we very busy as usual, and have it seems no time at all- Raya says the rains are heavy in Kalimpong, we too have had a lot of rain - but its always quickly dry after-
We read of poor Mr Kapoor's illness, and hope he is better-
We are collecting as many Berries as possible, it may be better if we get some very dry days and not rain- The country is now very nice, full of birds, and

wild flowers, the rain has helped nature fully here - our Binjo is better now, I hope he continues to look and get stronger - our Driver Yeswant had suddenly to leave as his mother was very very ill, and we have really got a good man as budli, it just show's how no one is really indespensible -
The girls birthday will be coming soon - do they need any special thing? do you need anything?
Since Binjo is in a hurry to go, I'll end this, and send lots & lots of love to you, and George - I shall write to George in a day or two -

With lots of love,

Your own,

Wooglik

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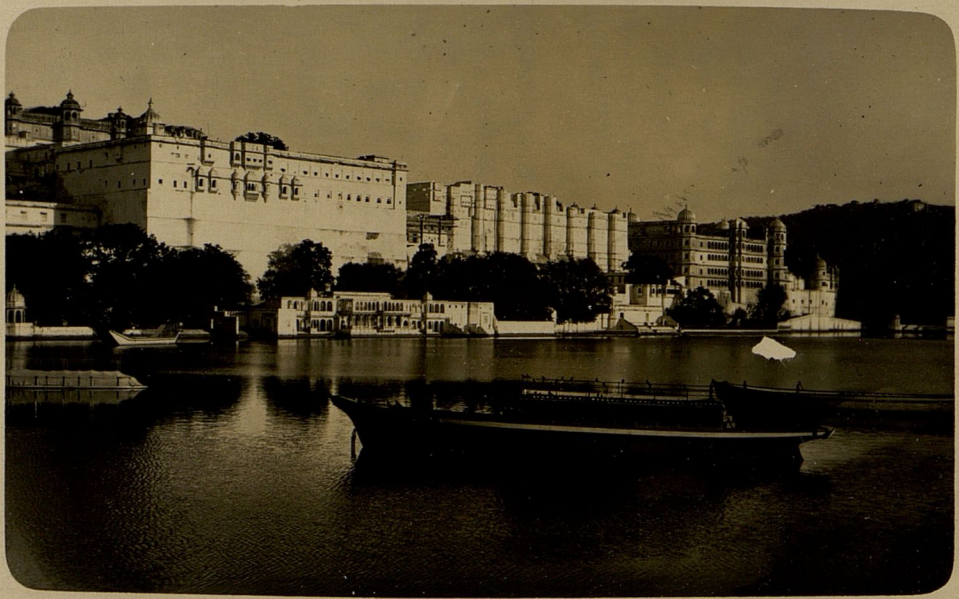
Mamma dearest,

Get well soon - It is extremely painful Dhear of your suffering - why should you our sweet mother suffer? you have ever been so brave, you have ever fought for others, you have ever helped others - why should you suffer? our master will protect you, He will send you the right people Dhelp you, the right medicines - my prayers are for you, I will pray hard that you get well soon. Do not catch a cold - keep warm - we send much love dearest sweet Mamma, and kisses

Your wooglink

Udaipur.

My dearest Mother
Here we are in
this beautiful
old Indian City -
here with the
Lakes, the lovely
marble Palaces, and
gardens of old with
the old customs still
it is really wonderful.
We are both well
and are very happy.
Baroda people will
still take a little
time, and we hope
in a few weeks it
will be all right -
It is a great pleasure
to see old India, here
the Rajput manners
and customs are the
same as they were
the women dress so
beautifully - We both
thank you Rosinka and
George so much with
our love lots + lots yours DEVIKA.



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To dearest
mama from
Devika

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A Christmas
Radiant with Gladness.
A Christmas
Full of Good Cheer.
May Hope and Joy,
And Good Fortune,
Be with You
All through the Year

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would perhaps be interesting to anyone interested
in military affairs, but as we dont have anyone
interest all the nice arrangements for the army
& air force does not interest us. It is [illegible] nice
nice for my mother, there are a number of
nice "maidans", or stretches of flat ground kept
for military exercise perhaps, and open
to the public, so she goes for long walks,
morning and evening—
Today she got Pasinka's letter and we
were very happy to hear from him, and
also know at last the Book is out!
We do hope that the cold will not give mother
any trouble and that the backache will be
better. These places, are coldish, but one
does not feel it as the sun is bright, and,
at about 5-30 p.m. the fires are lit, and
so the setting sun, one does not feel too much.

We shall on 26th be in Delhi if all goes well.
Today Kapoor & Singh must have arrived in
Kulu. We sent Grape fruit one basket containing
(25) another basket of 100 oranges, 75 malta & 25 oranges.
one basket full of Cauliflowers, one basket with
Pears & Carrots. there was of course the pickles &
other fruit etc: but we were uncertain as
to how they would travel, yes tomatoes too we
sent. The veg: and things here too are lovely,
we have tomatoes everyday, and lots of
fruit. We both send our love much to all, and
wish all a happy happy Xmas, and new
year. For the New Year we send from us
mother 2 pkts: Matches that is to light
the year. and hope the arrive in good
condition with all love.

Yours ever Wooglit.

hear some trouble in Parel (mill area.) many
miles away - where some ~~Pan~~ people had
the usual thing - but all say now
the public is growing hardy, in those
places, and since have taken to catching
the man - anyway here and in these
places there is no sign, and life
and people seem to move about
as normal things - a friend came
last night to see us at 10-30 p.m.
and seemed amused when we
said he should not have walked
so late and alone! people somehow
here dont say much re: this, they
are more ~~a~~ keen on their own
work and interests, and lastly
the question of how things are going
to adjust themselves in the new
govt: etc: The food question is there I hear,
but in Hotels of course one does not
feel it, except the restriction of 3 courses,
which we also had during the
war. The best part of a city like this
is one can generally ~~buy~~ buy all
ones needs, and so its all right
for everyone except the poor!

The needs of the poor are looked after, to some extent here more than perhaps Calcutta, or Madras, but, still, the poverty is ~~to~~ terrible = Here we shall try also to help the Scientists, who became very friendly, everyone was good to us and it made it nice - I hope here we shall get what we hope to get from all points of view - George I gave your list for Books to them, they will get them + send them to you we gave each one, one copy of your Indology in Russia which they were very happy to have, Umarof took 2, for the Tashkent University - I told them re: your books - and so did so: + about everything - and it was well received - and I am sure will be also remembered. The leader is not much, but the ~~old~~ Pavlovsky and Umarof are 1st class - specially Pavlovsky who is a real darling and of the finest type - the both are so happy and well and send our best love to all - Do hope you all are well - yours Woozlik