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Kathrain, Kulu,  
12/11/42.

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Madame,

I hope you will forgive me for not replying yesterday though your orderly but the Leharis & some other friends had come to tea so I could not write, much as I had wanted to.

It is charming of you to have asked us to lunch. But I regret that as I am leaving for a bear-shoot tomorrow, I don't think I can be back on Monday.

Two bears, one red & an other black, are reported to be doing considerable damage about 8 miles beyond Manali - so I



Kalnāin, 2  
23/11

Madame,

I am sorry I was not here to answer your letter yesterday, as we had gone to Kulu, in connection with Guru Nanak's Birthday Celebrations.

How charming of you to ask us to lunch tomorrow - we shall be delighted to come & will be at the Bridge at 12. noon.

A copy of the Bhagwad-Gita has arrived, so I shall be bringing it with me.

So looking forward to meeting you all again,

Until then, always,

Shamsher

am going to try my luck.

On my return, sometime  
next week, I shall write to you again,  
if I may, & fix up a date for our  
meeting, to which we both greatly look  
forward. My brother & family left yesterday.

I trust the Professor Schell is  
quite well. Please pay him my respects.

With kindest regards to you all,

I remain,

Yours Very Sincerely -

Shamsher



Kalam. <sup>3</sup>

26/11.

Madame,

I don't know how to thank you for your further kindness & consideration.

You all have been so charming to us - we don't know why we should be so lucky as to be able to have so much of your attention. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

I too am eagerly looking forward to hearing you talk of your marvellous experiences & thoughts. It is such a privilege.

Here with a few pine nuts & Brazil ones, that I received only today.

I would have sent some others

but unfortunately they are highly spiced with  
Salt & Chillies & I remember you saying  
the Indian flavours did not suit you.

Remember me always as being at  
your service & disposal.

Our kindest regards to you  
all.

My respects to you both,

Yours —

Shanley

Katara, Kulu, 4

3/12.



Madame,

I know no words to express my gratitude for your kind thought - please accept a plain, Thank you - it carries my sincerest & warmest emotions of appreciation & friendship.

Only yesterday, while having breakfast in the garden, we were talking of you.

How much wisdom, piety, hope & faith - was to be found in your house, that shone above us on yonder hill. It gives strength & inspiration to be amongst you all; to see the unity & devotion of your family to you. Next year, God willing, we must meet more often.

Our departure is delayed for another

fortnight, as the other two children have  
caught the infection. It is annoying since  
the delay here, on the verge of our leaving, has  
upset all our plans.

I sincerely hope you all are well  
& enjoying the best of health.

Our kindest regards & respects to  
you all; Any Service?

Yours as ever,  
Francis



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Madame,

Herewith a copy of the snap, I took. Although it has shaken horribly, I shall treasure it, in memory of our happy afternoon we spent together. The children are progressing



Satisfactorily, though slowly.

We hope to be able to  
leave on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our kindest regards & respects  
to you all. Any Service?

Always - Shawster

1.5. Please call me Shamsher,  
as Tikka Sahib seems so  
formal, coming  
from you now.  
- S.



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Madame,

Your charming note & gift has  
just arrived. How sweet of you to think of  
me kindly so often. All this consideration is  
spoiling me thoroughly, but I like it!!

(How conceited I sound).

As a matter of fact, I wrote this other card  
to you, enclosing a snap, yesterday & was  
going to send it up this evening by  
Dr. Sharma, who is coming to see the  
children, but am giving it to your  
messenger instead.

Two of the babies are quite recovered -  
the third's scabs are coming off fast - so  
we shall be leaving in a few days time.

Many thanks for your kind  
enquiries as well as all your attention  
during the lamentably short period of  
our acquaintanceship.

During this time we  
have learnt to love & admire you truly,  
& are taking back beautiful memories of our  
brief talks & meetings - with earnest hopes  
of returning soon, to be near you & be  
able to see more of each other than  
circumstances have permitted this time.

And though we will soon be going,  
I know, I shall be leaving some vital part  
of myself behind with you. My respects  
& warm regards to you all. Yours. Shankar