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My dear Friend

Many thanks for your good news of 9-2-47 today received. Strange, the Mail again became very slow. I have seen in All India Weekly your ~~go~~ useful article on Russian Literature - very timely. I hope that now you have received the "Himavat". In

Calcutta paper I read an review ~~and~~ but it could not be yours - author unknown.

In Bombay you could establish personal relations with R.C. Gupta (172, Princesse Street). They are favorably inclined for our Banner of Peace. Even

a local Committee could be formed. 105
Now the General situation is so
complicated that every effort for
Culture, every victory against
vandalism is urgent.

Svetoslav and Devika are in
Bombay (Taj Mahal).

Of course you have seen in papers
that now the travel in Punjab
is not pleasant.

No news from Madahil ?! De Lara
and ~~Alboreno~~ - active.
Best wishes. Blessings.

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My dear Friend,

Many thanks for your good news. All news now are striking and significant. Year 1947 is indicated as great one - only to the follow all of events. My 74th Birthday is also a good number. And all Friends should be under a benevolent sign. Always we have to remember the old sayings: "Blessed are the obstacles." "Laudable are the enemies." Some people can't understand that the Armageddonial days can be useful but they are..... New energy is created, new movements, new solutions found. During the days of battles the Spirit endeavours should not be abated. On the contrary beautiful wings should grow.

Of course every savagery, every cruelty, every vandalism should be loudly condemned. All workers of Culture should select from their vocabularies the strongest expressions. And they should know that final victory is theirs. I repeat several time conditional "should" but we have to understand it as an affirmation - sine qua non. If only you could give some lectures for the Youth. Alas, often they don't know even the meaning of word culture. They imagine that it is something pertaining to agriculture or sport. In the schools nobody told them about spirit, about Heart, about the Highest Energy!

Yes all cultural forces just now are badly needed in India. Indian culture must be upheld by all means. It is not chauvinism (you know how I dislike this conception), - it is a desire that "similia similibus curandum." India shall grow not by American superficialism, but on the basis of Indian traditions, correctly understood and applied. Hence, - carry on here on the soil of your great Motherland. It is matter to regret when some good Indians are returning from America having acquired an American accent. We have seen such travelers. No, no - India is India and will be developed in her own way towards the glorious path of Renaissance.

"Intolerance - form of goodaism" (Mahatma Gandhi.)

You remember my call for tolerance. Thus with Goodwill be on constant Vigil, knowing that you are working for Culture. Forward! Forward! God speed!

Blessings.

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