

Room No. 212,
Taj Mahal Hotel,
Bombay.
26th December 1948.

My dear Rajah Sahib,

We both were delighted to have your letter and to know that you safely back in this country.

I do not know whether I should mention it or not, but on the dates which you mention we happened to be in Bombay though I was laid up with severe Influenza and Bronchitis.

As you may well have guessed, there were changes in our original programme and we stayed on here to complete certain work which we felt was more important immediately than the work abroad. I have always found that unless one completes ones work sufficiently for it to run on its own accord, nothing can be achieved from far away or through other people.

We sincerely hope that we may meet soon as there are a number of things which we want to talk to you about, and we are also very anxious to hear of your first-hand impressions which you gleaned during your travels.

We are going away for a few days and shall be back in Bombay on the 2nd of next month, after that we shall be going on to Bangalore where we shall stay for a few weeks. nothing would please us more than to re-visit Jaipur, but if we have put it off at all it is because you were not there and as soon as we can arrange our time we hope to go there for a little visit. We shall tell you all our plans when we meet.

We were delighted to know that you have good news from Makhi and from Egypt, that indeed is good news.

We both send you and your family our very best wishes for the coming year and our affectionate greetings.

S. Roerich.

Rajah Amarnath Atal,
Atal Ban,
Jaipur,
Rajputana.