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We were very happy to hear from you and to have all your news. The enclosed photograph delighted us and made us happy that we may again meet soon. Are you planning to return to India soon as it is not very likely that we shall be coming out your way. We find ourselves tied up to so many activities that it seems very difficult to tear ones-self away from here.

Life here has not changed very much and on the whole, if you take the present state of the world, I think we are better off in India than anywhere else. Moreover, this country offers so much in so many different ways that it compensates for everything in its own way.

The world is passing through such a drastic readjustment of values that it seems to me a new approach and a new solution is required, yet the solution is not at hand and at times one even feels discouraged when one feels the utter futility and bankruptcy of the international situation. Only reverting to higher values and higher principles can lead us out of this mental morass where any attempt to conciliation resolves itself into intellectual legalities bereft of all inner desire to come to some agreement.

How do you find life in Java now? China seems to be going through a drastic readjustment and other countries are also experiencing a lot of unrest.

Both my wife and I often think of you and we send to you and Laj our very best wishes for the coming season and New Year and hope that all the best will come to you. Do not forget to give a kiss to the baby - and - write to us soon.

C/o Indian Consulate General,  
Batavia,  
Java.