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Dear Svetoslav and Bertha Ranie,

I have hoped for some time to write you a very special letter, which is the only kind appropriate to express the joy which our meeting you gave to Mary-Lushing and me or to express our thanks for your warm hospitality. The hours with you were deeply spiritual ones.

Yesterday we spent hours at the top of Pinson looking at the snow peaks, Nanda Devi, Traval and others, and you and Nicholas Roerich were often in my thoughts.

We have read with eagerness the material which you gave us and we have often recalled the beauty of form, of motion and of conception of Svetoslav's paintings. My only disappointment was to learn that Tempora is a much more difficult medium to use than oil. Some years ago I found much pleasure in oil painting in spite of my poor results. I learned to see more colors in nature and to appreciate

more the good works of others. I had hoped²
to try tempora some time soon, - and
maybe I will in spite of the difficulties.

Thank you, Devika Nani, for taking
us under the banyan tree and to the
little shrine. Thank you also for putting the
mumham on our brows.

When we got back to New Delhi we
told our dear friend and sister, Prakash
Behn Tyabji of our meeting. He was
quiet for a few moments and then told
us of what came to her. It was this:

Several hundred years ago the four
of us were living in Italy. Metastasio
and I were very close first cousins.
His name then was Riccardo. He was
married to Devika Nani, who was named
Emilia. Margherita and I were married.
The four of us saw a lot of each other
and Emilia was a great influence
on me for good. Riccardo died
when still a rather young man.
Emilia took to a convent and I saw
less and less of her and gradually
got away from her good influence,
finally becoming infatuated with

a dancer and deserting Mary Cushing. Devtra Rani helped M.C. who often went to see her in the nunnery for strength and solace.

That's Prabhara's story and, like others she has told us, I do not know how much to accept it. ^{How do you feel about it?} I try to understand what she says and I look forward hopefully to a time when the truth will be more fully revealed. In any case, I am sure that there was very much that was unusual about our meeting — "again," I feel I should say.

We very much hope to see you again — In fact the possibility of doing so is a strong force which will be attracting me back to India.

With love from us both,

Harry

I return to U.S.A.
on November 3rd.
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P.S. I have found Raghunath's recollections very consistent and reliable. Anyhow, now we are all friends and will be meeting again in this life —

Maybe soon. 11m

in India till about Dec. 10,
via American Express, New Delhi

Fondly

Mary - Cushing or Khushi.

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