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INDORE.

11th July, 1947.

My dear Svetoslav,

I have been intending to write you ever since I got back from England in November 1945 and heard of your marriage, but somehow I have never got round to it as the succeeding months have been very full ones.

Please let me at this very late date heartily congratulate you. I have heard from all sides how charming and highly developed your wife is and how well you are suited to one another. I shall hope to have the pleasure of meeting her one day.

After failing to get into Parliament, owing to my getting a hopelessly Conservative seat to contest, I was delayed in England for several months as the India office did not arrange for my transport. However, it turned out that those months afforded me some remarkable experiences and I am very grateful for them. I shall tell you of them when we meet. I was released from the Army in May last year and agreed to come back here as Education Minister - also in charge of the Medical and Health Services, Agriculture and Co-operation - for a period of three years, as His Highness was particularly anxious for me to come and as I had been told both in London and in India that I should stay on in India for some time longer. Again, I don't at all regret doing so, in spite of all the difficulties that have succeeded in recent months throughout the country.

Diana and the three girls went to England last January for a long holiday. They are still there but I hope will be coming back in October, without Joanna, however, who is now nine and is going to boarding school in Somerset near Bristol. She is very happy there. Diana and the other two girls are at Littlehampton on the Sussex coast and greatly enjoying the English summer, though Diana is not as well as she ought to be. I was to have had two months' leave this summer but owing to new political developments, it has not been possible for me to get away. I hope that you and your wife will pay us a visit some time next winter when you all

are sure to be emerging for a time from your Kulu retreat.

I shall be in Delhi next week for two or three days and in case by any good luck you are there please get in touch with me at the Imperial Hotel. I shall be arriving on the afternoon of the 17th.

With love and best wishes to your father, mother and George as well as to yourself, and with kind regards to Mrs. Svetoslav,

yours ever,

Banning.

P.S. Actually I expect to go home permanently in the spring as I feel ~~some~~ can't do much in India now and I want to get ready for the next election in England.

I'm sending your father some things I've published in the last year which may interest you,

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26th July, 1947.

My dear Svetoslav,

Many thanks for your kind telegram which I received when I arrived in Delhi. I had ^{an} interesting two days there, though it was very sticky. The atmosphere is ^a very disharmonious one at present, as you can imagine. The communal bitterness on the part of cultured Hindus was a terrible shock to me, as Delhi Hindus have always been famous for their non-communal attitude. However, one hopes this is only a temporary madness and will be healed in time.

I am glad to hear that you are coming down some time in October. I now plan to be away for about a month in September and early October when I shall fly to England for some leave. Diana now writes that she doesn't think she will come out here for the winter but ^{would} ~~will~~ rather stay in England and then go to America for a holiday next spring, when also I might be able to join them. It's all uncertain and rather unsettling, but then that is the result of world conditions and one must be philosophical and have

patience.

With love and best wishes to you all,

yours ever,

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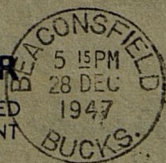
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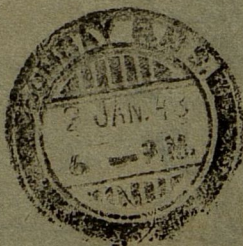
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27th Dec., 1947
My dear Svetoslav,

Your cable bearing the very sad news of your father's passing came as a shock to us. I had taken it so for granted that I would see him again in this world that it never occurred to me that he might pass on before that.

For him of course one cannot mourn. He had done his great life work and had brought joy and understanding to thousands; he must be content. But for those that are left behind the passing

of such a great soul is proportionate with his greatness. Above all my heart goes out to your mother, whose life has been so closely intertwined with his - in her work as in her position as wife and mother. I am sending her a few words of sympathy, poor comfort as they may be.

I have written to the 'Times' telling them the sad news and am writing to a friend on the 'News Chronicle'. I'm also informing Arthur Lal who will tell the Indian community in London.

Of late I have often
thought how much
freer and more crea-
tive one could be away
from this world, but
attached to it as we
are we must work out
our karmas, however
tiresome it may be
at times.

The post with Cripps
has fallen through &
though I would prefer to
spend all my time in
writing, I have been
tempted to apply for two
posts at the B.B.C., one of
which I should get.

Again with deepest
sympathy from us both,
yours! Banning.