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My dear Danka & Sactovlar.

We've just had the letter written by you on Abdul's behalf (and I enclose a Chit for him). Thank you very much for doing this, & it was good to hear that you are now all together safely. - This is in re the Assam earthquake in which we were worried about Mame Ruenich - Kalimpong seemed a bit too close to be healthy. (Dorika's letter followed us to London & then came back here).

We are now with my sister in law (Muriel Wadie) whom I think you met in Bombay, & her husband in Sydney. Got here a fortnight ago. A month ago in Bombay - we passed thru in the Himalaya - we tried to find you, but the Taj said you were still in Bangalore. Our ex-driver, Mahommmed, said you were due back in Oct. We are now looking around for a house - or land for building. Houses shockingly expensive. Even a dolls house is £6,000 or more. Building takes a year. I haven't settled on what to do yet.

but am taking time looking around. It will
probably end up with a magazine I'll imagine.

The car & all our luggage arrived safely & I'm now
busy blocking the Sydney streets with the Buick. We had
a pleasant two months touring England in a Buick Ford
Prefect - quite big enough for English roads. But England as
a whole was depressing. So many people seemed helpless
& hopeless - so much for socialist imposed austerity.
Australia seems much more cheerful & determined to
go on ahead.

Mamie was very upset when she heard
nothing from Denise either when we left or afterwards.
The letter Denise mentions having written (in her letter of
August 5) never reached us. As you will probably
realise, our leaving Bombay was a terrible wrench
made much worse by the really friendly behaviour
of our Marwari colleagues. They even tried to double cross
us over buying the furniture & out of spite sacked our
landlord's nephew because they couldn't do as they
liked without our landlord. No one except the servants
& the de Thiennes came to see us off. So you can imagine
we were most unhappy in leaving India. In fact

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We were both very near a nervous breakdown for several weeks afterwards. We even decided having to come back through Bombay. I think we were both very near to tears most of the time we were there. Everything seemed so run down & dead. Our old shopkeepers in Crawford Market were very kind & helpful - which restored our faith a bit.

While in England I had a letter from Dr. Sengupta about my horoscope. I replied to him pointing out that my aunt had raised some doubts about my birth time. I wrote to him & gave him the new data but haven't heard since. I wonder if you are in touch with him? So far his forecast has turned out correctly.

Must stop now, as mail time is approaching
Do let us hear from you soon. Hope the oil
Coop has been successful
Love from us both
Michael.