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Dear Ram,

Life is finally settling  
into its normal routine again so I've some  
time available for dropping off notes.

Many thanks again for being such a  
good host - the Sun Temple, dinner in Bombay -  
it was all fun and I've many happy  
memories of India.

I enclose 2 photos I think you'll  
enjoy. It's grey, cold and snowing here. Quite  
a contrast to India.

Thanks again —

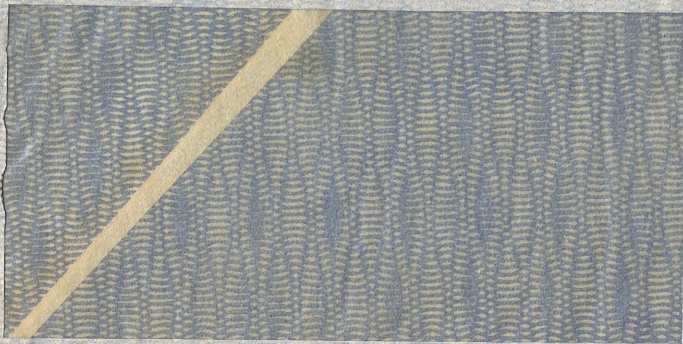
with best and warm regards

Yours

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Dear Ram,

Many many apologies for the long delay in answering your letters. Your letter from India arrived just before I left for a couple of months in the States - mostly in La Jolla, California. It was a bit of bad luck that exactly when you were in Trieste I was in California - it would have been such a pleasure to see you again. I meant to write to you from California, but in the haste of departure for California (and I was rather ill just before leaving) I'm afraid I left your letter hurried on my desk. Since being back from the States I've been away again twice to conferences - once in Copenhagen and once in England, and in between we've had visitors at the institute - including the Burbidge's - so I somehow never found the quiet moment I kept promising myself in which to catch up my correspondence. Please forgive me - I never intended to be so impolite as to let it drag on so long.

I do hope your stay in Trieste was not only cooler than India, but also scientifically

exciting. I do have you on my preprint list  
and will keep you on it. I'm still working  
on the as ever frustrating problem of absorption line  
systems in quasar stellar objects as my main  
interest, and on some other aspects of QSO's  
along side. You are still interested in astrophysical  
plasmas, I assume. Do keep me informed.

My last visit to India, preparatory to the  
overland trip to Europe was brief - far too brief  
really to satisfy my affection for India. I do hope  
to come again, soon, - I really would most  
like to come and work somewhere for a few months.  
It's hard to get away from here for longer.

I've become ever more immersed in Indian  
history and culture all winter - reading  
book after book. It's all so fascinating and  
has made me aware of how vast my ignorance  
of your great culture is.

Once again, the deepest apologies for the  
delay in writing - I do hope you will forgive  
my inactivity. I do hope next time we  
have better luck and do see each other.

All the very very best wishes, Yours

Judith

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Dear Ram,

Many thanks for your letter and your graceful acceptance of my apologies.

Unfortunately I didn't see the Lals. I'm surprised that the Burbidges were unaware that Lal was in La Jolla as I thought they usually saw each other when Lal was in La Jolla. Do you know when he will next be in California, as I may possibly be there late April.

I do try to follow news of India, but unfortunately the German press coverage of India is rather meager. But as you say, it's all too complex for a letter.

I would be interested in your reprints, particularly the plasma processes near black holes and the spiral structure of galaxies. Did you get a copy of my write up of the lectures I gave at Tata? They were planning on producing reprints of what I sent them, so I sent no copies of our reprints to India. At the moment I'm waiting several papers - mostly reviews. When they're finished I'll send preprints. Did you get our paper on particle interactions with the thermal gas in QSO's? If not I'll send a reprint.

At the moment I'm a bit behind in everything, as my mother died in late September and so I rushed off to the States for

three<sup>+</sup> weeks, then I came home sick, just a bad cold  
with a fever - but it layed me up for a week,  
followed by a week working in Hamburg - so I ended  
up a month and a half behind, quite unplanned.  
Now I feel somewhat overburdened.

So I'm afraid this will be short; no philosophy  
for now - save it for another letter some time.

I hope everything is going well for everyone  
in Ahmedabad, and that your family is all in  
the best of health.

With my best regards,

Judith