

Dear George and Eva:

March 19th. April 2nd. 62

I don't imagine that I have your correct address, and I only hope you are somewhere nearby to receive this. Last thing I heard from you was a Christmas card, I think, last year in New York; and I hope I wrote to you after that to congratulate you for your baby (Andrew?) and explain how I came to be in New York, and not San Francisco. Now, anyway, Gloria and I (we met in San Francisco, April/60) are married, and here in India; departed from NY last December (leaving our cars behind us) by freighter, by way of Egypt, and all those places, etc. At the moment we are becalmed here in Madras, with the summer upon us, and each day warmer than the last, doing virtually nothing at all. Two months we have lived in Madras, first in the railway station, then in a friend's house (subject) and now in an ascetic Hindu hotel with pictures of saints on the walls, and a cow sleeping in the lobby. (No, not quite in the lobby, rather at the foot of the stairs). It is a sensible sort of hotel, bare of frivolities. Our long-range plans are vague, but are conditioned by the fact that almost all our savings are now in Indian rupees, and we must spend this money in India. It is not very much by U.S. standards, but might last us another year here, with just enough left to get us somewhere else. Or, after that time, I might go to work here. But anyway, what we were thinking, is that we ought to find a boat that would take us to Australia when our cash is gone, and there I will find a job and put us back on our feet again, meanwhile recuperating from our Indian diseases, living healthy etc.? Maybe you are not in Australia? (R.S.V.P.). Anyway, if not, let us know why to look up in Sydney, and places like that. & we'll go there & get us some sort of place to live; and have a Great Time; Maybe I can give lectures on Vedanta, or the Infinite, or anarchy, or something. How is the Swami business in Sydney? But I hope you are in Australia, in which case tell us where and next spring we'll come & see you, and you can meet Gloria, and we will tell you lots of funny stories, and things like that! I stopped painting pictures, and started making movies, in San Francisco, but in New York I stopped that, too, and I also stopped writing and started reading old history books. I risked my life every day in a place making radiochemicals. They couldn't find anyone else to do the job. At length, destiny transported us out of that situation; rescued from nervous collapse; we arrive in the Orient somewhat exhausted. It is our intention to go see a fellow in the Punjab this month, and so we'll be leaving here on the train (thru all the heat & dust) for Delhi, then Punjab, in a couple of weeks. There is an air conditioned train on the 1st part of the trip, but past Delhi, we will be at the mercy of Nature (the Path to True Bliss) (emancipation through the cycle of suffering). Strangely enough, however, since arriving in India, I have been thinking most often about China; so that the immediate experience is somewhat incomprehensible. And isn't that emancipation itself? (i.e. blindness)? Failure to understand the problem must be the sign of true freedom. The less this is dwelt upon the better. An End to Reason & Aesthetics! Yes, well, if you want to tell us where you are, insofar as we will be in the Punjab in April & May, likely, please write to the return address on the envelope i.e. A.S. Atwal, Govt Agric. College, Ludhiana, Punjab. We might be in Nepal or Calcutta for sometime after that, but this fellow, Atwal, will send mail on to us. Could you advise, also, about the following: 1. Rail fare from Perth to Sydney 2. Apt. rents in Australia 3. Employment problems? 4. What is the line voltage, etc., for things like irons, & what sort of plugs have you got e.g. (☉), (☉☉), (☉☉☉), etc. (because G. has an electric iron & wants to know whether to sell it now or keep it if we can use it in Australia). Gloria is a very good girl and she is sexy and pretty and does laundry, etc. and she has suffered a lot, heaven knows. 5. Is there anything we can send to you or bring you from India? occult books? figured doilies? private preparations? sick? It is as cheap as dirt. Photographs & plans of architectural monstrosities? The Key to meaningful existence? (illustrated)? Plastic toys? Unusual calendars? Please tell us. Also tell us what you are doing and what has occurred in the past 2 years or so since I saw you leave on the airplane. And what about the baby? Tell us why we ought to come to Australia. Is it hot & delicious? (I want to return to the dust.) You will like Gloria and she will like you. Maybe I can start a ranch or something. We are starving to death. Need to eat some meat, or maybe even some doughnuts. The lizards are closing in on us! om! om! (Skt: ॐ) (Tibetan: ཨོཾ) We don't understand no Australian. Is there a language test? What's a "cobber", or a "pommie"? (?) BLOODY NATIONALISTS! The situation will have to be investigated. Pilgrims from America (just as the civilization demolishes itself). The Divine Force is with us. Total UnReason. Beware!! We shall arrive, (wild-eyed & terrible), among you.. om! om!

BARRY and GLORIA

1962
MADRAS, Sept 16th 62

Dear George and Eva:

Here we are still in India, having survived summer & monsoon & disease, but financially exhausted. There is employment here, but the pay is so small. We were going to come to Sydney & make some money, but we found a cheap boat going to Japan & then the U.S.A., where I can be sure of a job right away. The time has been whiled away unconstructively. Now I have no certain plans except return home & recuperation. (I envy you for being interested in your work, George: I have no feeling for mine..)

We would have gone to Australia, if only just to see you, & the peculiar vegetation. But America draws us like a magnetic. It makes us weak...

{ Not back to New York, though. I want to be warm enough. I am not interested in California, but at least it is warm. }

The heat in India has satisfied me. On the whole, a rewarding adventure. Some healthy challenges, a notable victory for indifference. Chaos & social collapse stimulate me; not the cultural background, which is, anyway, in eclipse. Calcutta was a Revelation, I drank it in there every pore, every assault on the senses, every absurdity. (It provides instruction in long-held-on things, abandoning hope..). Perhaps you do not feel that is constructive? Personal remoticism drives me to an ideal of indestructibility, which I take to be non-rigidity. Even such an ideal is a symptom of advanced misalignment, fatalism for the oppressed. I desire reconstruction of personality.

* Now another matter arises: My Mom & Dad, from Canada, are setting out, following my father's retirement from his dental practice, for a boat trip to Europe via the Orient. They are going tourist class on a P.O. boat, "Himalaya", and leave Vancouver Nov. 21st and arrive in Sydney Dec. 26th, for a 4-day lay-over between boats. Do you think you could see them in Sydney and maybe show them the city, or something? They are very naïve, and all alone. I'll give them your phone number & they can call you when they arrive, if that is all right? They are interested in all sorts of things, and you would not find them boring company; and they would be inter-

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ended in you. - Maybe you will be out of
Sydney then, or all tied up with work or
Christmas plans? If so, don't worry about
this at all, as my folks will manage

all right anyway. Just if it is easy for
you, and if you would like to, try to see
them. I have told them how you have made

good as an architect & town planner.

They can tell you how it feels to have
parented a failure. My Dad is a little

nervous these days, & needs a rest. He has

always wanted to go to France to see the

gile there. My mother loves like Madame

Cheng-Kai-Shek, & has a pleasant smile.

Since we are leaving tomorrow for Japan, could

you drop a note to my folks & tell them if

you will be there, & when to call you, if you

with them to, etc.? Hello Ma, how are you??

DR. WARD F. CLARK

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{near future}

Hope this won't be any trouble to you. Thanks & is

Best wishes!! Barry.

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