

[1974?]

Dear Miss Gelpi -

Mia asked me
to send you ~~an~~ copies of
her letters! I hope all is well
with you.

We'll be out in October
and will hope to see you.

Very best,

Emlen Evans

Letter 1 To Everyone...

Washed Guy Indian

Whenever I want to be on equal grounds I think of home, I think of being a woman in America, I forget all the "tricks" that are pounded into being female in the orient, in Asia.

Today is one of those days that I would like to be living in New York with my own business or even living in Colorado New Mexico on my own farm with my own cow, not having to worry about playing different characters in order to see how it all really is ~~like~~.

...Here, I always have to watch my actions, figuring out only through late remembrings, how "woman" is meant to behave; what we are meant to do as subservient beings. I confess this living, even in these initial stages, is terribly difficult!! But in order to see social patterns (a most boring way of putting it) I become what they want. Sometimes I wish I could miraculously land in a far away country for two days: Retreat into simply being human with ^{staying alive as} my only desire.

I came down to that retreat when I first was in India. Living in my small room in the Mountains, cooking over a charcoal stove with one cup and one bowl and always my trusty pair of chop sticks.

Moving down to the village brought in all the small town intrigue, especially as a woman living alone. I found I needed that though, having gone through all the questions never answered in the east of America. But this entering into a rigid

social structure was baffling! I think I've always had that problem, living in a confined way. On the other hand, living with the social structure is only a luxury possessed by perhaps the pioneer of America who migrated west, who set up homes miles away from the village. Daily struggle there are very few places left in the world that possess such adventurous qualities, such freedom to mold one's own way of living. What happens to people who need space to wander, adventure to make them live, when the world is too small to dig it in.

In any case, I have done it... This living with restriction, of course, some social blunders come out of it all, but eventually when it comes down to simply beautiful news, I always confess that I really don't understand and can't people forgive me, and people of plantation #2

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Letter 2

Well, humming, I am off again. Heading further east with definite ideas but none that are explicable until finished. I find that's the best way to travel.

^{* Bremen gives only 1 day visa and is expensive} Basically — Will fly from Belhi to Bangkok, meet some friends and then head down to Singapore, through Indonesia and finally to Darwin.

(North Australia) Plans are to make it there by Sept (4 months away) I've been given many names to check into there and of course places to see. I'm not looking forward to coming face to face with the reputation the American Army has in South East Asia. As I get closer and closer, understand

that there is no way we can put / have the right to enforce our occidental way of living on these people. When it gets down to truths; to understanding Asians orients, there are truly two sides to the earth ~~and~~ ^{for} even to attempt a communication, needs such delicate understandings, such graceful playing. We look like fools in this society with our "hail fellow well met" attitude. It's sometime embarrassing, so I just step aside and watch. Not too many other ^{choices}.

"Namastay" I bless the spirit that dwells inside you xox with love, I have