

HOTEL
IMPERIALNEW DELHI
(INDIA)

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Dear Home,

Well, I'm in New Delhi. In fact I have been here for tadpays now and I haven't seen my just at in my Hotel room yet. I could swing Ellen boards well for scoring me about the condition at Delhi. Our Hotel is a hold over from British Days and we have a suite of 3 huge rooms. I am sitting at the desk in our "saloon" at this moment. But side there are all kinds of wild life in the garden below. Sandy Panots flash by everytime I look out the window. There are wild monkey's right here in the middle of Delhi. (There has also been seen a wild tiger in the last few days right here in the middle of town). There are literally thousands of hawks, crows and vultures everywhere. The whole country seems to overflow with carnivorous birds whose rapacity makes them very bold.

~~about~~ We went to see the Taj Mahal yesterday. Scott, that has got to be the most beautiful building and building complex in the world. It was impressed by the fact the Taj itself is somewhat smaller than I thought it would be. I was also impressed by the superb quality of the craftsmanship in the building.

Since the Taj was 150 miles away from Delhi, our trip to see it took us out into the country side and through several of the small villages. The poverty and living conditions stagger the imagination. There is simply no way to describe it, though I have penned several lines into my journal which is now more than 60 pages long. One gets the feeling that these conditions will last forever as they have lasted in the past. No system of Govt. can ever help much, not the Americans or the Communists. However, I feel that though this life is India's great burden, it is also its salvation, for the cities may change, but the thousands of villages that are the real India - Never!



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We were invited to the house of Tom's Safari outfitter. It was a pleasant evening and we were treated to the first Curry going west. It's much different from your Mother's, but don't despair - At Fair everywhere. I met a man there who knew Gandhi well. He said that Gandhi died at a good time and in the right way, for he was a grossly impractical man. This man that I talked to was there when Gandhi was killed. He saw the whole thing. He also said that Gandhi had a lecherous eye for young women. Information like that sure shakes you up about it.

We went to the zoo today - Saw the white tigers. They were beautiful as you might expect. We also filmed our first episode - a mongoose killing a snake. The snake was not a Cobra and the mongoose was less than brave. I don't think I ever laughed so much as Tom tried to feline the and the mongoose tried to get away from the snake and back into the little bog in which he was kept. I bought the snake charmer's flute made of a gourd and bamboo. I hope that I can get it back in my gun because it makes the neatest noise.

I am in good health, in fact I feel excellent and I have never enjoyed anything so much as this trip. I only wish that you could have come with us, Scott, because you would have loved it.

However now the pleasant part of our trip is over. Ahead lies the Nagpur country where the daytime heat is 110° and the nights 30°. With no plumbing, no electricity and little food - I'm not going to like it. It may be some time before you hear from me, Mr., but that is because there are no post offices in the bush. When I get the China, I will write. Until then.

Love,
Scott