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My dear Henry,

Your skills as a raconteur, writer, violinist, conductor, activist and general musical propulsor are well-known; your activities as a photographer less so. But I am the recipient of a piece of paper 12.5cm x 8.5cm (as they so quaintly put it here) marked "Kodak" on the back, and showing a slightly dissolute figure on the other side, wearing a rather handsome red tie, on an equally handsome light-apricot-coloured shirt, the whole effete effect totally ruined by a frothy glass of beer that appears to have been half-consumed, occupying a significant part of the foreground. Now whether this is superb photography or not I cannot tell, but it denotes, alas, a colleague of yours whose dissipation is made manifest; made manifest moreover by the photographer in question. Was this a friendly act? Was this the gesture that unites the two continents on a third? However on looking closer I see that the sitter (if that is the right word) has a genial eye, and is clearly amused, interested and impressed by the man behind the camera; there is the whole story.

And I was!

In fact those meetings with you and Emmy (who I hope you will embrace..nay buss, for me) were a highlight of Hong

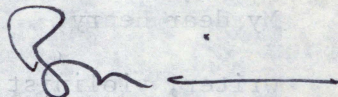


Kong.

(Funny what a strange typewriter does to one's style of attack... maybe I should have started up and changed on the half-note!)

Be all that as it may. I trust you will give Nina my very best. I hope she is OK and not too much occupied by the problems of a marriage which you and I both know was premature and slightly off-beat. I was delighted to get news through you of the Greens and then to get a letter from them too.

Please remember that it was a special and unexpected pleasure to be with you, and it will be long treasured in the mind of



PS. I've got a sabbatical in the first half of 1984....and may come and give some lectures in the USA and (Harold Shaw permitting) might even do a concert or two.....if you have the possibility of a date in Cal. do please let me know.....I shall not tell Harold Shaw and we might make a little deal that would be fun for everyone.