

TEHERAN
9 APRIL 1971

Dear Mom and Dad,

We write this brief letter to assure you that we are fine, having arrived in Teheran on night of 7th from Dacca. This will be brief as we are working constantly to bring the Bangla Dosh situation before the press and Congress. We are pleased to see that the news has given good coverage in general although the specific horror of the situation is beyond description. To this day the planned and ruthless annihilation of ALL intelligentsia, political leaders and Hindus is continuing in East Pakistan. It will take hours to give our own inside story but as you can imagine, we have seen a carnage and lost many of our friends in the pogrom. It is crucial that our government make a statement condemning the massacre of unarmed civilians and systematic killing of university professors, writers etc. PLEASE do every thing in your power to get Congress moving. Although the State Dept. is claiming that the information is incomplete, this is a patent lie. The Ambassador in Dacca, Archer Blood, has bravely reported every detail and we know for a fact that it is being received and reported in Washington. An open-distribution communication from the whole official community in Dacca to State is available to any Congressman for the asking-it includes not only the facts of the situation, but suggestions for action on our part. Ambassador Farland has played the complete ass and is a tool of the Islamabad govt. He has not supported Blood and tried to squash our protests. Many jobs are on the line, most important Blood's. It is hard to convey how important a statement condemning the action would be at this time. Not only will it give a great boost to the whole country of Bangla Dosh, but more important it will be help to India which is the only power that can really affect the situation. The Russian statement from Podgorny is a perfect example of what is called for. All aid to Pakistan should be stopped for it is well documented that the monies saved by accepting US non-military aid are making this huge army of the Punjab possible. PLEASE work with all haste to get this moving.

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We are sick at what we have seen-sicker at seeing our country turn its back. It is a time of shame for all Americans that for political considerations we say nothing about a repeat of the Jewish annihilation in Germany. When will we grow a spine and become human beings that can hold our heads up. What a joke to call ourselves a democracy when we continue to support such a blatant abomination to mankind. We are NOT advocating direct U.S. action- only a statement of moral condemnation-although Bangla Desh will undoubtedly win and be independent, I'm not even calling for recognition-.Just a little humanity.

We are well, if sick at heart. Please work hard. We love you and are glad you had a fine trip. We are entirely safe, so worry not for us.