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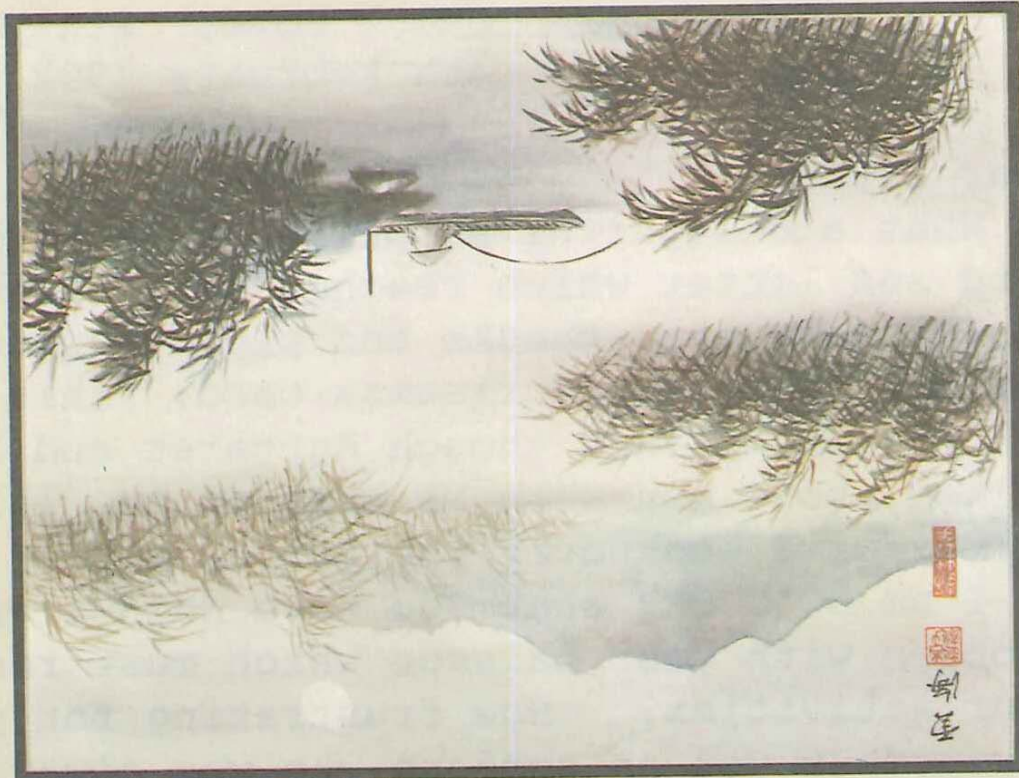
Dear Ziyad,

What a delightful surprise to receive your card and letter which reached me a short while ago! Very many thanks and please excuse me for not sending a Christmas card; this year I was extremely lazy though Margaret and I talked about you when we were on the island of Malta for a week over the holidays.

I am SO SORRY that you have such a wretched problem with your balance which must restrict your activities. How frustrating for you as I remember you as someone who was always dashing out for meetings and conferences and I think you are exceptionally brave to write "Enfin le moral est parfait". I agree that it is not worth risking an operation but it is difficult for me to recognise you as an 80 year old! I shall never forget the wonderful evening we spent with you in Istanbul on your birthday many years ago.

In fact our visits to Istanbul have been made perfect because you have welcomed us and I do hope that it won't be long before we can return. Perhaps when I retire at the beginning of 1993...?

The Italian TV has reported deep snow in Istanbul and other parts of Turkey; this must have made life difficult for Dilhan and did your terrace suffer? Are you satisfied with the political situation in your country? I find the whole world to be in such a critical state, with so many millions of people



suffering appalling hardship, that the future seems rather depressing. In Italy politicians are corrupt and I do not see how the power of the Mafia, etc. can be broken. I am disgusted at the way in which Europe has behaved in the Yugoslavian crisis; I, who am no politician, never believed that Milosevich would observe any of the truces until it served his purpose and the senseless destruction leaves me speechless.

I frequently look at my "good luck" dish which you and Dilhan gave me when we stayed with you and I am sure that it will bring us back to Turkey soon.

For now all good wishes for your health and for 1992 - and *A Montag* NOTE to Dilhan.

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Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joan".

Ziyad:

Do you feel well enough to meet new people? My oldest friends - Heather and Angiolo Bandinelli - MAY make a return trip to Istanbul in March. They both speak French; he was a professor of philosophy and Italian and is a founder member of the Italian Radical Party, though a bit disillusioned. His father was quite a successful artist in the 1920's but gave up under Fascism. Heather was at FAO and a friend of Margaret. I think you would like them but I would not tell them to telephone you unless I knew that you wished to meet them. They lost their mentally handicapped son of 22 in DEcember 1990 and are still suffering the effects of this awful accident - he fell out of a window.

