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Dear Mrs. Thompson.

1. been china six seven months. 2. been sick and hospitalized. 3. sympathetic to but not overly excited or approving of your project 4. unemployed broke twenty years no fund gather material while you seem amply equipped to traipse around world. more power to you; i do not resent you, but the general condition. 5. I'm a writer; at time of walk out nobody else was (save possibly Dorn) so have different outlooks. 6. I already undergone five years war before Burma and underwent wars and revolutions afterwards, so probably not so hipped on this experience as others who may have led more sheltered lives. 7. I've not too many unpublished facts to give you, so what it would get down to is dredging up out of my soul what I think about all this. why should you live on my soul? About four years ago, a film producer said wanted make film out of my book asked me some details I wrote letters answering his questions---maybe 10,000 words. perhaps some indiscreet. I asked for letters back; he refused. I'm fed up.

Alors! Howsomefucking ever, if you wish to see me I shall wait at the above address on Oct. 10 (?) or actually I'll be around most of time--best time get in touch with me is early morning.

excuse grammar, mandarin and hasty typing.
thankyou for your interest...jb