

 **Royal Tehran Hilton**
TEHRAN - IRAN

4 AUG '67

DEAREST TRUDIE + POP:

WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO. THE NEXT DAY WE LEFT KASHAN FOR A WEEK-END IN ISFAHAN.

WE SURELY ENJOYED THAT WEEKEND WE HAD BEEN IN KASHAN A LITTLE OVER 3 WEEKS + WE WERE READY TO GET AWAY. WE STAYED AT THE HOTEL SHAH ABBAS WHICH IS THE MOST ELABORATE HOTEL I HAVE EVER SEEN. WE WERE TOLD 600 ARTISTS WORKED A YEAR PAINTING THE WALLS + CEILING OF THE LOBBY + DINING ROOM. IT IS JUST BEYOND DESCRIBING, IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU HAVE TO SEE TO BELIEVE. BUT HERE AGAIN IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OWNS THE HOTEL + ALL OF THE MONEY IT COST + PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY LIVE IN MUD HUTS WITH PRACTICALLY NO MORE THAN TEA + BREAD TO EAT.

ISFAHAN ~~IS~~ IS NOT THE INTERNATIONAL CITY THAT TEHRAN IS. WE WENT TO 3 MUSLEMA MOSQUES.