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I am rather getting carried away by my lengthy account! I have just missed a chance of meeting you in Peking; I was invited to the Congress of Korean Writers meeting at the end of this month, but unfortunately my travel documents will take time to be ready. Are you likely to attend the Asian Writers Conference in Delhi next December?

With all the best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bhabani Bhattacharya

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P.S. I recall that in Delhi last year at the Conference some Korean Delegates met Mulk Raj Anand and myself and expressed keen interest in translating Indian novels. Could you possibly tell me where in Korea I should send my books? In case you have a copy of "So Many Hungers", won't you be kind enough to send it along to Korea?

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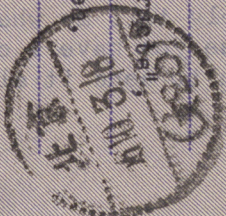
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