

June 23/48

Dear Ones,

Wednesday.

With all due respect to your well-meant instructions, I find myself writing this letter (which will probably arrive on your anniversary) and I trust that you will cast its shadow of gloom to all our friends and relatives. I just can't help it. I'm built this way, I guess.

Company A is one week ahead of us; though they are having their second washout board today. Last <sup>70%</sup> time they sent 68 before the board and 49 (or  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) were washed. We sent 103 the next week of whom some 72 (or <sup>also</sup> 70%) were washed. Now, for the second pitfall, Company A has sent 39 to the board! This time there are no preliminary boards; any one on the line goes right to the washout board; also this time the washout board is much more severe and washes a much higher percentage.) The chances are that their second wash will be very high therefore. Needless to say all this is having a marked effect on our company. 39 is a very high figure for the second wash; we are anxiously awaiting to learn how many are washed.

This is just one more factor in the build up of tension in our company and in me. I think it will show to you why I feel that washout is only too possible and must be faced and why I pour in your optimism.



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I don't report dear. Despite this  
build up which I am trying to explain to you as  
it is molded from all the events - dull especially -  
I am not worrying. I will worry and be busy  
after the first act before if, by chance, my name  
comes out. All this build up does is irritate me  
with this lack of assurance. I just want you  
to be as ready as I am. Warhol is not  
invariable. Butchering does go to the other extreme  
of optimism. It's just be realistic.

I do appreciate your cheery letters; since  
we have gone through this before, we can save  
ourselves a little nervous tension worrying about  
each other, etc. I'm understanding each other is  
most important; we must all be prepared.

Love,  
Kumars.

P.S. There is nothing to be done about it - but  
I am beginning to feel down in the mouth; maybe it's  
better that way

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