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Dear Krishnan,

I learn from Vijayaraghavan that you are in England and intend to go to France some time. It is most unfortunate that I shall not be back until the end of June or the beginning of July; ~~and~~ if that is not too late for you, I need not say that I very much want to meet you. On the other hand, if you want to meet any of the ~~xxx~~ French physicists, that would probably be too late, even if you still are in Europe by that time, and I would rather advise you to go to France early in June <sup>or earlier</sup>. Whenever you go, my parents in Paris will be very glad to help you in every respect; they both speak English, especially my mother, and so you should write to her before going to Paris, mentioning of course that I told you to do so (the address is; Madame B.Weil, 3 rue Auguste-Comte, Paris, 6e). As to the physicists, your name will be a sufficient introduction. One of my best friends in Paris is Y.Rocard, 120 rue d'Assas, whose name you probably know, and he certainly would be glad to meet you; only he knows no English; possibly his wife does, and could act as interpreter (or else my mother could; she knows the Rocard's quite well). I hardly know any of the o-

ther Paris physicists, except the younger Perrin (who is at the Institut Henri-Poincaré, rue Pierre-Curie) and E. Bauer at the Collège de France; I have no idea whether they know English, I imagine that Perrin does. In Strasbourg, if you care to go there, you will still find old Pierre Weiss; also Néel, who is quite young, and also works ~~on~~ on magnetism; the one I know best is Soleillet, who does not know any English, but there is a Russian named Nikitine who works with him and speaks English quite well (he got on very well with Vijayaraghavan); you can write to any of these at the following address: Institut de Physique, Faculté des Sciences, Strasbourg. If you write to Soleillet you should mention me.

This is about all that I can do for you for the present, and, I am sorry to say, it is not much. Please write to me at once about your plans, ~~when you go back to India~~ and then I may be able to do more. I have been here since January, and shall leave for Mexico early next month; I intend to stay there for a few weeks and then <sup>go</sup> come back home.

Ever yours sincerely

A. Weiss

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Dear Krishnan,

I am very much aggrieved that on your second coming to Europe I should again miss the opportunity of seeing you. ~~Ixxxxx~~ I got a travelling fellowship from the French Research Council, and am now in Cambridge until the 15th or 20th of May, after which date I shall be travelling in Scandinavia (Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland).

After I heard you were coming, I did the little I could <sup>in order to have</sup> ~~for having~~ you invited to the Sorbonne. Party politics in French Universities are almost as bad as in India, and it happens that my word is not likely to carry much weight with the people in power in Paris; so I asked the younger Cartan,

who, apart from being a very good mathematician and my colleague in Strasburg, ~~is~~ is Pierre Weiss' son-in-law, to do his best. I have not heard of the outcome of it.

Is there no chance of our meeting in England or in Denmark ?

If you go through Paris, you might like to meet my parents (Dr.B.Weil, 3 rue Auguste Comte); they can speak English, as Vijayaraghavan probably told you, and would be delighted to meet you.

I shall be very glad to hear from you, and to know about your plans while in Europe.

With best regards

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Weil', written in a cursive style.

A.Weil