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Dear Prof. Sreekantan:

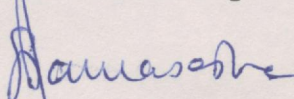
This letter is to thank you very much for the help you have rendered to the Raman Research Institute Trust in its difficult task of identifying a Director for the Raman Research Institute (RRI) to succeed Prof. V. Radhakrishnan. As you know the Trust was of the view that the next Director need not necessarily be an astronomer and that scientists in other fields could also be considered.

We are happy that everyone we wrote to responded. Several names of scientists working in different fields were suggested. After much deliberation, the Trust decided to invite Prof. N. Kumar whose name was suggested by many in India and outside.. He is a distinguished theoretical physicist, who has also specialised in condensed matter physics. He is now at the neighbouring Indian Institute of Science with which RRI continually collaborates. Prof. Kumar is also a member of the visiting faculty of ICTP, Trieste. As a member of the Review Committee, chaired by Prof. Lo Woltjer, that recently reviewed the work of RRI, Prof. Kumar has a personal knowledge of RRI and its activities, and has interacted with many of its scientists. He is also quite familiar with the informal atmosphere of research that has been the tradition of RRI for over two decades.

I am glad to inform you that Prof. N. Kumar has accepted the invitation of the Trust and will be joining as Director, Raman Research Institute on the 1st of August 1994.

Thanking you again, and with my best regards,

Yours sincerely



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Member-Secretary, RRI Trust