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Dr. Sir K.S. Krishnan,  
Director, National Physical Laboratory,  
New Delhi,

My dear Dr. Krishnan,

I am enclosing for your perusal a reprint of a series of my articles about Vyasa and The events in the year of the Kuru war, in the Prabuddha Bharata.

I feel great pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of a letter from three great foreign scientists, addressed to the University Grants Com. on behalf of Dr. C.R. Shankaran, Phonetics Laboratory, Poona, who is a close friend of mine. He writes that you know him. It is learnt that the Central Govt. has referred the matter either to you or to Dr. M.S. Thacker, the secretary to the Ministry of Scientific Research. I request you to let me know the details about the disposal of this letter.

You know that I am at present working on the problem of fixing the debated Pandava period by collating astronomical, geographical and other evidence. In your laboratory I had a talk with Dr. Balakrishna about fixing ancient periods by the modern radio-active carbon method. He told me that <sup>he</sup> ~~he~~ is building up such an instrument for testing the period of buried wood or charcoal from ancient excavated sites. I wish to know if the instrument is completed and calibrated by taking samples of wood with known periods.

A reply will oblige me.

Yours sincerely  
V. B. Athavale.