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Dear Aasheesh,

RE: PASOC

Thank you for your letter

I am afraid there was some serious misunderstanding between the Bangalore and Coimbatore groups regarding the venue of the meeting. However, there is no point in continuing with the controversey. I have said in the coming Newsletter that the best policy is always : Least said soonest mended. I hope the Congress was a success.

Good wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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21 November, 1996

Ref: Yours dated 13/11/1996.

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Dear Mr. Futehally,

Thank you for both your letters of 13th instant, which I saw on returning from Coimbatore.

You may remove the first paragraph from my review of the Sultanpur booklet, if you think it will "make the piece more effective." I use it generally to break the ice, as they say.

If I were to write a note on the PASOC meeting, I would not do it justice. I did not attend many sessions and papers (3 sessions were on concurrently at times !), and also I missed the first two days of the meetings. Perhaps Santharam or Dr. Subramanya would be better candidates for this exercise. Will you please ask them instead?

The 'Bangalore Group', as they call themselves, are carrying things too far, as you rightly point out in your letter. In the process embarrassing and alienating themselves fruitlessly and falling prey to unnecessary ridicule. The least they can do now is stop circulating those preposterous letters to all and sundry, without realizing that they only fill waste-baskets.

I missed you, Mr. Lavkumar Khacher and Mr. Prakash Gole at the Conference. Your trio comprises a strong, elder-generation, non-scientific 'lobby' which has a sobering effect on the scientists of today. I wish you all had come. Anyway, some other time. Sri Lanka are the hosts for the next PASOC, in 2000 AD!

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

