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D.D.No.HM-5/47.

Dated New Delhi, 22nd Janry.1947.

Dear Dr.Krishnan,

The actual completion of the whole of the National Physical Laboratory may take nearly two years. The building operations will commence, I hope, early in April. Seeing that there are many distinguished physicists in India, I have agreed there should be no advertisement outside for the Director's place. I should like to know whether you will allow me to place your name before the meeting of the C.S.I.R. as my first choice. I shall keep this strictly confidential and I hope you will treat this as such. I hope you are willing to be considered, and let me place the matter formally before the Council. This will be one of our biggest laboratories. You being a member of the Planning Committee of this laboratory, ~~you~~ know all about the laboratory. I would very much like that you should be its first Director. The salary of the post of Director is Rs.2000-100-2500 with the provident fund contribution at the rate of  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  by the Council.

The person selected is not expected to join immediately, but I propose to recommend some sort of an honorarium to him if he is able to participate in the building and equipping programme from now till he is required full-time, say approximately in about a year's time. This will enable the Director to have adjustments made in the programme of the laboratory to suit his special requirements. I shall be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Prof.Sir K.S.Krishnan, D.Sc., FRS., *C. Rajagopalachari*  
The University, Allahabad.

P.S. Sir S.Radhakrishnan tells me he desires you to take charge of the Benares Hindu University and has written to you to that effect. If you are inclined to accept that offer, I shall be equally glad although that would mean I should look for a second best for the National Physical Laboratory.

*C.R*



New Delhi,  
The 23rd June 1947

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*Bru Wushnan*

I have a letter from Sir Maurice Gwyer favouring the idea of moving the National Physical Laboratory to the University area. Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar told me recently that there are very good reasons to stick to the site already fixed upon and that on explaining it he was able to convince you. What exactly is the position? May we take it as finally decided that you all prefer the site where the foundation stone has been laid?

Yours sincerely,

*C. Rajwade*

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THYAGARAYANAGAR,  
MADRAS.

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Dear Dr. Krishnan

I heard from Mr. Sambasiva that  
you were thinking of producing popular  
science books or articles in Tamil.

Whether it should be a journal giving  
articles to readers or books compiled  
each in itself is for you to decide.

There is a publisher who is keen  
on the subject & who desires to  
be of service in the undertaking.

You may correspond with him  
and take his help to make  
the venture financially sound.

Yours sincerely

Dr. K. S. Krishnan F.R.S.  
Professor of Physics

Dr. K. S. Krishnan

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22, Curzon Road, New De  
Dated the 25th Feby 1947

Dear Mr Rajagopalachari,

Allow me to thank you sincerely for your d.o. letter No. HM 5/47, and for the kind and generous sentiments expressed therein, which I greatly appreciate. As I mentioned to you personally, I agree gladly to be considered for nomination to the Directorship of the National Physical Laboratory. I may be required to give six months notice to my University before I can leave it.

It is indeed kind of you to provide for the Director-designate's being able to participate from now in the building and equipping programme of the Laboratory. I am looking forward to this and the other National Laboratories growing rapidly to their full stature under your sympathetic guidance

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The Hon'ble  
Shri C. Rajagopalachari,  
Member for Industries & Supplies  
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