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July 17, 1967.

Dear Professor Sreekantan,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Council has decided to offer you a post of Full Professor in the scale Rs.1400-70-1680-SG-70-1750-100-1950 on a starting salary of Rs.1610/- per month with effect from February 1, 1967. Your new appointment will be for a period of five years in the first instance, and will be governed by the Rules and Bye-laws of the Institute as modified from time to time.

Will you please let me have your acceptance of the post on the terms and conditions mentioned above?

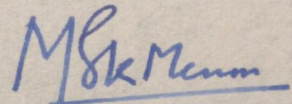
I take this opportunity of expressing the Council's appreciation of the very good work done by you. Each of the programmes with which you have been associated over the past decade, and for the success of which your efforts have been significant - the neutrino investigation deep underground in Kolar, the X-ray astronomy work at MIT, and the extensive air shower experiments at Ootacamund and at Kolar - have gained international recognition and brought credit to the Institute. I am confident that the work done in future by you and those working under your guidance will make even more important and

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and pioneering contributions to the advancement of physics and you  
may count on my full support in your efforts.

Yours sincerely,



M.G.K. Menon,  
DIRECTOR.

Professor B.V. Sreekantan,  
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July 28, 1967.

Dear Professor Menon,

Thank you very much for your letter dated July 17, 1967 informing me about the Council's decision to offer me the post of a Full Professor with effect from 1st February, 1967. I have great pleasure in accepting the same on the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter.

If there has been any significant contribution from the E.A.S. & Cloud Chamber group it is mainly because of the excellent co-operation that I received from my colleagues and the great personal interest which you have taken in the activities of the group.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



(B.V. Sreekantan)

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March 7, 1974

Dear Professor Sreekantan,

I am very happy to inform you that the Council has decided to invite you to be a Senior Professor in the Institute in the grade (G), Rs.2000-100-2500 at a salary of Rs.2200/- per month with effect from February 1, 1974. Your new appointment will be for a period of five years in the first instance and will be governed by the Rules and Bye-laws of the Institute as modified from time to time.

Will you please let me know your acceptance of the post on the terms and conditions mentioned above?

Since you joined the Institute a little over a quarter of a century ago in 1948, your interests in science have covered an extensive range, of elementary particle physics, extensive air showers and high energy interactions, deep underground cosmic ray phenomena, x-ray astronomy and other areas related to this; your experimental capabilities have covered a wide spectrum of techniques - cloud chambers, counters of many different types, large detector arrays operated for extended time periods with high stability, balloon and

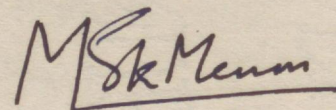
rocket-borne payloads etc.

I have been very impressed by the fact that more than half your publications, including the significant ones for which you are now internationally recognised, have appeared over the past few years since you were promoted to be a Full Professor in this Institute, demonstrating that instead of resting on your past achievements, you have continued to devote yourself whole-heartedly and energetically to research of a high order. A great deal of the work with which you have been recently associated rank amongst some of the best in the world in these fields.

You have been ~~the~~ driving force of your group and in this area of research at this Institute. What pleases me most is that you are still growing intellectually and in creativity; and with your wide base of interests and experience, I have every confidence that you will be able to produce work of a truly outstanding quality in the years ahead; and may I, on the occasion of this promotion, wish you, on behalf of the Council and myself, the very best in achieving this - so that the Institute and you can proudly justify the very basis for the setting up, and the existence, of an Institute of this type, namely work which truly pushes forward the frontiers of human knowledge?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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March 11, 1974

Dear Professor Menon,

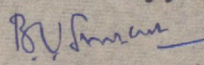
Thank you very much for your letter of March 7. I consider it a great honour to be offered the post of a Senior Professor in the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. I am happy to accept the same under the terms and conditions stipulated in your letter.

I am overwhelmed by the kind and generous appreciative remarks made concerning the scientific work carried out by me. I have essentially played the role of a group leader. In the field of extensive air showers and high energy interactions very significant contributions have been made by the two young scientists who obtained their Ph.D. with me in the last few years, Drs. S. C. Tonwar and R. H. Vatcha. It is indeed a tragedy that Dr. Vatcha passed away just at the time when he had started making important original contributions. The excellent and enthusiastic team work of Drs. P. C. Agrawal, R. K. Manchanda and Shri V. S. Iyengar has been responsible for the success of the X-ray astronomy programme. I am confident that very significant work will come out in the next few years from the KGF air shower project.

I need not emphasize that the success of these programmes are a direct consequence of the keen personal interest that you have shown and provided us the necessary support and encouragement at the crucial stages.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

  
( B. V. Sreekantan )

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