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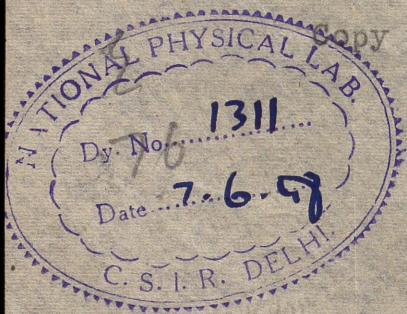
I attach herewith a copy of letter dated 24-5-48 received from the Director, National Physical Laboratory of India, Delhi. Mr. Cadembe has not yet got in touch with us but as soon as he calls, he will be requested to contact you regarding his proposed visit to the Signal Depot at Cossipore.

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S.T. Phadani
(S.T. Phadani),
Director of Disposals.

Director, United States Transfers Dte.,
6, Esplanade East, Calcutta.

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Copy to: The Director, National Physical Laboratory of India, University Buildings, Delhi. This has ref. to his letter dt. 24-5-48.

T.N. Ramachandran M.A.,
Superintendent,
Department of Archaeology

"Ratna Vilas",
Maharanipeta P.O.
Vizagapatam,
1st October 1948.

Dear Sir Krishnan,

My passage by ship (s.s.STRATHAIRD) has been arranged by Messrs. Govan Brothers Ltd., New Delhi, and I am to leave Bombay on the 21st October for U.K. I have no idea what amount I should take with me or how much warm clothing I should carry. The period of stay in the United Kingdom including the period of voyage from India to London and back will be ten months. The terms of my deputation are:-

- (a) Archaeological instruction, with special reference to Asia, in the Archaeological Institute of the University of London.
- (b) Specialisation in the art of teaching archaeological methods so that when they come back to India they can train others here.
- (c) Conducted visits to conservation work in progress under the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works in the United Kingdom.
- (d) Visits to selected museums in the U.K. and participation in a museum course organised by the Museums Association.
- (e) Visits to archaeological fieldwork in progress.
- (f) A short visit to Paris to make contact with French archaeologists and see the Musée Guimet.

In addition to my full Indian pay (which I am arranging to be paid to my establishments in India, one at Madras, one at Chidambaram and the third at Waltair), I have been informed by the Government that I am entitled to:-

- (1) Sea passage both ways
- (2) Travelling expenses in the countries visited in accordance with the Rules
- (3) An allowance of £1 a day in the U.K. or the equivalent thereof on the continent
- (4) Equipment allowance of Rs.300/- on the condition that the amount is spent on the purchase of warm clothes and nothing else. This is also subject to the condition that the same has not been drawn from Government's funds on a previous occasion
- (5) Fees, if any, charged for training in Institutions abroad.

Being absolutely new to travel of this kind which involves stay in very cold climate for ten months I have no other alternative than to seek your advice and be guided by you in every way. My Director General who was addressed is not at all sure if the High Commissioner in London will be able to arrange my accommodation and boarding (even temporarily) in London. I addressed a few English friends in London on the subject but they are all silent. As I have to be in London in the 1st week of November and stay in the United Kingdom for ten months, you are my 'sarana'. I am requesting you therefore to exert yourself on my behalf and to straighten for me this boarding and lodging problem in London so as to suit my health (asthma) and my conscience (which like yours is God fearing). I want to be a strict vegetarian and can you help me to that end? I do not want to be stranded on reaching London. Dr. Vijayaraghavan assures me that having entrusted myself to your care I should not have any worry. As you are reaching London by the middle of October, may I request you to be my godfather and to help me in all ways so that my mission to U.K. may prove a success. I hope you and Dr. Bhagavantam will discuss me and my problem threadbare and let me know before I leave India.

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I do not know how much woollen clothing I must take with me. I have stitched three woollen suitings as per Dr. Vijayaraghavan's instructions. Please let me know if this will do.

There is yet another matter about which Dr. Vijayaraghavan is writing to you separately, which you will kindly look into and arrange for necessary rectification. I hope to hear from you before you start and also to be excused for the trouble.

I am closing this letter with the Lord's assurance to the supplicant ..

अनन्याः चिन्तयन्तो मां ये जनाः पर्युपासते ।
तेषां निष्पत्तिर्युक्तानां योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम् ॥

Yours sincerely,

J. N. Ramachandran
1.10.48

To

Sir K.S. Krishnan, Kt., F.R.S.,
Director, National Physical Laboratory,
University Buildings, Delhi.