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My Dear Professor Krishnan,

Just this morning I learned from Mr. M. Rama Rao a research scholar in the Physics Department of the Central College that when he last met you at Baroda etc. (during the Service Congress) you were telling him that you would have to vacate your laboratory at Baso Bazaar (owing to the War) and that you had offers from Hyderabad and from Nagpur of facilities for work.

You remember the Mysore University offered you a Chair of Physics at the Central College but you could not accept the offer. I am wondering whether, in view of the altered circumstances, you would reconsider your decision. The position here is briefly this:— Applications for the junior Professorship have just been received and at the last meeting of the University Council (Synod) we appointed a committee of eminent Physicists to go thro' the applications and make recommendations to the Council. The Committee, however, will take 2 or 3 months to function and so, if you are prepared to reconsider the offer from our University this is the appropriate time to act.

Among the applicants in the run for the post are Dr R. S. Krishnan, (fresh from Cambridge) Dr S. Ramachandrarao of Annamalai and Dr L. Srinivas from the Central College. While we are impressed by the brilliance of Dr R. S. Krishnan we feel he is too young to be the head of the Department a year hence when Prof. A. V. Tilak retires. Furthermore there is a

Ewe' doesn't mean Univ. Council.  
or refers to some members of it.

General feeling that if possible only a Mysorean should be appointed Professor permanently. The trouble about the appointment of a Mysorean is that Dr Saraiya the best qualified local man, has certain personal qualities that scarcely strengthen his claims for the post. It appears to me that the University Council will be inclined to have you here for a period of 3 or 5 years (or for the duration of the war - to suit your convenience) if you reopen the question. I must tell you that I have not yet discussed the question either with the Vice-Chancellor or with any of my colleagues in the Council. I am merely giving you my personal opinion of how the land lies. So, if you have not definitely fixed up Hyderabad or Mysore as the scene of your scientific activity during the war and if you feel inclined to reopen the matter with the Mysore University, I would earnestly request you to write a D.O. to the new Vice-Chancellor (Mr E. G. McAlpine M.A.). The Council meets on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at Mysore and I am sure the Vice-Chancellor will place the letter before the Council in an informal way and consult us.

Kindly let me know what your decision is.  
Please treat this letter as strictly confidential.

Kindest Regards  
yours sincerely  
B. Saraiya Rao.