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"RAMA MANDIR",  
VICEROY ROAD,  
MYSORE.

Date 18<sup>th</sup> February 1955

My dear D: Krishnan - I have just read an  
announcement in the Indian Express of 17/2/55  
about your appointment as the D. S. Z. R.

May I take this, my earliest opportunity,  
to offer you my felicitations?

With best regards,

Ys sincerely,  
V. Subrahmanyan



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The Private Secretary to the  
Hon'ble Minister for Natural Resources &  
Scientific Research,  
Government of India,  
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have  
this day addressed to our Council. It is in continuation of  
my earlier letter dealing with the Working Committee of the  
Food Defence Research and deals with the broader issue which  
may kindly be taken up with the appropriate Ministerial level.

It is an open secret that, during all these years, ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup>  
different Ministries have thought only of the people immediately  
concerned with them. I am hoping, however, that if our Hon'ble  
Minister could now pursue the subject, a broader and a more  
generous outlook will prevail and that some useful results will  
soon follow.

Thanking you for kindly bringing this to the notice of  
the Hon'ble Minister and necessary further action,

Yours faithfully,

(V. Subrahmanyan)  
DIRECTOR

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Minister of Natural Resources,  
Govt. of India.

*\*sent to Dy.  
Director (Tech),  
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Cheluvamba Mansion,  
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Mysore, Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1955.

From

The Director,  
Central Food Technological Research Institute,  
MYSORE.

To

The Secretary,  
Council of Scientific & Industrial Research,  
Old Mill Road, NEW DELHI-2.

Dear Sir,

I am submitting the following note with the request that it may be submitted to our Hon'ble Minister for kind consideration and necessary further action.

This Institute is a National Laboratory and deals with a variety of subjects which are covered by nearly six or seven separate institutions in the United Kingdom. The Institute is doing work which should be of interest and value to the Ministries of Defence, Food and Agriculture, Health, and Industries and Commerce. For practical purposes, we belong to all the Ministries who write to us directly whenever there are important enquiries to be dealt with.

Although this Institute has been in existence for the past six and odd years, we have not so far had even a single opportunity for representation on any of the important International Conferences or Committees. Although our subject is dealt with, under different heads by no less than three Divisions of the Food & Agriculture Organisation, we have not so far had the privilege of sending a representative to any of the Conferences; nor have we been represented at any of the Committees where we could have made material contributions. Similarly, there are the meetings of the W.H.O. and various other organisations like the UNICEF whose problems are closely allied to those which we study, but on whose bodies, we have no representation. The nominations to all these Bodies are made by the other Ministries and none of them has so far thought fit to ask for representation from this Institute. In some cases where we ourselves make a recommendation, it is not accepted as in the recent case of the meeting of the Working Committee of Food Defence Research.

We are now entering the era of Second Plan with a hopeful outlook for the future. We are all concerned with the working of the Plan and in this, there cannot and should not exist any departmental barrier. Institutions like ours belong to the whole country and thus to all the Ministries. It is with this outlook that the problems have to be approached and the fullest possible use made of our facilities, talent and experience.

We would feel thankful therefore if the subject could be raised with the appropriate authorities so that the different Ministries could consider our Institute as coming on the same footing as those coming immediately under them. This Institute should be considered as much for representation on International Bodies like the F.A.O. and its Committees, W.H.O. and its Committees, the UNICEF, the UNESCO and other Bodies. Such representations will not only help to develop a better feeling of

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unity, but also inspire more confidence in us. We could also perform our functions more effectively and with intimate understanding of the problems involved.

I have taken the liberty of addressing this letter after watching the situation for a number of years. As the conditions have continued to be practically the same, we have thought it desirable to draw attention to the actual position, so that the authorities concerned may also become acquainted with the actual situation and note how we feel about it. We do hope that a fresh outlook would soon prevail and that this Institute will be treated with the same generosity and consideration as should be accorded to a National Institution of this type.

Thanking you for necessary action and advice,

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
DIRECTOR

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DR. V. SUBRAHMANYAN

"RAMA MANDIR",  
VICEROY ROAD,  
MYSORE.

Date 27<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1955

My dear Dr. Krishnan - I have taken the liberty of writing to you because you are our immediate superior and are responsible for our interests. I do not know whether the country is doing the right thing in creating a new order of titles, but when that is done, the contributions of people in various lines should be fully taken into account.

If Dr. Bhatnagar were alive, he would, sooner or later, have striven his best to secure some appreciation for the Herculean efforts made by some of his people to bring the Laboratories into existence. Apart from that, many of the people had a background and had made contributions even before they joined the Council. The organisations, ~~from~~ which the people had previously served, will not be interested in them. Only the Council should present their full cases.

Some years ago, the President and all our other leaders took the keenest interest in the 'Composting' of wastes. This saved the country crores of rupees. The work started ~~and the new~~ at Bangalore and the new method of 'Hot Fermentation' was evolved by me. All the work on Sewage Utilization was started by us. There have also been several other lines the value of which has been more appreciated elsewhere. At Bangalore, I was the senior-most among

the Professor. I gave up that place - with whatever  
further opportunities it carries - to join the Council.  
The Bangalore Institute has forgotten me and  
things are just what they are in our Council.

It may be presumptuous on my part  
to have addressed you this letter. There is no one  
else to whom one can present one's case. The Central  
Office will probably file such letters.

I would feel thankful if you can  
at least draw the attention of the Ministry to  
the need for the recognition of our people, both  
through their scientific contributions and through their  
service to the Council.

With greetings and best regards,

Yours sincerely,  
J. Subramanyam