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My dear Krishnan,

The young man who works with you on the electron emission problem has called to see me about a proposal that he go abroad to study electronics. He seems a good physicist and it is well worthwhile encouraging him to study the subject intensively in some recognized world centre. He tells me that he does not want to work for another degree, (a disease which adversely affects the value of work abroad by many Indians) but that he wishes only to obtain the best possible instruction and experience.

The two centres which appeal most to me as suitable for him, are Manchester, with F.C. Williams, or Stanford, where a splendid tradition still prevails. I believe that he could do more original work and receive greatest stimulation in Manchester, were he a really mature electronics man, but under the circumstances I have advised him to go to Stanford where postgraduate instruction is more organized than in England, yet closely in touch with important advances in the field. Harvard and MIT are too impersonal and too far removed from research in their post-graduate courses. Other centres in England and America are good, but they are all too specialized for the purpose in mind.

It is easy to stay too long in these post-graduate schools, I should have thought that a year was ample for a man of his calibre to get to grips with the subject- at most 18 months.

It has been a great experience to see so much of India and of Indian Science, and especially to have met old friends again. I look forward to returning again before very long.

With kind regards and best wishes

yours sincerely

sd/-M.L.Oliphant