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My dear Prof. Krishnan,

I am proposing to stay in Allahabad for a week with you if convenient on my way to Delhi for the Science Congress. I would like to stay between 24th & 31st Dec in Allahabad before proceeding to Delhi. My wife & possibly one daughter (Sarojini) may come with me but they hope to stay with a lady doctor friend of my wife. Please let me know if it is convenient to put me up for a week.

With best regards

yours sincerely

K. V. Krishnan

Calcutta, 18. 4. 1947

My dear Sir K.S. K,

I saw your letter to my son Chama. He will be giving you the required information. It is indeed very nice of you to promise help.

I am thinking of going to Delhi shortly for a week or ten days. I would like to meet you on my way there and spend the day with you. As soon as I decide the date I will inform you by wire. It will be next week most probably.

The Secretaryship of The Indian Research Fund Association is fallen vacant. Col Cotter the public health Commissioner was holding the post in an honorary capacity. Now they are going to have a paid man on Rs 2000. They have advertised the post & want an Indian of high scientific qualifications. Since I have been a worker under the I.R.F.A & has been a member of many of the advisory Committees I am fully acquainted with the work & feel like applying for the post. I am told that lot of wire pulling is likely to be done by influential candidates & question other than merit & fitness

may influence Selection. Since I can't
pull any wires I can only depend on my
own achievements & fitness. I believe
Sir Gopalswamy Dhanoo is one of the
members of the Selection Committee. I
wonder if you know him. If so I would
like him to know all facts about me
so that he may judge the Candidates
equitably. I am sending a brief Summary
of my Career. You know all about me
& I need say no further. If you can
write to him I am sure he will put up
a strong fight against any hanky panky
that may be attempted on Communal or
other grounds. I shall let you know
later who the other members are. Raja
of Parlatumedi is another. Oulsooan Secretary
of Health Dept of India is also one.
Do you think you could do something
to help me in this.

I am now definitely Scheduled
to go to America in Sept and I am
making all arrangements. You told
me that you could spare some dollars
there. I am prepared to pay here in
rupees. Could you kindly let me
know how much you can conveniently
spare for me.

With sincerest regards & goodwishes
& hoping to meet you soon

Yours sincerely
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My dear Sir K.S.,

Thanks very much for your kind letter.

I will be going to the States probably in September. The Foundation is making arrangements & I expect to hear definitely next month.

I have applied for the post of Secretary D.R.F.A. The atmosphere in Calcutta is not the same as before and I very much like to change my place of work. I am told that Dr Raja has also applied & is likely to be not favoured. The name of the post is erroneous.

It is not a "Secretary" they want but a medical research worker of high standing & wide experience for planning, organising, coordinating & guiding all research schemes under the D.R.F.A. Also, I am told, this post will merge into the post of director of medical research in India. If that is so they do want a research man & not an office secretary. Raja would be highly suitable for the latter but not for the former.

He has neither high academic qua-
lifications nor sufficient research
experience. But you know well
how the official mind works or
at least, has been working all
these years. They have a man
in view for a post & then ^{they advertise}
for it, for show. I do not know
if this is another such ~~also~~ ^{instance}. Anyhow
I am an applicant. I am
neither unduly pessimistic nor
optimistic. If I hear there
will be fair play & no favouritism
then I may go up for interview
if called.

Since the changes are taking
place it is likely that our present
director may be posted elsewhere.
In that case I do not know what
my chances will be. Being the Senior
most & best fitted for the post in all
other ways I shd be given. In any
case if they treat me shabbily as
they have done in the past I will
be retiring & taking pension.
I can't bear any more injustices
done to me.

I am thankful to you for
interest you are taking. With kindest
regards & wishing you all success
in your new job. Yours sincerely
K. V. Krishna Rao