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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Natural Resources & Scientific Research

New Delhi, 6th June, 1955.

D.O.No. 21(31)/55-804

My dear Dr. Krishnan,

I enclose in original some papers forwarded by the Ministry of External Affairs and should be grateful for your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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(K.N.Kaul)

Dr. K.S. Krishnan,
Director,
National Physical Laboratory,
New Delhi.

9 June 1955

Dear Mr Kaul,

Thank you very much for your D.O. No.21(31)55 SR II dated June 6, 1955, and for the copy enclosed therewith of letter No M 1741/113/55 dated 25 May 1955, from Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for the U.K. in South East Asia, Singapore, to Shri R. K. Tandon, Commissioner for the Government of India in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya, Singapore.

I accept with much pleasure the invitation from the President of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council to be the Guest Speaker at the first full meeting of the Council to be held at the University of Malaya from 17th to 19th December this year. I much appreciate the honour, and request you to convey to Mr Malcolm MacDonald, the President of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council, my acceptance and my sincere thanks for the invitation.

With kind regards

yours sincerely

Copy of letter M174/113/55 dated 25.5.55 from Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner General for the UK in South East Asia, Singapore to Shri R.K.Tandon, Commissioner for the Govt of India in Singapore and the Federation of Malaya

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council, the Premier scientific body in Malaya, to seek your good offices in approaching your government on a matter connected with the first full meeting of the Council, due to take place at the University of Malaya from the 17th - 19th December this year.

It had previously been my intention to make the opening address on the first day of the meeting. This was to have been followed by a speech from an eminent guest scientist. Although I shall not now be here to play any part, we all hope that a distinguished visiting scientist will address the opening gathering. This leads me to the purpose of this letter

The Central Committee of the Pan Malayan Scientific advisory council have recently met to consider who the guest speaker should be. The names of several well known scientists were put forward, and as a result, it was unanimously agreed that the two most suited for our purpose would be either Sir Kariamanikkam Srinivasa Krishnan of the Board of Sc and Industrial Research, or Professor H.J.Bhabha of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay in that order.

I should be most grateful, therefore, if you would be so kind as to ask your government to approach Sir K.S. Krishnan, in the first place to enquire whether he would do us the very great honour of addressing the Council at its first full meeting at the opening session on the evening of the 17th December, Should Sir K.S.Krishnan not, for any reason

be available, then I would be grateful if Professor H.J Bhabha could be approached instead.

Owing to the limited funds at the disposal of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council, I regret that it is not possible to invite more than one guest speaker, but the Council have agreed to meet the travelling and all other incidental expenses connected with the visitor's trip to Singapore.

On learning the result of your enquiries I shall ask the Vice Chancellor of the University to get in touch with our guest so that suggestions regarding the general topic of his speech be mutually arranged. The Vice Chancellor would also be able to let him have in due course a copy of the agreed programme for the 2½ days Meeting.

I am enclosing, as an annexure to this letter, a copy of an article which is proposed to have published in the Scientific publication 'Nature', regarding the functions of the P.M.S.A.C., and containing the names of the six technical chairmen and that of the technical secretary.

I am enclosing sending a copy of this letter to the High Commissioner for the UK in India.

PAN MALAYAN SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL STATEMENT FOR
'NATURE' AND 'MALAYA'

The Govts of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore and the University of Malaya have agreed to implement a suggestion made by the Commission on University Education in Malaya that a Scientific Advisory Council of Malaya should be set up, representative of the two Governments and the University of Malaya and including experts from the planting and mining industries and the fields of agriculture and medicine.

The Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council has as its President, the Chancellor of the University of Malaya. Its functions are to promote the spread of scientific information to advise on scientific problems relating to Malaya and to advise on and assist in the coordination and finance of scientific research with power to receive and administer endowments, donations and grants. Participation in the work of the Council and its committees by the Governments of Sarawak North Borneo and Brunei will be welcomed, if they so desire.

The main work of the Scientific Advisory Council will be undertaken by Technical Committees, Six of these Committees have been set up. They will deal with Social Science and Anthropology, Animal and Vegetable Life and Resources, Medical and Veterinary matters, Economic Affairs Mineral Resources and the Physical Sciences. Each technical Committee will have a membership which will make it truly representative of the work undertaken in its field by the University of Malaya, the Malayan Governments and other research interests in the field with which it is concerned.

The Chairman of the 6 technical committees, together with 3 representatives from the Govt of the Federation of Malaya

two from the Govt of Singapore and two from the University of Malaya form a Central Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Assistant Commissioner-General for Colonial Affairs, which coordinates the research activities of the Technical Committees and prepares for the annual meetings of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council.

The membership of the full Scientific Advisory Council includes all who serve on this Central Committee and the Technical Committees.

The Chairmen of the six Technical Committees and their addresses are as follows:-

Mr D.W.Le Mare M.A. P.O. Box 459 Penang	Animal & Vegetable Life and Resources
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Dr J. W. Field, C.M.G. M.D. Institute for Medical Research Kuala Lumpur	Medical & veterinary
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Sir Sydney Caine, KCMG University of Malaya Singapore	Economic Affairs
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Professor E.H.G.Dobby BA PhD University of Malaya Singapore	Mineral Resources
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Professor R.A.Robinson DSc PhD FRIC FNZIC University of Malaya Singapore	Physical sciences
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Professor T. H. Silcock MA DPhil University of Malaya Singapore	Social Science and anthropology
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The technical secretary of the Pan Malayan Scientific Advisory Council is

Dr Kiang Ai Kim PhD FRIC
University of Malaya
Singapore

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New Delhi, 8th May, 1954

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My dear Dr. Krishnan,

I saw P.M. this morning and enclose a copy of my letter to Dr. Parthasarathy for your information.

Yours sincerely,

K.N. Kaul
(K.N. Kaul).

Dr. K.S. Krishnan, FRS.,
Director, National Physical
Laboratory,
New Delhi.

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8th May,

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Dear Dr. Parthasarathy,

I am glad to inform you that the Prime Minister has agreed to your attending the Silver Jubilee Session of the Acoustical Society of America and the Symposium to be held in the Brown University. Permission of the Cabinet is being sought and formal orders will issue with regard to your deputation on receipt of its approval. This is, however, only for your advance information. I have informed Dr. K.S. Krishnan.

Yours sincerely,

(K.N. Kaul).

Dr. S. Parthasarathy,
National Physical Laboratory,
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