

September 23, 1977

Dear Krishna,

I have read and reread your letter. It is quite difficult to believe. We, here in the States live in some kind of isolation and find it difficult to accept what is happening in other countries. I have read your letter to other colleagues and they were somewhat aghast at what you had written. We all have the idea that India is still the India of Ghandi-not Indira of course. We find it difficult to believe that mans inhumanity to man continues unabated to this very day. I belong to Amnesty International and, of course, receive their literature so I am aware of what is going on. But I still find it difficult to accept that such things occur- as they do in South America, Russia, and it appears in India. I am glad that you are free now to move around and can only hope that your movability continues. Also that your new government will proceed along more orderly and humane lines toward a democratic state. I have never visited India but I have it on my list of places to visit. I have always longed to see the Taj Mahal- I just hope that it will be there as I have read that an oil refinery is going to be built down the road from it.

I am quite well. As you know we spent 6 months in England, in Brighton, at the University of Sussex where I learned cell culture techniques and came home last September. So I have been home one year. I am planning my next sabbatical even though I have to wait 6 more years before I can get one.

I am in the midst of teaching now. I teach the first year medical students all their protein chemistry, hemoglobin, collagen and plasma protein chemistry. I am also involved in a project related to the mutagenicity of tuberculin and a project concerned with the modification of bovine arteries to make them non-clotting so that they may be used in humans as replacement vessels.

Last year my older daughter married and this year she made me a grandfather by having a little boy. So my wife and I are quite happy with our new grandchild. My younger daughter is in her third year of college and I hope that she will go on to medical school.

I spent a very pleasant and relaxing summer on Cape Cod which is a very pleasant beach area in the state of Massachusetts. The weather during the month of August was ~~xxxx~~ warm and my wife and I enjoyed relaxing. I work in the library of the Biological Institute where we live and in the afternoons I relax on the beach by reading. In the evening we go to the theatre or just sit and talk with friends. A low-key quiet life for one month. Then I come back ready to work for the next 10 months.

I was upset to hear of your problems and very glad to hear of its happy ending. Please get well and stay well.

Best wishes to you and your wife,

Sincerely yours,  
Dad.

P.S. Had a bit of adventure. My car was stolen from its parking place on one of the streets near my home. It was recovered within a few days. I sold it and it was stolen from the people I sold it to. And then it was recovered. Why anyone would want this 10 year old car is difficult to understand. I now have a new 1977 car.

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