

July 5, 1985

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Dear Shri Tata,

The 19th International Conference on Cosmic Rays is scheduled to be held at La Jolla in California, USA, during the period August 11-23, 1985. I plan to attend this Conference as I am a member of the IUPAP Commission on Cosmic Rays and also to present some of our work in the field of cosmic ray radiation.

After the Conference, I would like to honour a long-standing invitation I have from the University of Maryland and Goddard Space Flight Centre in Washington, to spend 10 to 12 weeks with them and deliver a course of lectures on topics of my research - cosmic rays, X-ray/gamma-ray astronomies, neutrino interactions, proton decay, etc. This would also give me an opportunity to get familiar with the current developments in some of these fields through interaction with scientists at Maryland and Goddard and through visits to institutions in and around Washington, viz. Naval Research Laboratory, the Space Telescope Institute and the Franklin Institute.

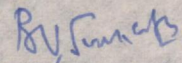
I have discussed this programme with Dr Ramanna, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and he agrees that this would be an appropriate time for me to spend some time in the US for the

purpose stated above. My expenses during the stay in Maryland would be covered by a suitable honorarium from the University. I request you to approve the above programme and treat the period of my absence, August 10 to November 15, as on deputation (sabbatical leave). Since 1975, the only occasion when I have been away for a couple of months is in 1978 when I was at the Institute for Space and Aeronautics, Tokyo as a Visiting Professor. You had kindly approved my visit at that time on a similar basis, a copy of which I enclose.

Since my absence is only for a period of three months, I think it is not necessary to make any officiating appointment. The Dean, Physics Faculty and the Dean, Mathematics Faculty will take care of the academic aspects, and the Registrar, in consultation with the Chairman, Standing Committee on Administration, will deal with the administrative matters. They will also keep in touch with me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



B.V. Sreekantan

Encl.

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*Dear Shree Kantan,*

I was glad to learn from your letter of the 6th instant of the invitation you have received from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science under their Visiting Professorship Programme. I warmly approve of your acceptance of the invitation and agree that the period of absence be treated as on deputation. I trust suitable arrangements will be made during your absence.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*J.R.D. Tata*

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*P.S. We discussed the above on the 7th*

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