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the end I found that unless I accepted the offer here, I wouldn't be able to do any further constructive work (such as I had planned) or would be able to meet the various needs of different branches of my family - all had sprung from Pakistan - and some of them very dependent when I have to support from here. It was really a hard choice, having to leave India and accept a permanent job here, but in my circumstances I had practically no option left.

Her of course, it is all very quiet and very conducive to quiet steady work. The pay also is such that I can make both ends meet - in India and here and the end is back in India. My post is permanent but, maybe, I might return to India a few years hence - if conditions at that end would permit. ~~At least~~

I would like to know

Dear Professor Madhava Rao,

This is about Mr. M. V. Tamburthian, between in Madurai, Mysore University and now under statistical training at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, who, I understand, is a candidate for a Professor's post in Statistics in the Mysore University and who would be a short while ago to write to you about him, if I thought it fit and proper and if I considered him suitable for the post. Mr. Tamburthian has been nearly two years now in the Institute undergoing the two-year training there. He has been doing quite well there and I was considerably impressed by his keenness, diligence, character and aptitude for both research and application. He has had a thorough grounding in both statistical theory and applications and I have no doubt he will make a success of any teaching or teaching-research job in Statistics.

I wonder, of course, how far it is proper for me to write to you on a matter like this, which might have the look of trying to influence your unbiased judgment - in a slightly unwarranted fashion. You may take it, however, that all this is without any prejudice to the cause of that this candidate also some of whom might be as good as or even better than Tamburthian. I can only write to you what I know about Tamburthian and can't and of course shouldn't go into any further

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of comparison or relative ~~assessment~~ evaluation.

Now a little about myself. About a couple of months ago I came over here with my family and joined the University of North Carolina as a Professor in the Department of Mathematical Statistics. My friend R. C. Son is also here with his family and I live pretty close to him. I spent about seven months last year in U.S.A. as a visiting Professor in some Universities and it is true that I had the offer. I still quite a long time in ~~making~~ reaching a decision about my move, because, at the moment, I had great reluctance in leaving my country for a long stay. What appears to be long ~~stay~~ offer my engagements in U.S. had been over I returned to India last September, but the situation in India - both general and in particular so far as it affected me (I had come from East Pakistan - where I have lost everything - but I had them) - tended to grow worse and worse, and in

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how you are all doing. Do you  
hear from Prof U.S. Nair or  
Prof Madhava Rao?  
I put my boys to school  
here (I have two boys children  
- two boys) and they and my  
wife are getting settled  
down.  
With best wishes and  
greetings to you all  
Yours sincerely  
S.N. Roy

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