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Respected Sir,

You are a giant scholar, whereas I am a man of straw. Yet the catholicity of your heart will, I have no manner of doubt, allow this humble self to address your noble self epistolarily. For aught that I have on many an occasion heard of you from my father Dr Hari das Bagehi (who, serving the Dept. of Pure Mathematics, Calcutta University as a Lecturer, retired a few years back as the Hardinge Professor), I cherish the idea that the research-spirit inherent in you will allow me to have my say, although, I beg to note, I do not intend trading on the reputation of my father but do submit the following.

I prosecuted the M.A. course of studies in Applied Mathematics but due to a serious break-down of health which invalidated me for some time I could not continue taking the M.A. Examination beyond a few papers. But, Sir, I am, nevertheless, the humble author of a piece of research paper (entitled "Note on the Folium of Des Cartes" in the domain of Pure Maths.), which merited recognition at the hands of foreign savants like Carlslaw of Australia, Levi Ci Vita of Italy and others. The same was published, while I was an M.A. student. Some of my labours (as yet unpublished) were concentrated on some branches of Applied Maths., one of which, I beg to note, related to an extension of a celebrated result (in Ramsay's Hydrodynamics), which ~~was~~ ^{was} shown to have some striking semblance with a few remarkable properties of the Functions of a Complex Variable. ... While prosecuting M.A. studies in Applied Math., I tried to dwell on a self-initiated extension of an important result, made ~~of~~ a mention of in Love's Theory of Elasticity, which was the special paper. I took up.

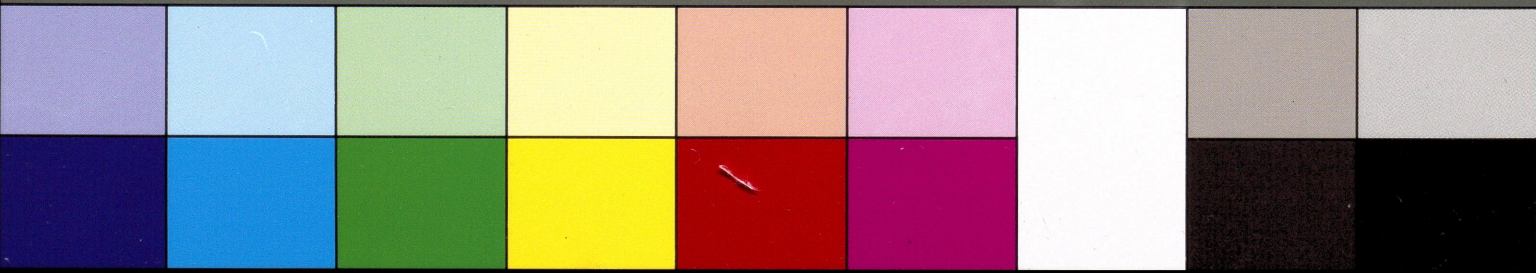
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Initiations such as the above were all self-done, for at that time my father was for a couple of years confined to bed. Shortly thereafter I was ill and all the hopes and aspirations were razed to the ground.

The Institute of Armament Studies, whereof yourself is the Prof. of Math. & Ballistics, provides for researches. Under your kind guidance and patronage I desire to carry on ungrudgingly.

I feel sure that if you care to raise your little finger in my favour, I shall succeed. And it is to that end that I address this lengthy letter to you and snatch away a portion of your valuable time. I ask myself this question:

'To whom else could I appeal and who but a genuine researcher could feel my pulse?' The "Sturm und drang" of life have upset my hopes and aspirations.

I pray you will be so kind as to view it with good and executive ~~good~~ graces and to let me know whether you can and will absorb me in your celebrated Institute.

With deep reverence,

Yours obediently
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