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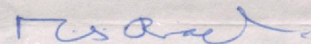
Dear Professor Sreekantan,

I am writing this in connection with two matters. First, about our centre in Bangalore. I am sorry that I did not get to talk to you about after Srikanth and Vanninathan met you in September (I missed you when you passed through Bombay both on the way out and way in). Meetings between our representatives and those of IISc are in progress but from the reports we have we are rather pessimistic about the outcome. The main problem is that what the IISc representatives seem to demand of us amounts to our centre functioning as part of their Mathematics Department and that without our people having any of the normal privileges and support facilities offered to IISc staff. Following your advice we are not taking the step of suggesting the termination of our collaboration. However it seems to me that inevitably the collaboration is going to end. That in any event is what the IISc Mathematics Departments seems to want.

The second thing I want to bring up is not entirely unrelated to the first. Prof. Ramachandra who is due to retire in September 96 wants to move to Bangalore a few months ahead. He would like to go there by April 1996. In the present impasse in our dealings with IISc, our placing him in the TIFR Centre is evidently not advisable. In such a context I am wondering if NIAS can help us by inviting Ramachandra to spend some time there (TIFR can then depute him with full salary). Please let me know if this can be arranged.

With best regards, also to Ratna from both Ramaa and myself.

Yours sincerely,



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