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May 19, 1980.

Dear Prof. Howell,

I am thankful to you for sending me, sometime back, a few of your reprints and hope that you had received some of mine despatched to you subsequently.

I have been following some of the important work carried out in your department, that is of interest to me. Last October we had sent a short note to Copeia on absence of female heterogamety in Gambusia affinis population from India. Few days back we received a communication from Dr. Gerald Smith to say that this paper had been "pre-empted at the time we had submitted it". There was also reference of similar work from your group (Copeia, 1979, 509). I congratulate you on this interesting finding and would appreciate receiving a reprint of the same. As for our studies, we are doing our best to determine the sub-species we have studied.

I am presently engaged in the study of mutagenic effects of certain heavy metals using fish as an in vivo cytogenetic model. This forms the topic of my Doctoral dissertation of the Bombay University (Zoology), which I hope to complete by September this year. For my Master's degree (Zoology) I had carried out certain genetic studies (chromosomes, haemoglobin, muscle and serum protein) on two Carp species and their F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> hybrids.


I am anxious to have some postdoctoral training and am wondering whether you can provide me a placement in your department. I cannot think of a better place than yours. I shall be highly obliged if you will consider my request favourably and let me have a reply in due course. After hearing from you I shall send my Curriculum vitae.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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July 8, 1980

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Dear Miss Krishnaja:

Thank you for your letter of 19 May 1980. I am sorry that we "pre-empted you on your Gambusia paper". You probably have Gambusia affinis holbrooki subspecies there in India.

As to your question regarding post-doctoral training, I can only say that at present, we do not have any funds to support a post-doctoral person. If you could find a way to support yourself financially, I would be happy to have you in my laboratory as a co-investigator and researcher.

Best of luck on you work.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Howell,

Thank you very much for your  
letter of 8<sup>th</sup> July 1980.

The *Gambusia* specimens studied by us have  
been found to be holbrooki. We got these samples  
identified by the British Museum. As information on  
its origin in India, obtained from the Zoological  
Survey of India also confirms the above. I now wonder  
whether it is worthwhile to submit one paper in the  
form of a short note as a matter of information on  
the G. affinis populations from India. Kindly advise  
me in the matter.


I am grateful to you for your considered views  
regarding a postdoctoral training for me. I am herewith  
sending my Curriculum vitae along with a short note on  
my present work. If all goes well, I hope to submit  
my thesis by September, 1980.

I shall be much obliged, if you can explore the  
possibilities of including me for a postdoctoral training in  
your existing programme or in any suitable project you  
may contemplate to have in the near future. This is because  
I am anxious to get acquainted with the newer methods in chromo-  
some studies with a view to continue my work in mutagenesis. I  
would also like to mention here that it is rather difficult for  
me to get any financial aid from this end and hence this  
special request to you.

I do hope you will do your best in the matter.

Thanking you and with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,  
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Dear Miss Krishnaja:

Thank you for your letters. I am sorry that I had not answered your first letter, but it was mis-filed and I had forgotten where I put it.

I do feel that your Indian population of Gambusia affinis holbrooki is worthy of publication. I shall look forward to seeing your paper on this interesting population. Please make sure I get a reprint when they become available.

I am pleased that you will be receiving your doctorate shortly. Unfortunately, I have no funds available to support a post-doctoral fellow in my laboratory. It is too bad since your research interests and mine are so closely related.

I am sorry that I do not have the funds to support you and your research. You would be most welcome to work in my laboratory if you could come up with support money.

Sincerely,

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