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Mylapore, Madras 4  
27. CHOWRINGHÉE.

DR. M. S. KRISHNAN,

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT,  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

~~CALCUTTA~~ 7. 7. 47

My dear Krishnan,

S. Krishneswami of my Dept. for whom you kindly ordered some books from Hetherington last year, has received 2 books; one last year & one just now.

- a) Economic mineral deposits by Bateman \$ 7.<sup>00</sup>  
b) Geology & Engineering by Leffert \$ 5.<sup>00</sup>

You will see from the enclosed bill that they have charged at 5 shillings per dollar. So the total would come to

$12 \times 5 = 60$  shillings +  $\frac{2}{6}$  for postage. This would be equivalent to Rs 41-11-0 at Rs  $13\frac{1}{3}$  per £ (1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> = Re 1)

I am adding Re 1 for exchange and sending you a cheque on Calcutta for Rs 43/=, enclosed herewith.

Your kind telegram of congratulations for the marriage of my daughter. Many thanks. My son-in-law is an Asst. Geologist in my Dept, working in this Circle

Hope you are well. Venkateswara Iyer passed thro here a few days ago.

Yours affly  
M. S. Krishnan

There was still another book on the shelf evidently intended for Krishnan. Verily M.S.K. 22/7/47

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29. 5. 47

My Dear Krishnan,

Your kind letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> has just reached me. I returned here on Tuesday (27<sup>th</sup>). I was told yesterday that you had telephoned me while you were in Madras. I tried the no. given by you yesterday but got no answer. I am so glad that you have written, for I was about to write to you.

I returned by plane to Delhi on the 16<sup>th</sup> and after seeing the Secretary to the W.M.P. dept. proceeded to Calcutta. I heard at Delhi that you had accepted the Directorship of the N.P.L. I see that nothing has been done to the building beyond the laying of the foundation stone.

I am to attend a meeting at Simla at which the Secretary to the Dept, West + Madra will be present and to settle details about the organization of a unit for the investigation of radioactive minerals. I have also to take steps to ~~get~~ organize a laboratory for analytical & radioactive work on the materials we shall be collecting in future & I shall very much value your advice in the matter.

I hope to come to Delhi on the 4<sup>th</sup> June evening by air & shall stay there on the 5<sup>th</sup> to see you and then leave for Simla on the 5<sup>th</sup> evening. I may possibly have a day also on the 10<sup>th</sup> when I return from Simla.

As U.S.A. & Canada have agreed to a visit by me, I expect I shall leave again towards the latter part of July and be away from India for about 3-4 months.

I do hope you will be in ~~Simla~~ Delhi on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. I shall be staying in Delhi with my cousin P. S. Krishnan, in his quarters next door to the Central Revenue Control Lab ~~in~~ the Agr. Res. Inst. Compound (Pusa College) His Telephone no is 7256.

Hope to see you soon

Yours affly

M. S. Krishnan

K. S. Krishnan

Mylapore, MADRAS 4. 15.12.47

My dear Krishnan,

Bhatnagar has written to me, after a good deal of research that you can give me a room for my work and that when your laboratory is built, two or more rooms will be available.

Has any building activity started yet? When I was in Delhi I noticed that bricks were coming in at the site of the N.P.L. Do you think that one block will be ready for occupation by June next?

I may come to Delhi next month if I hear from Wadia that some progress has been made with his scheme of the Bureau of Mines - esp. if Finance Dept. passes it.

I went to Calcutta with the idea of staying there for some time as Dy. Director, but as West was not prepared to make any changes in the present disposition in view of the shortness of time I could spend there I thought it best to come back to Madras in charge of this ~~part~~ Circle as before.

Hope you are well.

Yours a B  
M. S. Krishnan

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED  
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT  
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Replied  
Urgent  
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To

Prof. Sir K.S. Krishnan F.R.S.,

c/o The Royal Institution

Albemarle Street

London W. 1.

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Mylapore  
Madras  
9.8.46

My dear Krishna,

I left London a little before midnight of ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup> the 20th July for catching the plane leaving Monday 29th Heath Row at 2.30 pm on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup> 29th. Bhadrnagar & Sharma came also by the same plane.

Before leaving I was able to hand over your things to Mr. Sekher who kindly called for them on ~~Saturday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup> morning. I received information about my passage only on Saturday afternoon.

After spending a few days at Delhi I came to Madras by air on Tuesday (6th Aug.) evening.

Please let me know how much your account is debited with for ordering the books from Haffers (for being sent to me & to Mr. S. Krishneswamy). I shall remit the money to you or to Haffers after hearing from you.

When next you are in London can you please call at Joyles (Charing Cross Road, not far from Tottenham Court Road Tube station)

and see what happened to my membership of the Scientific Book Club. I received books up to early this year. Can you also pay them a year's subscription for me (36 shillings) and ask them to continue my membership from where it was left off.

I was surprised to hear from Bhadrnagar that some British scientists were telling him in your presence that Prof. Raman was doing something which is not any more physics. Is this part of the propaganda of interested parties. It is however clear that Bhadrnagar cordially hates Saha & Co and has a very poor opinion of Wadia whom they are now using (at least were using for gaining something from Dalal.

I shall be in Madras during the coming w/s season as there is no proposal for transferring me to Calcutta yet.

Hope you are well

Yours affectionately  
M. Krishna

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definite as  
a proposal from  
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My Dear Krishnan,

I have just received your  
letter of Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> from <sup>Bristol</sup> Belfast + thanks  
for your prompt reply. I am glad to hear  
that you are having an interesting time  
and that you will soon be in the Continent.  
In Paris, if you get time kindly ask the  
publisher ~~of the~~ you may be visiting, to send  
me notices of any new books they may have  
published in Geology, mineralogy + allied  
subjects.

I have just heard ~~from~~ from West  
that Govt. of India ~~will~~ have a proposal  
to send me to England to study what  
they are doing there to investigate U and Th  
bearing deposits so that on my return  
I can organize a small party for doing  
the same here. I have privately  
written to Mr. Lakshmanan ~~in the~~ Asst. Secy  
to Govt in the department dealing with  
Geological Survey (viz. Works, Mines + Power)  
to see whether they cannot include also  
deputation to study the U.S. and Canadian  
organisations for mineral research.  
I am hoping that this will all materialise  
shortly & that I will be sent. I shall  
know more about the whole thing in the  
course of 10 days to 2 weeks. The first

part at least seems to be fairly definite, as I am asked to send a proposal, giving an idea of the programme I wished to follow. However I shall let you know further as I have your address both in England & in America.

Calcutta has had 4 days of absolute anarchy & hell which the Muslim League 'direct action' was day brought in its train. There are serious allegations in the newspapers that the Police were kept out, from rendering help & until the Governor realised on the night of the second day there was anarchy. By the second day the Sikhs & Hindus had got together & began to pay back the Muslims in their own coin. The total deaths reported are over 3600 & injured perhaps 10,000. The city is just about returning to normal under heavy military patrolling.

An area of Bombay also has been bad and there have been scores of deaths in spite of police & military vigilance.

The South Indian Community has been quite safe except for one or two casualties. I hear that C.S. Rangaswamy & his family came away to S. Calcutta from ~~Chennai~~ Circular Road which was a very bad area.

Madras has been quiet, fortunately. You must have seen the news of the Interim Govt taking charge on the 2nd Sept. with Nehru as Prime Minister, Patel as Home Minister, Matthai (Finance), Bidar Babbar Singh (Defence), Rajappan Malachari (Supplies & Distribution), Jaggivan Ram.

(Labour), Sir Shafat Ahmed (Education)

Rajan Bala (Food & Agriculture)

Syed Ali Zahir (Posts & Air)

C.H. Bhalha (Commerce), Asaf Ali  
(Rly & Communications) and Sarat  
Bose (Works mines & Power).

Jinnah is everyday issuing provocative  
statements & is now accusing Congress  
of suppressing Muslims with British  
help!

Hope you are well

Yours affly

M. Husain

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Madras  
12.9.46

My dear Kuntzman,

Many thanks for your

letter of

Sept 3rd from London.

I shall in

due course remit

money to

the Scientific Book club

I received

1 book from them last

month.

I am going this evening to  
Calcutta to discuss matters with  
West. Calcutta is now nearly  
normal but people have lost  
all sense of security so far  
as I can gather.

There are reports from East  
Bengal too that Muslims had  
attacked & killed many Hindus.  
Some very strong action by the  
Central Govt is necessary if  
there is to be no civil war in  
Bengal.

We are all well here.

Yours truly

Mrs. K. K. K.

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2. 1. 1948

My dear Krishnan,

Many Thanks for your

letter from Cuttack. I shall write (or ask my  
son-in-law to write re. the date & time of his  
arrival at Delhi. As he is not quite a stranger  
to Delhi, he can come over to your residence  
without giving you trouble.

In today's 'Hindia' there is a news item  
about Professor's speech at the Bharati Tamil  
Sangham in Calcutta re the adoption of the mother  
tongue for in schools & Colleges. This question  
needs a good deal of clear thinking without being  
foggied by sentiment and by the opinions of  
politicians who only wants to play to the  
sentiments of the gallery and who in any case  
do not need to be educated as well as the  
people who have to ~~take~~ take up a career  
in arts or science and make good in life!  
The way things are going on in the South, with  
4 regional languages in one province, there will soon  
be a babel of tongues, one being unable to  
understand his neighbour.

Learned bodies like the Academy ought to  
have this question examined with cold logic  
and give a directive to the Central and Provincial  
Governments. While undoubtedly the mother tongue  
should be the dominant language in primary  
& secondary education, all the higher scientific  
education in Colleges should be in an all-India  
language, with English as a compulsory second  
language. A definite policy should be followed  
with regard to the translation or adoption of  
scientific & technical terms so that the  
already apparent confusion created by

numerous translators (mostly whole-hoggers  
for the 'pure' mother tongue) can be halted.  
You can certainly propose this question to the  
Indian Acad. Sci. & the Nat. Acad. Sci.  
& ask them to constitute competent but  
small committees to go into this and  
get the opinions of members & others  
and have a full debate finally before  
adopting a definite course & recommending  
it to Governments.

Hope you are well.

Sir K. S. Krishnan F.R.S.

yours etc  
M. S. Krishnan