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Dr. Sir K. S. Krishnan
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Dear Sir Krishnan,

I returned from ~~my~~ American and European trip of visits to chemical research laboratories only at the beginning of this week. I find myself faced with the problem of receiving the gift research equipment donated to our chemistry laboratories by American Oil and Chemical Companies Research Laboratories and shipped at their own expense. When I had the pleasure of meeting you at the symposium at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in June, I spoke to you about this gift equipment.

At the moment, I am getting from the Import Controller in Madras permit to receive the shipment of gift equipment and a no-objection certificate from the Reserve Bank, since no money transaction is involved in these shipments.

The next important step to be taken is to get exemption from customs duty, on the score that the equipment is a free gift and of second-hand, meant only for our chemistry research laboratory.

May I request you kindly to advise me to whom I have to apply for the needed exemption from duty. Everyone here is advising me to go to Delhi with the pertinent documents to secure the exemption, and I too feel it is the only effective way to secure it, after consulting you and taking your suggestions.

Upto now only 4 companies have told me definitely of the items of their gift equipment. There will be many more companies and individuals who will do the same after reading the little account published by the Editor in the Chemical and Engineering News of American Chemical Society. I should like to know also the procedure to receive such future gifts. The total amount of equipment will be quite substantial and will enable us to widen the scope and ^{improve the} quality of the research done here.

Awaiting eagerly for your kind advise and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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