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Dear Dr. Ranganayaki,

According to your husband's instructions
I am addressing this letter for him to you.
I trust that you will be able to get it to him.

Dear Dr. Bahadur,

It grieved me greatly to learn of your
incarceration as a political prisoner, and
of your subsequent ill health. I sincerely
hope both conditions will be ameliorated
soon and that you will be permitted to
carry on your valuable work in peace.

I do not have any reprints of the ab-
stract to which you referred. My latest paper
appeared in *Origins of Life* 5 (1974) 285-293. Un-
fortunately I have run out of reprints of that
paper. It was essentially an elaboration of the
paper I read at the 4th International Conference
in Barcelona.

Since then, a clearer picture has emerged
in my mind concerning the most probable

events, prebiologically, leading eventually to the origin of life. I am preparing a paper to read at the 5th Conference (to be held in Japan in April). Also I am working on a book which will take a comprehensive look at the history of the problem and will point out many past and present misconceptions concerning the nature of life and its origin.

The abstract of the papers to be read at the 5th Conference are due sometime in January 1977. I'll send you a copy of mine as soon as I have prepared it. Meanwhile, I hope that all will go well with you henceforth and that we will meet in Japan.

Sincerely yours

John Keesen