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Dear Dr. Krishnan,

*Ref: your DD. No. 9230 of 18.6.53.*

Presenting the agenda for discussion at the meeting of the Planning Committee for Central Geophysical Institute convened by you, with directives, is most unfair to the members of the Committee.

If the directives given by you in the agenda are to be accepted, then the logical conclusion is -

The Geological Survey should have a little more development so that it can also "devote its attention" to "research problems and instrumentation" in Geophysics. There will remain nothing to be done by the Central Geophysical Institute. Therefore, the proposed Central Geophysical Institute is un-necessary.

If, on the other hand, the conclusions which you draw are to be accepted, what would be the result? The Geological Survey, giving no attention to research problems and instrumentation, would create a set of routine men, who would carry on explorations on a routine procedure and would often find it difficult to manipulate their instruments and to understand the meaning of their own explorations. They will lose touch with developments even in other countries and will soon be in "back-waters". The Central Geophysical Institute, divorced from exploration work and exploration data, would just be the home of a few "theorists" and "mechanics". So the Government after spending a considerable amount of money will create two independent sets of "genii", gnawing at one another!

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Copy forwarded with compliments to *Dr. K. S. Krishnan, F.R.S.*

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