

Dear Mrs. Chandrashekar,

I write this letter to introduce myself as the late Dr. K.S. Krishnan's second son.

This year is my father's centenary year and the centenary celebrations commenced with an event (on the 28th of July) at the National Institute Of Advanced Studies at Bangalore where the President of India , K. R. Narayanan presided over the function and talked at length about my father, his contribution to the world of Science and the various facets of my father's personality including his literary bent of mind and his considerable scholarship in Tamil and Sanskrit. The President's speech ended with a quotation from Prof. Chandrashekar wherein Prof. Chandrashekar refers to his last meeting with my father.

As you know, my father and Prof. Chandrashekar had a close and enduring friendship for over three decades. In connection with the centenary, we plan to bring out a book on my father which will be in addition to the numerous activities which are being conducted by various Institutions here. One of the important source materials which would throw light on father's work and life, both scientifically and historically, would be my father's letters to Prof. Chandrashekar. These letters have been referred to in Kameshwar Wali's biography of Prof. Chandrashekar published in 1990.

To chronicle father's life comprehensively and to bring out details of the close friendship between these two outstanding men and scientists, it is necessary for us to have copies of my father's letters to Prof. Chandrashekar as we have no copies of these in the family archives. It is in this connection that I am writing this letter to you. An Astronomer and a close friend of my nephew , Thiruvady at Bangalore, has commenced writing a biography of my father. Dr. Basu-Mallik has already written to the Director, Department of Special Collections, the University of Chicago Library in connection with these letters. However, he has had no response, and , therefore, I am writing to you directly. My nephew [redacted] is currently in possession of Prof. Chandrashekar's letters to my father and he would be pleased to send ^{to you} or should you so desire, copies of these letters to the University of Chicago Library.

We all feel that the friendship between these two outstanding men was a very important part of my father's life and it would not be possible to do justice to the chronicle on his life without referring to his letters to Prof. Chandrashekar.

My elder and only brother, Srinivasan, who would have written to you regarding this matter, tragically passed away in April this year. My nephew at Bangalore is assisting Dr. Mallik (with whatever source materials are available with him), in the writing of my father's biography. It is thus left to me to make this request for copies of my father's letters for which we would be most grateful.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely,

(K. RAMAN)