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Prof. Hermann Weyl,  
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Dear Prof. Weyl,

Prof. B.S. Madhava Rao (Central College, Bangalore) has requested me to write to you on behalf of Dr. K. Venkatachaliengar as I was your co-examiner for V's doctorate thesis. To be of some value, a recommendation must contain some additional information. Madhava Rao will write directly to you and I expect that his letter will contain a full list of the 16 papers which V. has published up to now; you will remember the thesis so I can add this only. Dr. Venkatachaliengar makes the impression of an intelligent man who is earnestly keen for Mathematics. Under the instructions of his professor (Madhava Rao) he has introduced Modern Algebra at his University using a syllabus made by himself. As far as I remember (but I am not sure) the teaching and the syllabus on Riemannian Geometry has also to be put on his credit. At any rate, I know by personal experience from the examinations in Bangalore of 1945 that the teaching in these two subjects showed a high degree of efficiency. Unnecessary to emphasize that I should be glad if Dr. V's desire to study for some time Modern Algebra and meromorphic functions at your Institute could be fulfilled. This country of 400 million souls is very short of efficient mathematicians and there is a great need for giving encouragement and training to the very few "hopeful cases". So I hope you can give a favourable reply to Madhava Rao, but I do not encroach on your time by expecting an acknowledgment of this letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F.W.L.

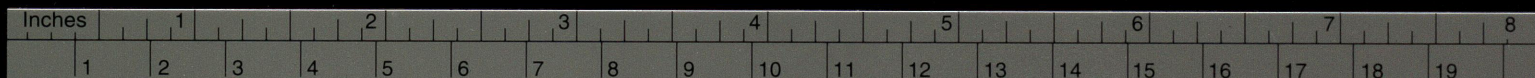
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