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In your reply, please refer to :  
En répondant, veuillez rappeler :

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Dear Dr. Krishnan,

In response to the request presented by the Government of India for aid in the development of a science museum, the Director-General has approved a mission of an expert for six months as well as equipment worth \$5,000.

In the near future, as part of a Technical Assistance project in Ceylon, Unesco is sending a highly qualified expert to help establish a science museum in Colombo. Our candidate for this position happens to be Mr. William T. O'Dea, keeper of the London Science Museum, who is currently in charge of the expansion of his museum in a new wing in London. Assuming that he will be acceptable to Ceylon, I wonder whether you might consider having him as your Unesco expert as well. He has had considerable administrative experience, and in his capacity as the secretary for the National Committee for ICOM, has attended many joint conferences on the development of science museums in Europe. He was also an observer for the United Kingdom at the 1954 seminar on the Role of Museums in Education, held in Athens, Greece. We do not know at present whether he will be able to give as much time as a total period of nine months to our missions. Consequently this is very much in the nature of a tentative enquiry.

Insofar as the \$5000 allotted for equipment is concerned we should like to have a detailed estimate of the type of equipment which is required and which could be supplied within the limits of this budget. I should appreciate receiving this estimate as soon as possible, but on the other hand you may prefer to plan the purchase of equipment in consultation with the expert upon his arrival.

I hope you are well. With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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