

Personal

31st October 1959

Dear Hon'ble Minister,

Perhaps you will remember our conversation when we met casually at the Woodlands a few weeks ago. I should like to meet you sometime tomorrow (Sunday, 1st November, 1959).

On behalf of the Theoretical Physics group I have great pleasure in inviting you for an informal dinner on the evening of 21st or 22nd November 1959 when I will be in Madras in connection with the Senate meeting of the University.

Yours sincerely,

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4th November 1959

Dear Hon'ble Minister,

As required by you, I have made a few suggestions regarding the creation of an Institute of Theoretical Physics. I have always been a 'dreamer' - more so now in consonance with my profession as a theoretical physicist. I believe essentially through personal contact with the most gifted minds of the world that intellectual and scientific progress depends only on the imaginativeness/⁺creative urge of original investigators animated by an irrepressible idealism and faith in their endeavours. I am hoping that in the not too distant future we shall have in our country academic freedom and opportunities of the kind and magnitude found in the great seats of learning in Europe and America.

I was encouraged to make these suggestions since I felt exhilarated to see that an administrator of your status was interested in fundamental physics. I should have very much liked to explain these suggestions personally. But as I am now having slight temperature I can meet you only during the weekend. Any time you suggest will suit me.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Alladi Ramakrishnan

The Hon'ble
Sri C. Subramaniam,
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