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My dear Bhatnagar,

Mr. Patuck will meet you with the car at the air-port on Monday evening. If there is any change in your programme, or even if there isn't, please send a wire.

We only went to the air-port on Wednesday afternoon, but after long and tedious waiting the service was cancelled as the weather conditions in Bombay were reported very bad. In the end we left next morning at 5 a.m. There is a lot of rain here in Bombay. It is certainly a little cooler than Delhi.

The main purpose of this letter is to tell you how pleased I was with the visit to the National Physical Laboratory. You are to be congratulated on this fine achievement. As you know, I was one of the members of the Planning Committee of this Laboratory and in its scope we planned it in a way comparable with the best laboratories of this type. But few members of the Planning Committee could have visualized that in the execution and planning of its buildings it would evolve into something as fine as it has become. As you know, I have taken a special interest in the design and construction of modern laboratories since 1946 and have to this end visited most of the new and old laboratories in Europe and America. I am glad to record here that our NPL will be as fine as any of them, and I am sure that the functional excellence of the building will have a desirable psychological effect on those who work in it. Not only will it set a standard for future laboratory design in India but I feel that in the

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long run it will exert its influence on modern Indian architecture in general by making people realize how architecture can be profoundly effected by modern technology and a scientific approach to the problem of housing. I wish the housing of the staff of the laboratory were planned in the same scientific way as it does not necessarily imply an increase in the cost but rather an increase in convenience by a scientific and objective approach to the problem of living. Krishnan is to be congratulated on being the Director of such a fine laboratory.

Yours sincerely,

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