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Dear Professor Mahalanobis,

From your letter of January 27 I understood that I might hear from you later about my possible stay in India. As you will remember I had written to you before that I am available between October 1 and April 1, though preferably for a shorter period. After April 1 I have other duties to take up.

It would take me some time to prepare a possible visit because of the numerous tasks I have in my own country. Before taking a final decision I should like to have some more details as to task, payment (including travelling costs of my family?), residence etc. There are also a few questions as e.g. the one whether I shall be permitted to accept invitations from neighbouring universities to give incidental lectures. I had hoped to discuss these points with you during a visit of yours to Holland which was announced to me by my friend Goudswaard. In view of the short time which separates us from October 1, I hope you will excuse me for writing to you in order to know whether you expect me to come this year. It goes without saying that knowing all about possible obstacles that may present themselves in official matters, I can easily imagine that there is no possibility for you to answer me in the near future. It is only to be sure that no misunderstanding or omission on my part is in play.

I had the pleasure of discussing with Dr Mukerji some of the problems raised in your letter of December 30, 1953 and your well-known article of 1953 on development. Probably I shall be able to write to you in the next few days on this point.

With best personal regards and
expressions of the highest esteem,

yours very sincerely,

