My dear Prasanta,

Thanks for your letter of October 4th. With respect to the proposed visit to Dacca I am inquiring about any travel difficulties or medical certificates required. I have written to Sarkar of the Indian Office about the air reservation. I think the arrangement for the seminar on statistical inference would suit me perfectly, but though I may have to appear sometimes before a large crowd, I have no illusions as to how little teaching can be effected in this way. In a large crowd with important names present, young and unknown men who might really have something to gain are completely inhibited. If, however, you have anyone with a keen mind among your younger students, I hope you will not hesitate to encourage him to set his wits to work and make of my seminar a genuine discussion rather than a monologue by a super-Pundit whose word may not be doubted.

The world has enough dictators anyway.

It looks as though I need not fly until after the 8th, and so should be glad to see something of what is going on in Baroda, that is if you are going yourself, or have someone who you would like to accompany me.

With kindest regards to Rani.

Yours sincerely,