

26th. October 1948.

My dear Mahalanobis,

I think your memorandum is quite perfect.

I would not alter a word apart from the spelling of your own name on the second page.

It did not come up in discussion, but it might be relevant somewhere to point out that the maize improvement programme has added to the national income of the United States, not principally because maize is largely used for human consumption, for it plays actually only a small part in the diet of the people apart from the poorer sections of the South, but through the utilisation of maize and maize products in animal husbandry and chemical industry.

Even if, therefore, there were during the next generation a progressive change in the dietary habits of Indians requiring less rice for immediate human consumption, an increase in the yield of rice lands would have an important part to play in Indian economics, supposing it to be admitted that over a large part of the agricultural area available rice is a crop to which the soil and climatic conditions are well adapted.

Of course I shall like to see you in Cambridge if you have time. Let me know if possible.

With best wishes for Rani's indisposition,

Yours sincerely,