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Dear Mahalanobis,

Many thanks for your letter which brings to my mind vividly your lovely house in the outskirts of Calcutta, and the charming way in which you all treated me during my stay there.

I think we have never gone into war with more reluctant deliberation. For the time, however, English conditions are very chaotic, especially the University of London, always an easily disorganised confederation and now apparently nearly paralysed.

I am making a fight to keep my own Department in existence, or what is left of it, for seven members have already taken various special services. Your dream would certainly have been a most happy one for me.

In order to avoid risk of loss and delay I am going over Bose's proofs myself, instead of sending them to him. I cannot, however, check all the references, as libraries are here closed. However, it is a beautiful paper and will do him, I think, a good deal of credit.

Please give my best wishes to Rani and to your Department.

Yours sincerely,