Dear Mahalanobis,

I have just heard from Alf Cornish that arrangements for my trip have been fully authorized and that I can go ahead with my own planning.

I had suggested that perhaps some heat could be avoided by a boat trip for about a fortnight from Ceylon, instead of flying. He thinks I shall be hotter on a tropical ocean than in Melbourne, and I dare say he is right. Anyway, it might be worth finding out what change in costs such a change in method of transportation would amount to.

while in the States, a Persian, Parviz Niloofari, wanted me to visit Tehran, which I should be very glad to do for perhaps a couple of nights, giving them one or two lectures, if that can be fitted in on the way. I only mention it now because he may have contacted you, and you may want to know that I am agreeable to such a variation of my route if it is otherwise convenient.

With kind regards to Rani,

Sincerely yours,