

25th January, 1955.

My dear Panse,

Thank you for your letter. I was exceedingly sorry to miss you when in India, and especially ^{as} I had to alter the date of my flying home in order to conform with the Cambridge term.

I expect your arrangements with the F.A.O. for a Conference in Delhi, on experimental design, were all very sensible really, but the impression was somehow given that its intention was to remedy Indian backwardness in this line of study, an idea which came quite as a shock to me in view of the readiness of so many of your mathematicians, ten or fifteen years ago, to appreciate at least the mathematical aspects of the subject. It looked as though the people responsible for developments in agricultural science in India had not contacted, or sought to utilize for their own purposes, including education, the mathematical interest that had been aroused.

I had quite an amusing time ⁱⁿ in Calcutta, especially in wrestling with the American ^{British} trade contingent, or rather those who had acquired a sprinkling of Neyman-like terminology, without having the opportunity of giving any thought to its possible

meaning. I told Rao that he would have to institute a re-education course for Indian students who had been exposed to the atmosphere of Berkeley. I think one of them came from your department, and perhaps teaches decision functions.

Sincerely yours,