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Corresp. Sec. Gen -

- Homi Bhabha (Atomic Energy Commission,  
India)



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

November 17, 1960.

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold,

The Atomic Energy Establishment at Trombay and 'Apsara' the first reactor in Asia, were formally inaugurated by the Prime Minister in January 1957. Since then a number of new facilities and reactors have been built and have come into operation at Trombay, including, in particular, the 40 MW Canada-India reactor, a Uranium Metal plant, a Fuel Fabrication Facility and ZERLINA - a zero energy reactor for lattice investigations. It has, therefore, been decided to have a formal inauguration of the C.I.R. and our other new facilities at Trombay by the Prime Minister on January 16, 1961, and formal invitations are being issued to a number of Governments to send representatives on the occasion. I have pleasure in inviting you as Secretary-General and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the United Nations to be present on the occasion.

It has been decided to take advantage of the occasion by inviting an eminent scientist from each of the five countries most advanced in the field of atomic energy, namely, Canada, France, U.S.S.R., the U.K. and the U.S.A., to give a lecture on some special scientific and technical aspect of their country's atomic energy programme. Each lecture will last about an hour and will be followed by a discussion. These scientific lectures and discussions will be held on the 17th and 18th of January at Bombay. You will be welcome to attend any of the lectures that you may wish to.

After the inauguration and the scientific lectures in Bombay, the invitees will be taken on a twelve days' tour of India, so that they may see some selected scientific institutions, industrial establishments and ancient archeological monuments, the last five days being in Delhi to enable them to participate in the Republic Day Celebrations in Delhi and to visit places of interest in the neighbourhood. The precise programme will be communicated to you in due course.

You will be a guest of the Government of India during your stay in the country from the 15th till the 30th of January, 1961. It would give me personally very great pleasure if you were to attend the function.

Yours sincerely,

(H.J. Bhabha)

Secretary to the Government of India  
Department of Atomic Energy and  
Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,  
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27 December 1960

Dear Dr. Bhabha,

Pursuant to my cable to you of 24 December, I refer again to your letters of 17 November and 9 December concerning the invitation to attend the Trombay ceremonies on 16 January and the convening of the Scientific Advisory Committee.

As indicated in my cable, I now find that I cannot arrive in India prior to 18 January. Thus, to my regret, it will not be possible for me to be at Trombay on the 16th of that month. In this regard, you will recall that in my letter to you of 24 November, I observed that I could not be firm about my acceptance. In view, however, of the invitation from you and more recently, Ambassador Jha to name a representative, I am asking Mr. Philippe de Seynes, Under Secretary of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to represent me at the inauguration of the reactors and other facilities at Trombay. He will also stay on for the Scientific Advisory Committee meeting.

The Scientific Advisory Committee, as you will have learned from my cable, will convene in Bombay on 19 January. The members of the

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Committee have been notified to this effect by cable. I would appreciate your suggestion as to where in Bombay the Committee might most conveniently meet, under conditions affording the same sort of services provided at UN Headquarters in the customary meeting room. You will recall also from my cable, that it is our hope, for reasons of economy, that the necessary interpreter (or interpreters), which may be only English/Russian, can be recruited locally. Therefore, I cannot respond favorably to your suggestion that UN translators be made available to you for translation of the scientific lectures and discussions.

It will be a pleasure to see you in Bombay at the time of our Committee meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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As you will recall, at the meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee earlier this month, it was agreed that the Committee would meet in India in January 1961 to consider further the question of a conference to examine how science and technology could best assist the under-developed. In our informal discussion of the time of this meeting, I had indicated that a time soon after mid-January would seem most likely from the point of view of my schedule. The date for the Committee meeting would thus be related to the Trombay program on the 16th.

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December 9, 1960.

(Note SG's handwriting: "Bunche")

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of 24th of November informing me that you accept the invitation to attend the formal inauguration of certain new reactors and other facilities at Trombay on the 16th of January. A formal invitation is being extended to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by our Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations to send a representative on the occasion. This will enable you to nominate a representative in addition to yourself to attend the inauguration.

I would like to hear from you of the date you propose for the meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee, which is proposed to be held in Bombay, and its expected duration. Would you prefer it to be before or after the 16th of January? As you will have seen from our earlier letter certain scientific lectures and discussions have been arranged on the 17th and 18th, some of which may require translation. As I presume your Secretariat will be bringing its own normal translators for the meeting of the Committee, who are used to dealing with scientific translation, I am writing to enquire whether it will be at all possible for us to use the same translators on the 17th and 18th on payment of appropriate fees to the United Nations.

(s) Homi Bhabha

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