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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Mr. A. T. Ganesan, who recently wrote you concerning the possibility of coming to work in your department, has requested me to send you a letter of recommendation. It is a pleasure for me to do so, for Mr. Ganesan not only possesses outstanding scientific ability but is also endowed with a fine character and an attractive personality.

He spent two years in Bangalore at the Indian Institute of Science where he succeeded, under difficult conditions, in working out a very satisfactory method for staining yeast nuclei. Later he obtained a position with Dr. Swaminathan at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi where he carried out work on embryo culture of jute as well as assisting in a large scale project on the cytogenetics of wheat. Meanwhile, on his own time, he continued his studies in yeast cytology in order to perfect his staining technique. Through the efforts of Professor Winge he obtained a Danish fellowship, and he has been working at the Carlsberg Laboratorium since September 1957. Here he has been chiefly occupied with cytological investigations, in particular with a comparative study of haploid and diploid cells of Saccharomyces, which is now being prepared for publication. His cytological preparations are of a high degree of excellence, and I have never seen any which surpass them. Recently he commenced work on a problem dealing with the genetics of melibiose fermentation and at present is pursuing it with his customary energy and interest.

Since the Indian government appears to be interested in having Mr. Ganesan obtain his doctorate under your direction, and since he has been assured of a position in Dr. Swaminathan's department upon his return from America, I hope that this plan can be realized. I, for my part, can give him an unqualified recommendation.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


Catherine Roberts