

Geneva, (Switzerland)

Oct. 11. 1955.

Dear Joshua,

You will doubtless be surprised at receiving a communication from ~~over~~ me from this corner of the world! I have been away in Europe for the past 4 months and your letter asking me for my opinion of Duraiswami has just reached me here as I am about to take off for India (after having travelled half across Europe!). My silence must have seemed odd to say the least especially in view of the urgency of your request. Forgive me for this delay which as you can see was entirely unavoidable.

Now about Mr. Duraiswami. While it is true I was one of the examiners for his Master's thesis, I know very little about him beyond the fact that he is one of Subramanyam's proteges and as such fully indoctrinated with the latter's strange ideas. I fully agree with you in your evaluation of Subramanyam's work. The thesis which I had submitted for the Master's degree was in keeping with Subramanyam's philosophy of genetics and cytology. However it might do him good to be exposed to some formal genetics and so disabuse him of the misconceptions he has been

expressed to. Anyway, I fear my comments will  
come to you rather late for your consideration,  
as I suspect you have made your own as yet.  
Much failing to receive any answer earlier,  
I shall be reluctant in knowing your decision  
though. Kindly write to me in future to the  
following address:

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Parel, Bombay 12.

With best regards to you both,

Yours,

Gopal

P.S.: I was sorry to have missed seeing you  
last year during my all too brief visit to  
Madison - you were away in Woodstock all that  
time. -