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Dear Cecile:

When I came back, I found your good note from Agra. I think the cable gives you the formal assurance that we shall be glad to have you as a member here next year, if you do want to come, and that you can use that information in your application to the Fulbright people. Actually I hope you will come here, though I recognize that at the moment we are a sort of mail address, and that everything will depend on how the details work out for Bryce and you.

The news of your letter makes us very happy. We hope you will have an easy time of it and that Kim will be all that you wish for him. He will entitle you to an extra room when you come back to the Institute.

From all sides I hear of the wonderful spirit and great success of your school last summer. The words of tribute to you have made me very proud: in overcoming all the difficulties, in making of this school something where high standards were made possible by love, and love fruitful by scholarship, you have really achieved something that will make a change in many people's lives. We congratulate you, Cecile, with all our hearts.

Bhabha talked to me a little of Bryce when he was here, and was looking forward to having him in Bombay. It would be something of a strange life for you; but you are used to that. I hope that Bryce will not wander too far from the good soil of physical experiment. I am sure that the years ahead will be years of real discovery, hard though it looks at the moment. You and he must look at all the new physics about mesons and odd particles, and remember that there will come a time when we will understand these things.

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This letter will come to you well before Christmas, and Christmas will seem strange in Bombay. But it brings you our love from both of us, and every good wish, and the earnest hope that we can welcome you back here before very long.

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