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Dear Gopal:

It was good of you to bring those gifts all that way. Jim has, of course, brought them to Madison. Thank you ever so much.

He says there is some possibility of your coming through Madison. I hope you will be able to manage it. I am writing, however, against the adverse possibility that you will not. I have just had a letter from Swaminathan where he mentions a colleague of his, Mr. Ganesan, Ganesan apparently wants to come to work in my laboratory for a period of time, possibly as a degree candidate. I can still use someone who would be interested in a precise cytological study of fertilization in *E. coli*.

Do you happen to know him and, if so, can you make any comment as to his qualifications?

Don't bother to answer this now if you are going to be visiting anyhow. However, if that proves to be impossible, I would appreciate the favor of your comments. As I know you are going to be very busy, I am enclosing a return stamped envelope.

We are looking forward to seeing you; in any case, do give our very best wishes to Padma.

Yours sincerely,

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