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AIR MAIL.

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25th July, 1947.

My dear Bhatnagar,

Thanks for your letter of the 19th July and telegram. I am on the Committee appointed to advise the Bangalore institute re the future of the Physics department including the starting of nuclear physics there. As you know, it is the considered view of the Atomic Research Committee that existing centres of nuclear research should be strengthened and all large scale programmes in the future concentrated at one centre. As the Chairman of the Atomic Research Committee, I cannot but support this decision, which was taken unanimously by the Committee. Since Bangalore is not an existing centre of nuclear research, as Chairman of the A.R.C. I cannot support the creation of a centre there. Prof.Saha is also a member of the Atomic Research Committee. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would write to him to say that as a member of the Committee who was present when the policy mentioned above was laid down it is his duty to support the policy and not the establishment of a nuclear physics chair in Bangalore which can only be an ineffective effort wasting our money and man-power resources.

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Your letter has been seen by Sir A.R.Dalal, Mr. J.D.Choksi and Prof.R.D.Choksi and they are entirely of your opinion. I am going to Poona to-day, and this letter will therefore be despatched in my absence.

Yours sincerely,



for DR. F. J. BHABHA.

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