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Dear Darwin,

I wonder if you will join Sir John Russell and myself in supporting the name of P.C. Mahalanobis for the Royal. I do not know whether you saw anything of his Laboratory when in Calcutta, but, personally, I have felt for some years that he ought to be put up, both for his personal work and for what he has done in establishing the Laboratory and collecting a really able group of men to work with him and found up a first class statistical journal called Sankhya. I hope we may add your name to his certificate.

By the way, Brandt of the U.S. Department of Agriculture tells me that he consulted you about the very unexpected action of the Foreign Office in refusing me an exit permit to visit the States this year. I believe L.S. Amery is making enquiries on my behalf, and I should be glad, therefore, to know if you have discovered any clue to their action. I find that direct enquiry on this point is entirely fruitless.

Yours sincerely,