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Dear Sam,

Thank you very much for your letter of 23rd December 1971 and am pleased to learn that things are getting in to some shape in respect of our visit to ASEA during 19th June and August 11th this year. I am pleased to confirm the points enumerated referred to in your letter under reference.

That:

1. I will be able to teach classes in Bharathnatyam at Mills College under the auspices of ASEA's summer programme beginning 19th June and ending 11th August this year.
2. Lakshimi will be able to assist me in teaching.
3. I am happy to learn that ASEA will pay at the rate of \$1300.00 a month tax free.
4. It is also noted that ASEA will provide a two bed roomed apartment with an allowance for the meals during this period.
5. Lakshimi and I will be provided with two first class round trip air tickets via Pacific as also \$50/ per day for three days (\$150/) to cover incidental expenses while travelling from Madras to San Francisco as also a similar amount of (\$150/) will be paid while leaving San Francisco for India. I shall write to you the choice of my airline in a week or so.
6. The possibility of my teaching along with Lakshimi at the California Inst of Arts around March has not yet been finalised. I am certain that in all probability this assignment may be fructified. I am writing to Viswa and Ranga in this connection mentioning that I have received your offer and let them have details, and I shall revert as soon as I hear from them. Better still I would request you to ~~request~~ contact them and apprise them of the developments so that they could send the necessary details to me. This suggestion will enable you and Viswa to have a correct and clear picture of my forthcoming visit to the states. I also note that even though I may be in California during March couple of months earlier than the period of contract with you is expected to become effective, still the round trip tickets for both of us will be provided by ASEA. The reason for my requesting you to contact Viswa is that there seems to be inordinate delay in mail delivery in this part of the world, for I have for receipt your letter dated 23rd December only to day.

7. I am happy that Edwina, Ranga, and Viswa will all be participating in the ASEA summer programme.

8. Now that you have made performances a part of the project, Ganesha and a singer to participate in the performances is a must. Narasimhalu has been of late keeping indifferent health and right now is in a hospital. In view of this I have a stand by artist of equal qualification. The terms and conditions mentioned in your letter in respect of remuneration and hospitality for these two artistes are acceptable. In case you are drawing separate contracts for the artistes I would request you to kindly wait till you hear from me for some time to come when I will be able to advise you the name of the second artist, to accompany me. Direct invitations along with contract forms may be sent when you hear from me in this regard.

Regarding Television I must say that in view of my present state of health I do not think I can withstand the strain of heavy lighting and hence let us not give it a second thought. About Performances I wish to make it clear the rest period between any two performances shall not be more or less than two days in order to keep me fit to perform without showing signs of fatigue. I hope you understand my point of view

My visit to Canada and my accepting assignments in other centres of USA will be channelised through the ASEA only. In clear terms other offers will be considered only on the advice and guidance received from the ASEA. I earnestly await your confirmation so that I can start my work right now as I have very little time at my disposal. In any case I suggest that you apply for multiple entry Visas for all of us. Passport numbers are given

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with kind regards

T. Balasaraswathy