

April 29, 1973

Smt. T. Balasaraswati
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Dear Bala:

I was so glad to receive your letter and know that you will again be participating in the ASEA summer program. I hope that Seattle will turn out to be an enjoyable place for you this time, and I am doing my best to be sure that teaching facilities and living accommodations will be satisfactory. We are having a weekly concert series on Thursday nights and would like you to present the opening program on June 21.

We are preparing the visa applications this week, and Luise and others are anxious to know when you wish to arrive. As you know, she hopes you can consult with the doctor in San Francisco and then spend some time at Lake Tahoe. If you would also like to spend time near Ranga and Viswa first, I would be happy to have you and Lakshmi stay with me a few days. My mother has gone to Albany to spend the summer with my sister, so I have two empty rooms. Probably you would want to spend most of the time with your brothers, but if it would be more comfortable for you to sleep here, you know I would be very pleased to have you as my house guest.

I thought that Viswa might have mentioned the food allowance when he wrote to you. That is, unfortunately, one of the things that will not be possible this year. Last summer it was included as part of the grant for the Indian program, and as you know, the Indonesian teachers did not receive a food allowance. It seemed to me that if we had such an allowance this year it should be given to all the artists, but since there are so many--twenty-five, including music and dance of Africa, Korea, and Japan--it was just not financially possible. The new ASEA is putting more emphasis on the summer school, and this year's budget is so huge that it has us all worried. We are keeping our fingers crossed that there will be lots of students paying tuition, but so far the applications are moving a little slowly.

Luise told me today that you had approved of her taking the responsibility for selecting the students for Bharata Natyam and that she will ask Medha to help her. I will be staying with Carl and Medha tomorrow night and will be having two or three days of tests at Carl's hospital in San Diego. I have lost weight and look better, but still have not been feeling right. I hope this time it will be settled once and for all.

Please give my best to all friends there. I hope it won't be too long before I can make a trip to Madras to see them.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dear Bob,

I am awefully sorry for this belated letter, and am ashamed for this inordinate delay. My house was infested with guests for the last one month and was not in a position to attend to my personal affairs.

I am very honoured to participate once again in the ASEA Summer Programme. It would indeed be a great pleasure to work for ASEA under your directorship.

Though the contract is clear and very satisfactory I would like to clarify a doubt regarding the food allowance which is not mentioned in the contract.

I have already signed the contract and I would very much appreciate if the Society could pay the food allowance for my musicians and me according to the previous Summer. A line from you regarding this matter will be appreciated.

I will be extremely delighted to open the Summer School with my programme.

I pray that the summer school should be a great success this year. I assure you of my co-operation.

Glad to know that you are feeling a lot better. Please look after your health, and do not exhaust yourself. Lakshmi joins me in sending our love to you.

Love,

Bala