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21 st October, 1971.

Dearest Louise,

I was very happy to receive your letter and note the contents. It was very pleasing to know that both you and Sam are interested in inviting me to the States in 1972, if everything works out well by God's Grace.

I should be very honoured to teach at A.S.E.A. as also to perform in the U.S.A. through your Organization. However, as mentioned in your letter, you already have various commitments for 1972, and it may not be possible for you to organize my concert. In that case, I should be very happy to take up the teaching assignment at A.S.E.A., for a period of three months during the Summer as usual, or any other time which is convenient for you. This is left entirely to your discretion.

Regarding my remuneration, I shall be happy with \$1300 per month tax free (according to our previous contract), or \$1500 per month tax included, whichever is most convenient for you. The boarding and lodging will kindly be met by the Organization. To be frank, I do not want a dialogue or any kind of misunderstanding to come between us. Your friendship is very important as far as I am concerned.

In case you succeed in arranging for performances, Ganesha and the singer would join us after my teaching session. I think \$500 each per month will be a fair proposition for them. Ranga and Viswa can of course be contacted by you personally without any problem.

Should everything be finalized, I should be grateful if you could arrange for a first-class fare if possible, due to my health condition. This is not a very important issue: I will always co-operate.

I am very happy to learn that Mr. George has written to you about the possibility of organizing a Canadian Tour for me. It is all very tentative as yet. However, should anything materialize there, I hope we shall be able to co-ordinate the timings of the requirements of both A.S.E.A. and the Canadians, so that everyone is happy.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sam.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Much Love,

Bala

