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My dear father,

Last week I had the Indian mail on Wednesday; this week I had it today. Foreign mail leaves the Indian shore only once a week i.e. on Saturday, so no enquiries on our part can speed up the delivery of letters. The address as I have sent you is quite alright; you should add nothing to it. You have no ideas what facilities the institute has been offering to the students with regard to postal service.

I have already given you an idea of the room I stay in with a companion. Its only attraction is its vicinity to my Institute. Equally big & a bigger room, far better furnished I can have to myself alone for the same rate. But that would save ten to fifteen minutes way off and perhaps one may not get kitchen and laundry privileges which just ^{add} to an extra cost. The landlady

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The houses here are not sky-scrapers, however we live on the topmost floor the third one. In front lies the vast sheet with the open campus of M.I.T. before it. The sun, when it appears, can always get into our room, and make it sunny and smiling. As regards ventilation and light there can be no complaint.

I would very gladly send you, samples of shredded wheat, grape nuts, corn flakes, all these, the cereals as they are called here, but it entails so much trouble. Last time when I sent me three books you ordered to verify, I had to twice go, unpack the thing and repack it. No parcel weighing less than four lbs is accepted and I had to send the three books each by itself. By Christmas if you do not get them in India, please write to me by Christmas, and taking advantage of those holidays, I shall send you some.

As regards Wild day rick and
 declaration on oath in connection
 with it I consulted Dr Talbot
 our dean. He said, "you are perfectly
 justified in taking an oath; and you
 fellows who have to care for money
 should do so." However as the
 thing may come at the most to
 4 or 5 dollars, I have thought it
 better to stand by the American
 sense of loyalty to one's associates.

Last Tuesday the invitation
 to the President's house for a fresh-
 -man was a little tea-affair. On
 my entrance, Dr Talbot whom I
 had seen that day earlier, came up
 to me, shook my hand and wished
 me to take to the President, if I had
 not talked to him. But I had already
 met the President. The Dean is so
 very kind, almost fatherly in his
 cares and worries about the 1500 or
 1600 students of the Tech.

That evening we had a strong wind with some rain. I was almost hurried home by the wind while returning. In India such a wind would carry away many a roof. But this was only a sample of a minor type. Stronger winds blow here with snow-storms; and the time is fast coming. The cold is getting on more and more severe, but weather is as ever fitful. On Thursday morning the temperature was 63° , while on Mondays it ranged somewhere between 35° and 40° .

Here the buildings are so evenly heated to a temperature of 70° people hardly put on very warm clothings except the heavy overcoat when they move out. You see I shall have no necessity of buying any more warm clothings, but if need be no considerations will prevent me from doing so.

Last Saturday I again went out with Prof. Kesambi to the Athens Restaurant and then to a theatre. I liked the food here a great deal this time. It was so different from that of the last time. The preparation was almost Indian except roti. Jambhi is an eat. The show was of course a mixture of dancing, music and films. Prof. Kesambi is so kind to me and spends a great deal on me. I do not know how to requite his kindness.

Now I no longer require. I have so many of them with me. Nor do I want anything else. However I have a mind to order from Bhavnagar some things as Prof. Kesambi and his son both like them. I shall ask Nagi Uthai to send me some after a time. May I request you will not to send me anything whatsoever.

Truly yours
Tribhanded.

P.S. My respects to the elderly members of family and love to younger.