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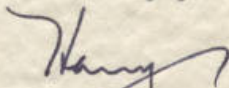
Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your cordial letter of January 18. I want to say, if I haven't said it before, that your candor and friendly consideration of our problem of a history professor for Pakistan is very much appreciated here.

As with you, it looks like the problem is boiling down to one of "economics" for the Foundation also. We have not been able to find anyone who is willing to go for more than one year, and so we have been balancing up the costs of sending you as against sending someone else whose qualifications more or less match yours. Other things being equal, we should very much like to send you, but in this case it turns out that they are not, and therefore it looks like we will send another chap this year. Maybe this will relieve your mind to the extent at least that you do not have to make what I agree with you would have been a tremendously difficult decision. However, I am still hoping that sometime in the future the Foundation can take advantage of your qualifications and good nature. You may be sure I shall be in touch with you if such a happy eventuality develops.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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