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SUBJECT: India

The question which you raise on India is timely and pertinent. Perhaps we should have an officers' conference on it. My own belief is that apart from the IHD, which does a little work there - largely as a liaison between East and West - The Rockefeller Foundation does not have funds enough to embark on any large-scale plan. Certainly it should not be done without careful study of the needs in India by all divisions. A nibbling policy is absolutely no good, because India is too vast and complex to be tackled this way. I certainly would send out a declination to Mahalanobis, and I think before anything is done by any division in India (exclusive of the IHD), we ought to have a thorough-going survey. But I would not be inclined to favor an immediate survey, because if we make a survey, we assume that we have money enough to implement its recommendations - and I do not think the Foundation has enough money to spread itself in a country like India.

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