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Indian Science Congress Assoc.

SUBJECT:

INDIA

Does RF work in India or does it not?

I think the subject of RF relations in India ought to be decided by RF as a matter of general policy. Is the general policy of the Foundation, except possibly the IHD, to stay out? If it is negative, we ought not to engage in the little eye-dropper grants that nibble away at a negative policy without creating an affirmative one.

The point of this inquiry is that NS and SS joined in financing through the American Philosophical Society some scientists to attend the Indian Science Congress. (Actually the SS nominees were unable to go so it was entirely an NS matter). Now Mr. Mahalanobis, secretary of the conference, wants another group sent for next year's conference. WW and I doubt the wisdom of repeating, and it is agreed that I should write a declination to Mahalanobis. Our reply is built partly upon lack of enthusiasm for him.

But oughtn't we to have, even before we send this declination, a general policy on India? I would certainly rank it below China, but it is one of the critical areas of the world.

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