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28th April, 1948.

My dear Bhatnagar,

When you were here for the meeting of the Board of Research on Atomic Energy you told me that as the Chairman of that Board I was entitled to supplementary petrol coupons from the Centre. As I travel a good deal on committees connected with the Government of India and in connection with the work of the Board, it would be more convenient for me to have my supplementary ration issued by the Centre instead of the Provincial Government so that it could be used in any place where I may happen to be. I should be very grateful, therefore, if you could arrange for my supplementary ration to be issued regularly by the Centre together with an 'H' certificate allowing it to be drawn at any place where I may be. I would require a ration of about 30 gallons per month, and, if this is given, I shall not draw any supplementary ration from the Bombay Provincial Authorities. Could you please let me have an early ^{reply} to this letter?

I met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru after dinner last Monday and gave him my note. In it I have said that it is my opinion, as expressed in a letter to him as far back as June, 1947, from Simla that the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research should be directly under the Prime Minister. He appears to be fairly keen on this himself. As I have told you, I have suggested that there should be an Atomic Energy Commission composed of three people with you as the

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chief administrative officer so as to ensure close liaison with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research of which you would be the Secretary.

I hope you had a pleasant journey to Delhi.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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