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May 14, 2007

Dear City Manager Mr. Kamlarz,

I have been approached by several distinguished scientists and scholars from the Berkeley area regarding a building at 2507 McGee, Berkeley, CA. Currently the International Institute of Bengal Basin is located at this address at the building owned by Dr. Rash B. Ghosh.

This Institute is doing valuable work relating to environmental issues in our region. We understand that it has considerable support for its activities from the scientific and academic community in and around Berkeley. We are informed that the requirements of the City regarding the changes in the building will imply substantive difficulties for the owners. Apparently they have suggested alternatives, which if approved will ease the problem and will be an alternative solution.

Keeping in view the good work that is being done by the Institute and the appeals already made to the Hon'ble Mayor by several distinguished well wishers of the Institute, including Noble laureates, I would appreciate if this matter could be reconsidered and some mutually satisfactory solution found.

Yours sincerely,

(B.S. Prakash)

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City Manager
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September 27, 2012

Swami Vivekananda Celebratory Organization (SVCO)
The Vedanta Society
2455 Bowditch St.
Berkeley, CA 94704-2429

Dear Friends,

I thank you for your invitation to join this proposed 150th birth anniversary celebration of Great spiritual leader humanist Swami Vivekananda of India. In response to your request, I asked Dr. Rash B. Ghosh to attend the event planning meeting on my behalf. I shall be pleased to attend the event on or about September 2013 to be held at U.C. Berkeley, assuming I am still in good health (I am now 97). I encourage all IIBHB volunteers and U.C Berkeley to extend help to Vedanta Society to make this event successful.

If you have any question please contact Dr. Ghosh of IIBHB at 510-575-5112

Sincerely,

Chas. H. Townes

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Nobel laureate in Physics
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