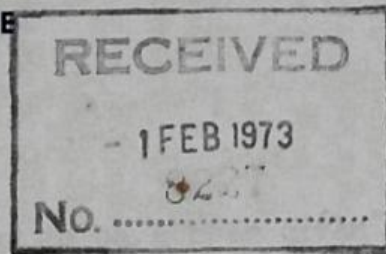




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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bombay



January 30, 1973

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Mr. S.V. Raju
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Dear Mr. Raju:

I was disappointed to learn from your letter of January 25, 1973, of the difficulties you encountered at the American Consulate General in Toronto.

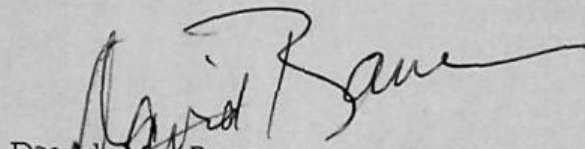
As you say, what is done is done, but I would like to express my regret for what appears to be the cavalier treatment accorded you and to explain what may have prompted it.

The United States Immigration and Naturalization Law prohibits the issuance of a nonimmigrant visa to anyone who is unable to establish that his intention is to leave the United States after a temporary period or after the completion of his purpose in visiting the United States. The visa applicant normally meets this requirement by presenting proof of financial, cultural or family ties outside the United States that can reasonably be expected to cause his departure from the United States. Obviously, this is most easily done at the United States mission having consular jurisdiction over the person's place of residence. However, whenever possible, an attempt will be made to establish an applicant's eligibility through an interview if he should apply outside his place of

residence. It is unfortunate that you seem not to have been given such an opportunity at the Consulate General in Toronto. I can only hope that this was an individual instance of such behavior, due in part to an excess workload or other extenuating circumstances.

I can assure you, moreover, that should you have occasion to visit the Consulate General in Bombay in regard to visa or other matters, every courtesy and consideration will be shown to you.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Bane
American Consul General