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From : Dr. Kewal Motwani, Sri Aurobindo Ashrama, Pondichery, India.
August 16, 1948

Dear Miss Mistral,

Both Dr. Marin and I have been looking forward to a word from you these few weeks. We both hope and pray that you are keeping well.

As conflicting news about Miss Pearl Buck's nomination of Sri Aurobindo began to be put into circulation by some news-agents from New York, I took the liberty of announcing to the press, on Sri Aurobindo's Birthday, the news of your primary nomination and Miss Buck's seconding of your nomination. I hope and pray that my action has your approval. Miss Buck could not offer to make the nomination since she has not studied Sri Aurobindo's writings and could not recommend with authority.

I shall, therefore, be grateful if you will kindly write to : The President, Svenska Akademi, Stockholm, Sweden, making your nomination of Sri Aurobindo for Nobel Prize in Literature for 1950 on the basis of his book, LIFE DIVINE. This three volume work is being published in one omnibus volume by Sri Aurobindo Library in New York ; in fact, the book should have been released on August 15th, Sri Aurobindo's Birthday. On hearing from you, I shall get the Library to forward a copy of the book to Stockholm. Copies of other books by Sri Aurobindo will be sent from here in your name.

If you so desire, you could say in your nominating letter that you are having the memorials, signed by Sri Aurobindo's countrymen, as a testimony of the high regard in which he is held by his people. On hearing from you, I shall forward these also to Stockholm in your name.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly send us the article you promised through Dr. Marin, two copies of your letter of nomination and two copies of your autographed photo, one for our Teacher and one for getting a book made. We propose to use your article in the Presentation Volume which we are planning to be published and offered to our Teacher next year this time.

With prayers for your health and happiness and personal high regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Kewal Motwani
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