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Dear Josef,

I was planning to write you this letter for quite sometime now, but it kept getting delayed. In the meantime, our friend Krishna Bharadwaj, whom you met in Trieste, died suddenly in Delhi. Krishna had been an old friend — she and I started together the economics department in Delhi and, I really do feel a sense of personal loss.

I am writing you this letter with some awkwardness to ask for a favour. I was in Helsinki at the World Institute of Dev. Economics Research (WIDER) in early February. They say that most of economic research in the United Nations is being cut, because the American administration believes the IMF and the World Bank are doing enough! Under these circumstances, the