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Dear Enakshi and Santimay,

You will perhaps be amazed when you see the enclosures in this letter: A letter to me from Jacqueline Eisenmann herself, a copy of the photograph of Bose and her brother and copies of three letters from Bose to her, as mentioned in her letter!

Yes, to my amazement I discovered that Mme. Eisenmann is still very much alive-- and quite charming. She is 92 and lives with her husband ( a mere 88) at the same address given on her letter that you kindly sent me. How did I discover her? When I got to Paris, I took a chance and looked in the Paris telephone book under "Eisenmann." Sure enough, there was a Jacques Eisenmann listed at the same address. I supposed that it might be Mme. Eisenmann's son or nephew; so I had a French friend, a rather prominent physicist-- Mme. Françoise Balibar, telephone to see if whoever it was would see me. He recognized her name, and invited us to call the following Saturday morning.

Imagine our surprise (Evelyn went with me) to discover that it was Mme. Eisenmann and her husband who received us. They live alone, but have children in Paris who keep an eye on them (their daughter telephoned twice while we were there). Although somewhat limited physically by the after-effects of a recent fall, Mme. Eisenmann is still very alert and charming, as you may gather from her letter. We talked for about an hour about Bose, about her brother (whom she discusses in the letter) and about her and her husband's life during the war, about my work, etc.

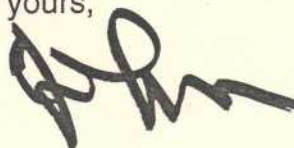
She promised to send copies of the photograph she showed us, and of letters she still had, which she could not find at the moment; as you see, she fulfilled her promise. I told her about your book on Bose, and left her your card saying that you would probably get in touch with her. So she is prepared for any inquiries that you care to make. The letters certainly do suggest a tender relationship, and indeed while in Berlin

Bose visited Paris just to see her. The passages about physics in Berlin are also very interesting.

I am enclosing a copy of my paper on Bose and Einstein. As you will see, it contains references to your work, as well as to information from Mme. Eisenmann and quotes from the Bose letter of 1926. If you have any suggestions for changes in my paper, I would be most grateful.

Evelyn joins me in sending you both our warmest regards. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Stachel', written in a cursive style.

John Stachel