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Dr. Bernard Lall  
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Dear Dr. Lall:

What is happening with Satyajit Ray's tour?

We would still like to be able to present him on Oct. 30 with *DISTANT THUNDER*.

I am still having trouble with the amount of money that you are quoting for his fee. I know he deserves this amount, and more, but we are in extremely bad shape budget wise.

At this point, I can only seem to count on money from the box office itself. My attempts to get money outside, from the Center for South Asian Studies, etc. have all failed.

If we were to show *DISTANT THUNDER* twice on that occassion, Oct. 30, leaving time for a brief introduction and some questions, and if we upped our admission charge to \$2.00, I think we could guarantee \$1500.00. But we would also want to schedule a free afternoon coffee hour for Mr. Ray's most devoted admirers to have time for an informal discussion period with him. We could advance the \$500.00 you suggest upon receipt of an invoice for such from you: if the check is to be made out to you personally, we need your social security number.

I would still like to be able to play *ABHIJAN* and *THE COWARD AND THE HOLY MAN*, both to complete our recent Ray retrospective and to raise some of the money for the Oct. 30 event. So I will write Mr. Ray about these films, to see if he could arrange for them to be sent from India or from England, where the BFI just had a complete Ray season. Mr. Ray and I have been in touch by letter on various matters for many years, so I don;t think he will mind hearing from me.

Please confirm his availability on Oct. 30 and let me know if the \$1500.00 is acceptable. Thank you very much,

Yours Truly,

  
Tom Luddy  
Program Director