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Received your e-mail concerning the photographs and trip to Deoghar. All is well here. TVA is going to do direct the TATA Trombay (in Bombay) unit 6

(siemens Unit) outage and all subsequent outages for TATA. We had an official meeting yesterday. However, I have turned down this trip because I have applied for another job at our large 2,550 megawatt Paradise, Kentucky unit. It would be a promotion for me. The interviewing will be in February and this conflicts with going to Bombay. Arun is not happy but it is to my advantage to get this other position if I can. It will mean being a system engineer specialist and working on turbines, precipitators, boilers, and doing analysis to improve efficiency indicators at the plant.

It could be that I will be required to go to Bombay. I have no objections but my position is that I can transfer to Paradise plant upon my return.

It is also official now that our team over here will be doing outages in India over the next five years at about two per year. We are now supposed to provide outage direction to NTPC after the TATA outages.

My position seems at first to be a flip flop from my previous attitudes. It is not when you consider that what I am trying to do is to obtain as much expertise as I can and bring that with me to India in four years. Four more years of being a generator specialist will not add much to my knowledge base.

Four additional years at the large power station working on many different problems, including grid system reliability issues, is like going back to college for another university degree.

So that is the situation as of today. I would have left for India on January 25 for up to 9 weeks. But at most I would have only been able to come to Calcutta for a week on each end of the outage. If I go to the power station then I will be able to visit as part of my vacation. Then I can stay 3

weeks
as I did last time.

Time will tell. We call the shots with the available information we have at the time. We do what we think is best and then we should not look back with regrets if our decision might have been wrong because regrets never changed anything.

I am anxious to hear about the RKM at Deoghar. In my heart I still think that what I want to do with the last 10-15 years of my productive life is to TEACH! and to teach in a setting such as Deoghar or Rahara. But I also would like to convey my knowledge of electrical power systems to other engineers. So I think that I would do some consulting as part of that teaching activity - provide knowledge and information as relates to generators and power stations - to other engineers who would be interested.

Time will tell - and unfortunately for all of us - time runs so very fast that if we hesitate to do what our heart desires then we shall soon find that we have run out of time. Then we will breathe our last and utter the cry "gee wiz, is that all there is?" regretting that we did not take time in our life to give meaning and purpose to ideals higher than our own material wants.

Take care. Nenad