

Dear Judy:
More power to you!
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Mr. Gordon T. Bowles, Executive Secretary
Conference Board of Associated Research Councils
Committee on International Exchange of Persons
2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of June 21st, with regard to Dr. Judith Tyberg's request under Public Law 584, the Fulbright Act, for a research award in India at the Benares Hindu University on Indian Religion.

Answering first the general questions implied in your second paragraph: I have known Dr. Judith Tyberg from the time she was born and also knew her father and mother, who were both serious students of Oriental philosophy and religion. Without hesitation I say that Dr. Tyberg's character is above reproach; she has a brilliant mind and is motivated by high ethical and spiritual ideals which are outstanding. Professionally, she has specialized for a score of years in Indic studies, having taught Sanskrit, lectured, and conducted classes very ably during this entire period, on Hindu religion and philosophy. Your Board need have not a moment's hesitation as to her ability to accomplish the purpose for which the grant has been requested. Among a large circle of friends and fellow-students of Oriental religion and philosophy, I know of no one better qualified by native intelligence, religious culture, academic training and technical knowledge to accomplish this purpose.

Turning now to the specific questions in your third paragraph: Before her three years' course at Benares Hindu University, Dr. Tyberg had already compiled a very useful book entitled SANSKRIT KEYS TO THE WISDOM RELIGION, and had collaborated with Dr. Lawrence A. Ware in the preparation of a revised edition of Ballantyne's FIRST LESSONS IN SANSKRIT GRAMMAR. She has recently rounded out and greatly extended her knowledge of Indian Religion during her stay in India. She passed her university examinations there with very high honors. I think her promise as a scholar and teacher are exceptional. [Continued on another sheet]

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