



Follow-up letter

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*Sent with the research progress note and the statement
of intended publications*

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Subject: MPhil/PhD application under consideration — progress note and a request for twenty minutes

Dear Dr Nadarajah,

I am writing as a live applicant rather than as an enquirer. My MPhil/PhD application to Politics and International Studies is with the department and currently shows no decision, and I would welcome a short conversation before it is decided.

Since I submitted, the archive that the proposal treats as its case has grown substantially: nineteen printable institutional dossiers, a citations registry, a public evaluation suite for the retrieval layer, a typeset method paper, and a continuity protocol specifying how the archive survives my own withdrawal. A two-page progress note listing the additions with dates is attached.

The finding I would most like to put in front of you is a negative one. The archive's tiering discipline recently forced me to refuse a case I wanted to use, because the sourcing sat below threshold. The refusal is published with the verification gap stated on the page, and the argument it would have supported is written weaker as a result. That mechanism - a written refusal record kept by the body doing the refusing - is what I want to formalise in the thesis.

Your work on Tamil diaspora politics and the limits of liberal peace remains the closest supervisory fit I have found. If you are open to it, I would value twenty minutes at any time convenient to you, in person or online.

Kind regards,

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