



THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

MARION BARRY, JR.
Mayor

January 28, 1988

Dr. M. S. Swaminathan
General Foods
250 North Street
White Plains, New York

Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on having been distinguished as the first General Foods World Food Prize Recipient.

I am aware that the World Food Prize was established to recognize outstanding contributors to improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. With regard to the above, your highly exemplary record in the realm of world food supply improvement bespeaks of a valiant, selfless, and dedicated individual. As the "*Father of the Green Revolution*" in India, and Director General of the International Rice Research Institute, you have occupied a vanguard position in the improvement of the quality and productivity of Asia's principal foodstuff - rice. Your pride in your accomplishments can only be outweighed by those, such as myself, who manifest a pronounced desire for your continued success and contributions toward the eradication of world hunger.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, again congratulations and best wishes for your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marion Barry".

MARION BARRY, JR.
MAYOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

