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Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

As we prepare to leave IRRI, I wanted to express my deep personal appreciation for all you have done to make our Board meeting one of the most enjoyable and stimulating we have ever had.

I know I speak for all of the Directors when I say how remarkable and absolutely unique is the depth of your hospitality. As one who has had some considerable experience in organizing and managing complex events, the skill and grace with which you directed every facet of our visit was most assuredly not lost on me.

Dr. Swaminathan, each time I am in your presence, I feel anew that our relationship transcends the few short days we have been together since our Board meeting in Bombay two years ago. The great wealth of experience and expertise you bring to every endeavor has made an enormous contribution to The Hunger Project and to me personally. Our work continues to grow in vision and scope through the commitment and empowerment you bring to it.

I trust that in this coming year we shall have many opportunities to again be together, and to continue what for me is an extraordinary partnership. Please accept this small gift as an expression of that partnership, and in deep appreciation for all you have made available to The Hunger Project during our meeting at Los Banos.

Warm regards,  
Joan