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My dear Dr. Dogget,

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of 6th April, 1979. I thank you for your generous sentiments.

We have reached in India a rather interesting phase in our agricultural evolution. Unless we can stimulate consumption and make agriculture a potent instrument of not only providing food to our growing population but also of generating more jobs as well as income in the rural areas, it will be difficult to sustain advances in production. We are, therefore, embarking upon a Block Level Development approach. It is only by looking at problems at the micro level that we can remove the various constraints responsible for the prevailing gap between potential and actual farm yields. I know of your deep interest in the problems of small and marginal farmers. I shall, therefore, look forward to an opportunity of discussing with you some of these problems when you come to India next. Please do let me know in case you plan to come to Delhi in the next few months.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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