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Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

I was pleased to receive your letter of 18 November. I regret the delay in responding and I have no valid excuse except that I have been busy in an inefficient way. The cottage in Maine has required a trip there every week, and Christmas cards (some 225 of them) have to be handwritten by only Sunny and me. I guess we get less adept with time, but I feel fortunate to be as well as I am, considering my somewhat advanced age.

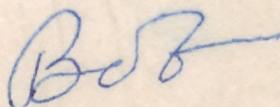
First, may I congratulate you on having received the 1986 Albert Einstein World Science Award. Sunny and I feel that you surely deserve this recognition and we are pleased for you. I had heard nothing about it until I read it in Professor Hemmi's presentation at International Centers Week.

I read with real interest your welcoming remarks when President Corazon Aquino came to IRRI on October 16th. You gave a first-class presentation of IRRI's background and current situation. Believe it or not, I didn't even know that you were building a new Biotechnology and Seed Health Laboratory. That is how isolated I am here in Templeton. Congratulations again, for having persuaded the donors to provide this modern facility.

Your presentation at International Centers Week was excellent. You gave a very clear picture of IRRI's current program and its future plans. It sounded to me to be a well-thought-out plan for the years ahead and I look forward to keeping in touch with its major achievements as time goes on.

Although IRRI will miss your leadership, Sunny and I wish you continued success and happiness during the coming years as you spread your talents into new activities.

Sincerely,



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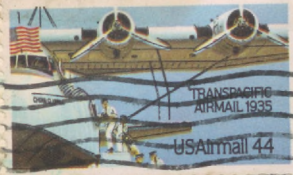


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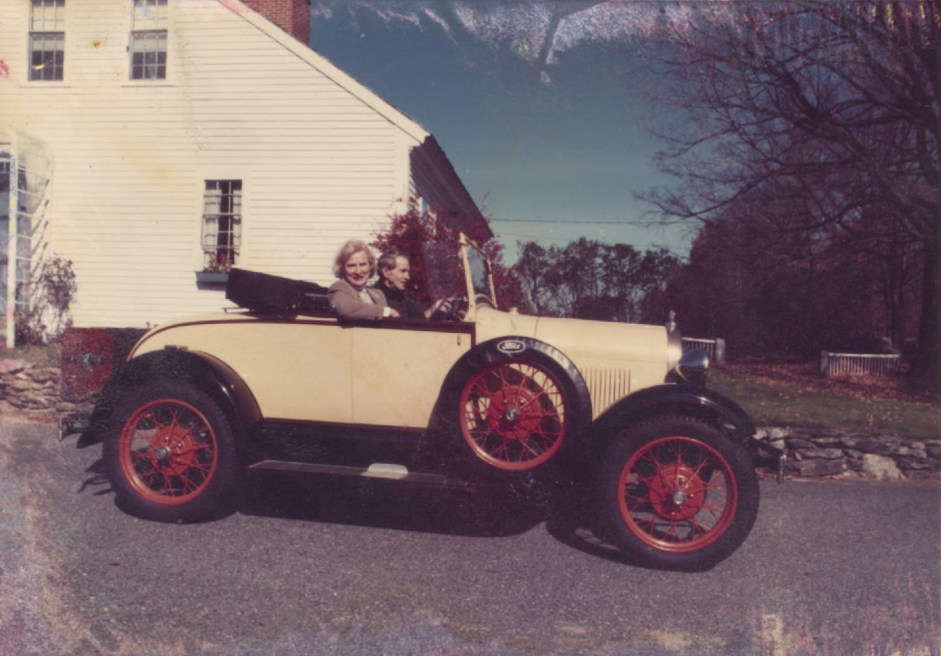
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Sunny
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Bob

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(Bob)