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In reply please refer to: V2/372/14  
Prière de rappeler la référence:

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Dear Dr Swaminathan,

A few weeks ago I forwarded to you the proceedings of the IRRI/PEEM/USDA workshop on research and training needs in the field of integrated vector-borne disease control in riceland agroecosystems of developing countries. The proceedings were published by IRRI in March 1989. You will be interested to hear that as a follow-up to the workshop PEEM is planning to strengthen the research programme of the ICMR Centre for Research in Medical Entomology in Madurai, T.N., which is testing new approaches towards the control of the ricefield-breeding Culex tritaeniorhynchus, the vector of Japanese encephalitis. On the other hand, the collaboration with IRRI in setting up a research programme on disease vectors has not made the progress we had expected from it.

I am now writing to you to explore whether you would be willing to accept candidature for membership of the joint WHO/FAO/UNEP Panel of Experts on Environmental Management for Vector Control. Should your response be positive, then your designation by UNEP for a period of three years will be proposed at the next Secretariat meeting. For your further information I am enclosing copies of the memorandum of understanding and the arrangements for the establishment of the Panel, outlining its scope and objectives. The report of the Panel's 8th meeting has been forwarded to you under separate cover, and in its annexes you will find a list of the current composition of the Panel.

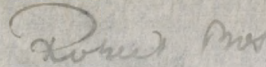
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... May I ask you to send with your affirmative reply the completed personal history form herewith attached. I would suggest you only fill out the first page so we have your updated biodata in our files.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



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