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Dear Prof. Belyaev,

I thank you very much for your kind letter dated January 30, 1978. I shall be happy to chair the Plenary Session on "Genetics and Prosperity of Mankind" along with a Soviet scientist.

As regards the general lecture, you can give the title as 'Plant Breeding and the Conquest of Hunger'. One hour or so is more than adequate for the lecture.

Prof. Frankel and Prof. Riley will be here next week to participate in the 5th International Wheat Genetics Symposium. I can then discuss with them the question of holding the next International Congress of Genetics in India. In fact the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding has already taken a decision to extend an invitation to hold the next Congress in India. I hope this will will fructify.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear friend Professor Swaminathan,

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 1977. Unfortunately I received it with long delay for I was in German Democratic Republic at that time.

Herewith I want to confirm my invitation for you to be the chairman of the plenary session "Genetics and Prosperity of Mankind". As there will be two official languages at the Congress, English and Russian, our Organizing Committee finds it expedient to have one of the Soviet scientists as a co-chairman. I hope you will have no objections against this proposition.

As for your wish to deliver a general lecture on "Plant Breeding Today" or any other similar topic, it is quite feasible within the framework of the programme of the evening lectures. The duration of the lecture should be not more than one hour. I ask you to inform me about your final decision as soon as possible and to indicate the exact title of this lecture.

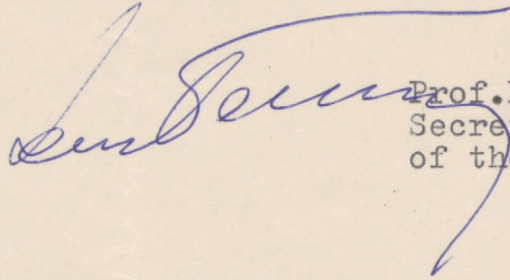
I do regret that our meeting in Moscow was too brief and we failed to discuss some important details pertaining to the Congress. I think you have touched upon a very serious matter - the place where the next, fifteenth International Congress of Genetics will be held. I believe that your suggestion to host the XV ICG in India will meet a positive reaction, and if your intentions in this respect have not changed, I guess it is already time to approach on the matter the International Genetics Federation - namely Prof. O. Frankel and Prof. R. Ri-

ley, one or both of them.

I would be glad to receive information from you on all the points I have touched upon.

Looking forward to meet you at the Congress,

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General  
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