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PRINS BERNHARD DER NEDERLANDEN

Personal and Confidential

Dr. Monkombu Swaminathan
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Madras 600 018
India

Soestdijk Palace, June 29, 1990

SIR

I have the honour to inform you that His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, Grand Master of the Order of the Golden Ark, would like to appoint you Commandeur in this Most Excellent Order.

The Order of the Golden Ark has been instituted by His Royal Highness in 1971, to honour special services rendered to the conservation of the flora and fauna in the world.

I should be very grateful if you would inform me whether you will accept this appointment.

For your information I may already advise you that His Royal Highness would like to present the insignia of the Order at Soestdijk Palace, on Saturday November 10, 1990 at 17.30 hrs.

*I remain Sir, your faithful
Allen,*

(E. Vernède)
Private Secretary to
H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of
the Netherlands

Chancellor of the Order

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M.S. SWAMINATHAN
Chairman

11th July 1990

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Dear Dr. Vernede,

I am most grateful to His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the the Netherlands for his decision to appoint me Commandeur of the Order of the Golden Ark. It is with much pleasure that I accept this honour. Please convey to His Royal Highness my sincere gratitude.

Unfortunately I will not be able to come to the Netherlands on Saturday November 10, 1990 due to a prior committment. I can however come on November 3rd if this would suit His Royal Highness. If the date is the fixed one, I shall be grateful if the insignia associated with this award can be sent to me through the Embassy of Netherlands in New Delhi.

Please convey my respects and regards to His Royal Highness.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan

Dr. E. Vernede
Private Secretary to
H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands
Soestdijk Palace, Soestdijk
Netherlands

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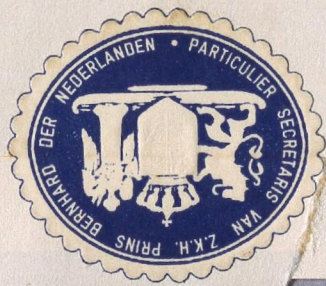
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India

Soestdijk Palace, October 5, 1990

Dear DR Swaminathan.

Herewith I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 11, 1990, concerning your appointment to Commandeur in the Order of the Golden Ark.

Much to his regret His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands had to learn that you are not able to be present at the ceremony at Soestdijk Palace on November 10, 1990.

As the date of the ceremony is indeed a fixed one, I have asked our Ambassador in New Delhi to invite you to the Embassy in order to present to you the insignia. I expect you will hear from the Ambassador in due time.

Remain Sir.

Yours very sincerely

E. Vernède

(E. Vernède)
Private Secretary to
H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of
the Netherlands

Chancellor of the Order

AMBASSADE VAN HET KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

ROYAL NETHERLANDS
EMBASSY

No.

New Delhi, 4 March, 1991

Dear Professor Swaminathan,

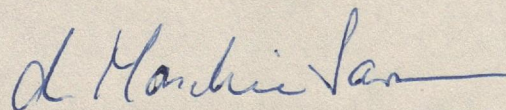
Though we already discussed it informally, I take pleasure in formally extending to you my invitation for the reception to be held in your honour next Friday in connection with the ceremony to present to you the insignia of the Order of the Golden Ark. I had postponed sending you a formal note, because I had wished to include a list of those who had accepted the invitation, but it is not possible yet to say who will attend. I therefore send you the complete list of invitees. I enclose an invitation card as well.

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I understand from Professor Tewari that you will not be staying in the International Centre, so I send this letter care of him so that it reaches you Friday on your arrival.

I am looking forward to seeing you next Friday.

Yours sincerely,



H.J. du Marchie Sarvaas
Ambassador

Professor Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
c/o Professor C.P. Tewari
Vishwa Yuvak Kendra
Circular Road
Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110021

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6.50/-

March 11, 1991

Dear

I am most grateful to you and your wife for the reception you so kindly hosted for presenting me the insignia of the Order of the Golden Ark. The ceremony was a very moving one and I am particularly grateful for your generous remarks on my work. I shall always treasure the insignia as one more reminder of the wonderful time I had in your great country at the very beginning of my scientific career. I shall be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard, Prince of the Netherlands.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan

Ambassador H.J. du Marchie Sarvaas
Ambassade Van Het Koninkrijk Der
Nederlanden
Royal Netherlands
Embassy.

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H.D.

March 11, 1991

Dear

His Excellency the Ambassador of the Netherlands kindly presented to me at a reception held at New Delhi on March 8, 1991 the insignia of the Order of the Golden Ark in the class Commandeur. His Excellency H.J. du Marchie Sarvaas also read the citation which you had so kindly written in connection with this honour. I am extremely grateful to you for this kindness. Over 40 years ago I had my early post-graduate education in your beautiful country. My respect and admiration for the Royal family and the people of the Netherlands have grown every day since that time. In particular, my admiration for your monumental contributions to the protection of planet earth is immense. I pray for your continued good health and happiness and for the success of your Mission in preserving our planet for future generations.

With respectful regards,

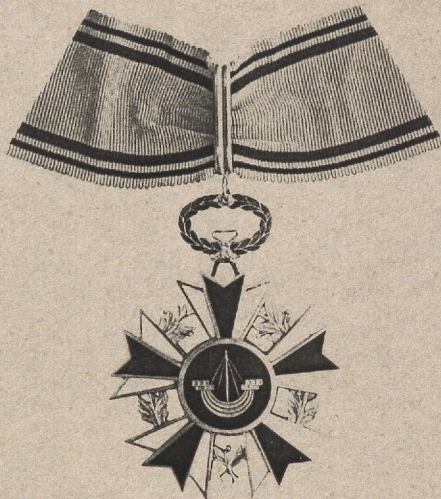
Yours sincerely,



M. S. Swaminathan

His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard
Prince of the Netherlands
The Hague
Netherlands.

ORDE VAN
DE GOUDEN ARK



DE PRINS DER NEDERLANDEN,
GROOTMEESTER DER ORDE VAN DE GOUDEN ARK
BENOEMT

Dr. Monkombu S. Swaminathan

TOT COMMANDEUR
IN DE
ORDE VAN DE GOUDEN ARK

PALEIS SOESTDIJK, 29 juni 1990
DE GROOTMEESTER,

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DE KANSELLIER DER ORDE,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. van...', is written in the bottom left corner of the page.

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The Order of the Golden Ark is bestowed
in recognition of special service
rendered to the conservation of flora and fauna;
the following provisions are laid down
with respect to the Order.

The Order is divided into three classes.

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The members of the first class are designated
'Commandeur', those of the second class 'Officier'
and those of the third class 'Ridder'.



Soestdijk Palace, June 29th, 1990

The Order of the Golden Ark is awarded to Dr. Monkombu S. Swaminathan for his outstanding contribution to science as one of the world's most distinguished plant geneticists; for his leadership in Asia as the scientific authority behind the "Green Revolution" and for his untiring work in India as President of both the IUCN and WWF-India.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bernhard', enclosed within a hand-drawn rectangular frame with an arrow pointing to the right above the top line.

Prince of the Netherlands