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Dear Hal and Berni,

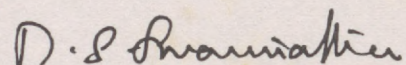
Many thanks for your mid-year letter. Mina and I have enjoyed reading your account of the visit to Galapagos.

We are settling to our life in Madras. The Centre I am establishing for blending traditional and frontier technologies is slowly coming up.

I enclose a brochure on a Commission on Food for Peace.

With warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



M.S. Swaminathan

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Dear Swaminathan,

May 1989

Amigos y Amigas,

This is a mid-year letter from Hal and Berni Hanson. We like to think we have invented a new communications pattern: receiving your New Year's greetings or occasional letters, but responding in late spring.

At 77 and 74, having passed our 50th wedding anniversary in March, our annual physical exams are producing nothing more alarming than an occasional dental cavity. Hal still walks four miles a day (ed. Joe Suzuki!); his hair is only partially grey; he eats raw fruit and vegetable salad for lunch. Berni rejects popular advice for organized exercise, but manages the Mexican house without a maid; she has a gardener for the greenhouse operation that produces 20,000 giant white chrysanthemums every 90 days for the Mexico City market.

Survival tables give us another ten years or so. We budget our time: most of the year in central Mexico in a mountain village 30 miles northeast of Mexico City airport, elevation 8,000 feet, and three trips a year to our farm several miles from Dulles airport outside Washington, D.C.

Hal keeps an office 10 kilometers from home at CIMMYT, the agricultural research center from which he is retired. That serves as post-office, bank, library and contact with the outside world. We try to entertain regularly among the 100 CIMMYT scientists who are posted here or visit from around the world. (This week: a Nicaraguan agronomist who is a refugee from the Sandinistas and a U.S. sorghum breeder working for a sister-institute in India.)

Our favorite periodicals are the Economist and the New Yorker. Our unscrambled satellite dish brings in Public Television's MacNeil and Lehrer, etc. Our latest book reading was Benezir Bhutto's autobiography (what courage!).

Our major event of 1989 thus far has been a trip to South America where we visited a sheep ranch on Tierra del Fuego, did sightseeing in Chile's lake district and stopped on Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, and the Galapagos.*

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Abrazos,

Hal and Berni Hanson

Hal + Berni

* already sent

Someday we want to
hear about you.