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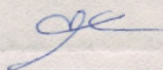
Dear Dr. and Mrs. Swaminathan:

Yesterday Raj and I stopped by your house at 11:05 a.m. to bid goodbye to both of you, particularly to Mrs. Swaminathan as we may not see her at IRRI in the immediate future. Unfortunately, you left at 11:00 a.m. I assumed your flight departure being at 3:30 p.m., you would not leave before 12:00 noon. I was not aware of your luncheon engagement at Alabang. At any rate, please accept our grateful thanks for your outstanding contribution to IRRI and the rice world. I am certain Mrs. Swaminathan's rapport with the Filipino community both inside and outside IRRI will be fondly remembered.

We would like Mrs. Swaminathan to visit IRRI as often as her schedule would permit and opportunity arises. We would most welcome either or both of you to stay with us as our personal guests. I know I speak for my entire family on the kindness you have shown to us and all the staff and their families during the past six years. Naturally, I am looking forward to Dr. Swaminathan's return on 14 January 1988 and have another week or more of his time to provide continued dynamic leadership.

With my very best regards and best wishes for 1988 and beyond.

Sincerely,



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