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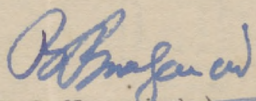
Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

I recently read the press reports regarding controversy over five yearly assessment. Unfortunately, in some of these reports even character assassination has been attempted. All this made us very sad and during my recent trip to Delhi, I had opportunity of discussing the same with the senior scientists in IARI and it is apparent that by enlarge the scientists are against such reports. It is only a limited number of over ambitious and selfish individuals who are trying to do the mud slinging. If I may say so I had a feeling that the Council would some day have troubles either on account of the ASRB's dictatorial policies or the inefficient working of the personnel division and the scientists in big Institutes like IARI would start the troubles. Unfortunately, this trouble took an ugly form and affected one of the most sincere and capable person in the whole set up. Even in IARI majority of the scientists are unhappy about the whole incidence. I now hope that the remaining persons would also realise soon that by such actions they would not be able to gain but only harm the whole community of agricultural scientists.

I am confident that no other person has done so much for the agricultural scientists as you have done and if this is the way you are being rewarded God only can help us. I once again feel sorry that you were put to inconvenience by some of us and sincerely hope the authorities would take appropriate action against the miscreants.

With best regards to you, Mrs. Swaminathan and other family members.

Yours sincerely,

  
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