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Dear Dr Swaminathan,

R.B. Bennett Commonwealth Prize 1984

I have pleasure in informing you that, with the approval of our President, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Society's Council wishes to offer you the award of the 1984 R.B. Bennett Commonwealth Prize in recognition of your contributions to agriculture.

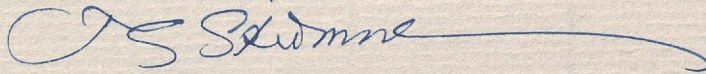
This Prize, which consists of one hundred guineas, was instituted in 1944 by Viscount Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, and President and Chairman of Council of this Society, for award every three years for "an outstanding contribution to the promotion of the arts, agriculture, industries or commerce in the Commonwealth overseas". I enclose a list of previous recipients. Nominations for the 1984 award were invited by the Society from all the Commonwealth Governments and from certain other organizations. Your name was submitted by the Commonwealth Foundation.

The presentation of the R.B. Bennett Commonwealth Prize has usually been made at a small party given here for the purpose. We are fully conscious of the great distance involved, and unfortunately the Society has not the funds to offer to pay your travelling expenses; but it may be that you will have some other inducement to visit London during the remaining months of this year, or in the early part of next. Perhaps you would kindly indicate whether you think this will be at all possible for you, and we might then discuss a mutually convenient date. We shall, of course, perfectly understand if you are not coming to London; and would in that case arrange to send you the award, which, in addition to the money, is represented by a specially printed diploma.

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I look forward to your reply, so that we can make a public announcement. This would largely take the form of the enclosed, which I send in case you wish to make any comments upon it, and to ensure that it is accurate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.S. Skidmore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(J.S. Skidmore)
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R.B. BENNETT COMMONWEALTH PRIZE

RECIPIENTS

- 1945 DR. CHARLES CAMSELL, CMB, BA, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources for Canada and Commissioner and Member of Council of the North-West Territories, for his contribution to the exploration and scientific investigation of the resources of the North-West Territories of Canada.
- 1948 SIR FRANK STOCKDALE, GCMG, CBE, Development Planning Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of agriculture and social welfare in the Commonwealth.
- 1951 MR. E. BRUCE LEVY, OBE, Director of the New Zealand Grasslands Research Division of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Palmerston North, New Zealand, for his work on grassland farming.
- 1954 DR. CHALMERS JACK MACKENZIE, CMG, MC, FRS, late President of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, for his work in the field of engineering and atomic research.
- 1957 MR. BENEDICT CHUKA ENWONWU, MBE, for his achievements as a sculptor and for his work in encouraging the development of African art.
- 1960 DR. E.W.R. STEACIE, OBE, President of the National Research Council for Canada, for his contributions to the development of applied science in Canada and in the Commonwealth.
- 1963 DR. H.C. COOMBS, MA, PhD, HonLLD, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, for his contributions to the development of banking, economics and the arts in Australia.
- 1966 MR. IAN (NOW SIR IAN) HUNTER, MBE, for his work in organizing the first Commonwealth Arts Festival, held in London in 1965.
- 1969 MR. MICHAEL HARRISON, MBE, for his work in developing new techniques of maize breeding and in introducing an improved system of integrated husbandry in East Africa.

- 1972 DR. WALTER PLOWRIGHT, DVSc(Pret), MRCVS, Professor of Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology at the Royal Veterinary College, London, for his work in the field of virology and the improvement of animal health in Africa.
- 1975 MR. ARNOLD SMITH, CH, first Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, in recognition of his work in the encouragement of Commonwealth co-operation in science and education.
- 1978 DR. VASSOS KARAGEORGHIS, PhD, FSA, Director of the Department of Antiquities in Cyprus, for his contributions to the advancement of archaeology in the island, and DR. LINDSAY R. WALLACE, FNZIAS, FRSNZ, for his contributions to agricultural science both in New Zealand and internationally.
- 1981 SIR JOSUA RABUKAWAQA, KBE, MVO, for his contribution to cultural life, and especially music and dance, in Fiji.