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Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

I was a pleasure to talk with you recently on the telephone and to learn of your interest in the conference we are planning for February, 1989 in New Delhi. I am happy to say that everyone we have approached for this conference has praised the initiative and agreed to help us in whatever way possible. We now have an advisory committee that includes Gordon Goodman of the Beijer Institute, Gus Speth of the World Resources Institute, Richard Benedick, now of the Conservation Foundation but on leave from the U.S. Department of State, and you.

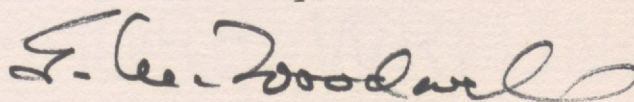
We have approached the Indian Prime Minister to inaugurate the workshop with the request that he send a strong message to the world community of India's commitment to preserving the global environment and to advocacy of a policy for the developing world on what the developing nations may do to safeguard their own interests.

I am enclosing a copy of our draft planning document for the conference as well as a copy of our letter to Mr. Gandhi. It would be helpful if you could use your good offices to obtain the consent of the Prime Minister to inaugurate the conference.

I expect that by the time we meet in Toronto we shall have a detailed proposal for you and others on the advisory committee to review. Meanwhile, we would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to participants.

With appreciation for your interest and assistance, I remain,

Yours sincerely,


G.M. Woodwell

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