

To: Professor M.C. Swaminathan

October 1st, 1991

Dear Colleague!

I am pleased to express my sincere thanks for the message in which you have answered two questions of mine. We are very happy to have received many interesting comments which are being used for drawing up a programme to overcome the crisis and to develop the agrarian sphere. It will be submitted to the President and the State Council.

Due to disintegration of the former Soviet Union the functions and activities of VASKhNIL are being changed: we are running fewer research institutes with the main body of them being passed over to sovereign Republics. Our Academy becomes an independent non-state system in charge of four functions:

a/ basic researches for the whole economic space of sovereign Republics of the former Union;

b/ coordination of activities of research structures of those states;

c/ training of research personnel;

d/ foreign relations as well as scientific and technological cooperation with foreign research centres.

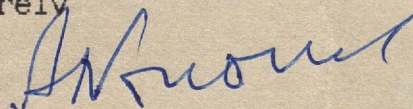
We are facing no unemployment but there are high financial hardships due to lack of Union's budget.

Let me inform you that the document which has been prepared under your guidance in Norway is being translated into Russian at this time and will be published soon.

I regret very much that I have no opportunity to come to Madras to see nice people for whom I have my deepest sympathy. We are facing now difficult and hard time. The revenge of reactionary forces as well as mistakes and weakness of new government bodies are inadmissible. The main thing is to adjust the functioning of economy as soon as possible, to satisfy people's needs and to stop conflicts. The team which has been organized last November within Peace and Food International Commission is proceeding with its work.

Yours sincerely

A. Nikonov



October 4, 1991

Dear Academician Nikonov,

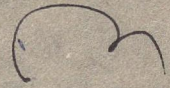
Many thanks for your letter sent through Prof. Nazarenko. We are very sorry about the developments. I hope conditions will get stabilised soon. On behalf of Commission Members I send you and your colleagues our regards and best wishes. We stand ready to be of assistance in whatever way you feel will be useful.

I am glad you have got the Oslo report translated into Russian. Please send me a copy when it is ready.

I enclose 3 copies of our Annual Report for use in the Institutes of the Academy.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



M. S. Swaminathan

Academician A.N. Nikonov
President, Vaskhnil
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Encl: As above

1.10.1991.
Москва

Профессору М.С. Свешникову

Дорогой друг!

Я искренне благодарю Вас за именной ответ на мои два вопроса. К нашей радости получено мое содержательное письмо ответов, и все их неизменно делюсь программой преподавания предмета и развития спортивной сферы. Она будет представлена Президиуму и Государственному совету.

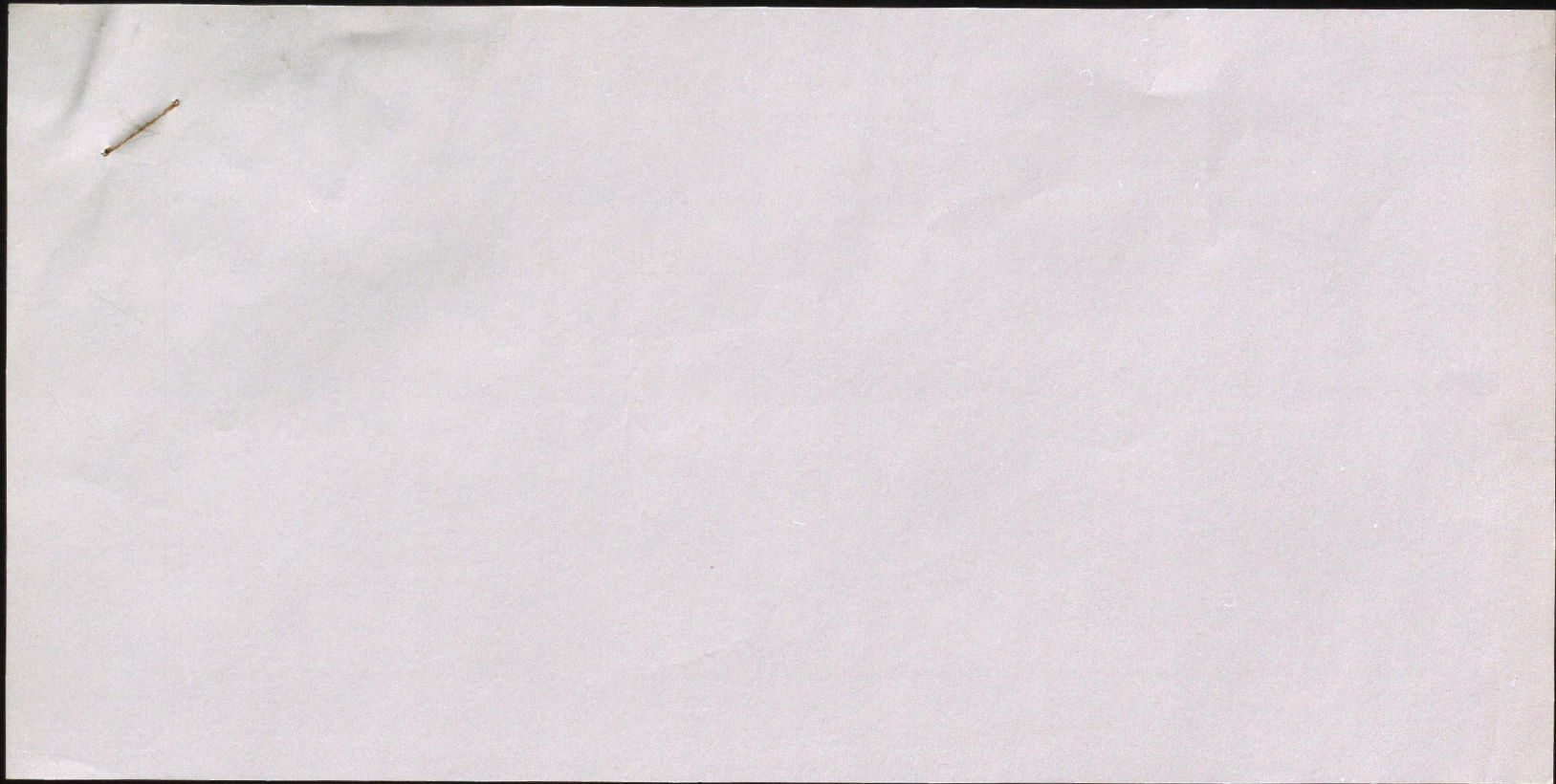
В связи с передачей спортивного Совета ученикам физкультуры ВАСШМ: у нас состоялся некий семинар, большая их часть передана Свердловской республике. Академия будет независимой неограниченной сферой деятельности: а) юридическая область исследования для всего народного хозяйства Свердловской области; б) физкультура спорта; в) координация деятельности спорта и культуры спорта; г) подготовка кадров и служебные связи и научно-техническое сотрудничество с зарубежными организациями. Безработными не будем, но очень боимся гибели советской науки из-за отсутствия государственного бюджета.

Сообщаю Вам, что подготовленные в Норвегии под Вашим руководством документы в настоящее время переводятся на русский язык и скоро будут у Вас.

Я очень надеюсь, что менее вероятности быть в Норвегии и вернуться замечательных людей, и покорить нам глубокие знания славянским. У нас сейчас некое и некое время: нельзя допустить реванша реакционерной силе, а также ошибок и слабостей новой организации. Главное же в Норвегии налаживать экономическую, удовлетворение нужд людей и прекращение конфликтов. Надеюсь, что в Норвегии промышленности и культуры в развитии "мир и сотрудничество" работаем.

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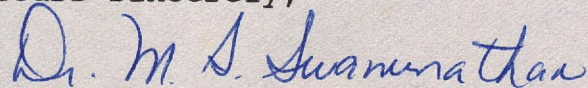
Dear Academician Nikonov:

Thanks for your telex. The team headed by Dr. John Mellor, funded by the Ford Foundation, will be able to visit the U.S.S.R. soon and hold wide ranging discussions with you and your colleagues on short and long term strategies.

The immediate concern has to be on the removal of constraints in the post-harvest storage and distribution systems. Also, government policies for improving production and productivity in the most favorable areas will have to be strengthened. The challenge lies in achieving an optimum blend of individual initiative, group cooperation in post-harvest technology and government policies in land ownership and support in input and output pricing, marketing and techno-infrastructure improvement in rural reas. I am confident that with sustained efforts and mutually reinforcing packages of technology, services and government policies, the present problems can be solved over the next few years.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. M. S. Swaminathan

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Moscow,
August 3, 1979

The USSR Academy of Agricultural Sciences named after V.I. Lenin extends its heartfelt congratulations to the scientists and specialists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee.

During fifty years of its existance the ICAR has become the central organization playing the leading role in management, coordination and implementation of the whole agricultural research process in the country. A number of Indian scientists out of its ranks have become world-famous, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, an outstanding geneticist and a foreign member of our Academy being one of them.

It is difficult to overestimate the contribution the ICAR scientists have made to the progress of agricultural science as well as to solving the most complicated and noble task of providing the Indian people with food products. The ICAR scientists have enolved new high-yielding dwarf wheat varieties, high-yielding varieties of rice, maize, sorghum etc. which marked the beginning of "Green Revolution" in India.

The strong ties of cooperation have linked us since long, mutually enriching our knowledge and multiplying the wealth of our peoples.

Our scientific and technical contacts in the field of agriculture are based on the inter-government agreement signed in Moscow on June 18, 1971. Since then broad exchange of scientific and technical literature, samples of seeds, mutual visits of scientists and specialists have been carried on and joint symposia on the most important problems of agricultural science and practice have been held. These forms of cooperation are being widened and improved from year to year bringing in positive results.

The Soviet sunflower varieties "Peredovik" and "Armavir" with high oil content are being used in India. The samples of breeder's seeds of sunflower, cotton and other crops, planting material of fruit plants have been used in the breeding programmes in various climatic zones of India. Extensive work is being carried out on studying, adaptation and breeding Soviet breeds of karakul and Merino sheep and other animals in India.

On the other hand the Soviet scientists are testing Indian "Kalyansona" wheat and "Oruna" castor-seed. The Soviet breeders are also using some Indian varieties of rice, sorghum, legumes and other crops.

We are very glad to emphasize that the Soviet-Indian cooperation in agriculture has been given new impetus during recent years entering the new stage of long-term development. In October 1978 the Soviet agricultural delegation representing the USSR Agriculture Ministry, All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences and some other organizations discussed the main areas of long-term cooperation in the field of agriculture. ^(with the representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of India) The results of the discussions were later reflected in the Long-Term Programme of Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the USSR and the Republic of India signed during the recent visit of the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Mr. A.N. Kosygin to India.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the All-Union Academy of Agricultural Sciences named after V.I. Lenin are of the same age. They have worked their big and glorious way. This year our Academy which was set up on June 26, 1929 following the personal instructions of V.I. Lenin also celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

Soviet scientist and specialists working in the field of agriculture wish you, our respected colleagues and friends, further success in your noble activities and express confidence that our cooperation will be extending for the benefit of successful development of our countries, ^{ru} wealth and happiness of our peoples, strengthening peace on the globe.

Academician P.P. Vavilov,
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