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Dear Dr Swaminathan

Thank you very much for your kind letter D.O. No. 1150/DG/77 of 13th May. Before we leave Delhi at the end of June to embark at Cochin and sail out into the monsoon-torn Indian Ocean early in July, we intend to say goodbye to our friends at 2 South End Road in the previous week. We had hoped that you and Mina would be there, but from your letter this now seems unlikely.

We have much enjoyed our 16 years of sojourn in India during the past 35, and notably the last 6 years in Delhi. I believe that there is scope for increased collaboration between India and Britain in the general field of agriculture and indeed we intend to sound the Government of India on a wider ranging programme in the near future.

Meanwhile may I say how painful I find the current controversy in the Press, and how heartened Joan and I were to read your statement published in to-day's "Statesman".

As, in the leisure which retirement will bring, I cultivate our small plot in Sussex and turn my thoughts to the recycling of natural resources, I shall also be thinking of ICAR and those who are labouring for improved agricultural yields. Perhaps, busy though you are, we may see you at our home some day, I shall always welcome technical advice. I enclose a note of our address. I believe Mina had our cottage pointed out to her when she was staying with Bay Tidy in Battle some time back.

With all good wishes to you both,

*Yours sincerely
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