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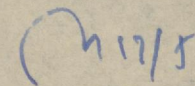
Shri Jagjivan Ram,  
Minister of Defence,  
New Delhi.

I was wanting to meet you before I proceeded on leave for a few weeks to see my ailing mother in Madras. Due to your heavy preoccupations, Shri Arora could not fix up an appointment today. The immediate purpose of my wanting to see you was to show you the enclosed letter which I have addressed to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation with a copy to Prime Minister.

May I once again express to you my deep sense of regard and gratitude for all the kindness and considerations you showed me when I had the privilege of working under your leadership.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,



M. S. Swaminathan

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1. In December 1971, I was invited by the Government of India to join as Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. I then made an oral request to the Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture (the late Shri T.P. Singh) and the Minister for Agriculture (Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad) that I may be permitted to take up the assignment only for a five-year period, thereby enabling me to return to a research and teaching career at the end of the period. I was later informed that Minister for Agriculture was kind enough to agree to this request and had passed the following order in the relevant file:

"Since Dr. Swaminathan is agreeable to the appointment, steps should be taken to notify his appointment as Director-General, ICAR. The terms may be decided later on. His appointment can be initially for five years as suggested by him".

2. I joined as Director-General, ICAR and Secretary to the Govt. of India on January 14, 1972. Thus, my term will end on January 13, 1977. Appropriate steps will hence have to be initiated to nominate a successor.

3. I am bringing the above to Minister's attention for issue of necessary instructions.

Sd/-

(M. S. Swaminathan)  
3-8-1976

Minister (A&I)

[ The appointment may be extended beyond five-  
years for a period which may be decided by  
discussion with Dr. Swaminathan. ]

The file was brought to me by Dr. Swaminathan himself who explained his view in the matter. The above note was written at that time and shown to him. He took this with himself. I quite appreciate his reservation in the matter. The file was brought to me by Secretary, ICAR a few days back for my final orders. The appointment of Dr. Swaminathan as DG, ICAR may be extended beyond 13-1-1977 for a further period of five years.

Sd/-

(Jagjivan Ram)  
Minister (A&I)  
31-1-77