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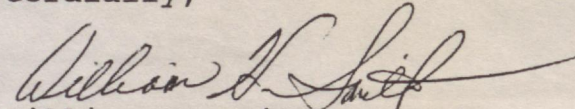
Dear Mr. Singh:

Thank you for your extremely thoughtful letter of 7 August 1987. I immediately sent copies to Norman Borlaug, Al Clausi, and James Ferguson through Edward L. Williams at Winrock International. I am sure they, too, will appreciate your kind thoughts. As I mentioned to Mr. Williams, it is seldom that those who initiate, fund, and administer awards receive recognition for their efforts.

Those of us who are privileged to work with Dr. Swaminathan share your joy at his being honored with the first General Foods World Food Prize. It is a measure of his humility that he himself had nominated others for the prize. That, to us, makes his selection all the more meaningful.

I suspect that Dr. Swaminathan will treasure your congratulatory letter above many others. As you know from reading his remarks, it is the small farmers of the world who are closest to his heart and his life's work has been directed toward their welfare. We hope that, through the World Food Prize, his philosophy and his aspirations will be shared by the wider scientific community to the benefit of small farmers throughout the world.

Cordially,



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Dear Ted:

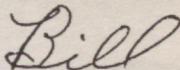
I received the enclosed letter from Devaki Nandan Prasad Singh, convenor, Bihar State Progressive Farmers' Association, Ratwara (Via Piar), Muzaffarpur, Bihar, India.

Once you get through the idiosyncrasy of expression, you find a warm, sincere message from a man who is on the one hand quite proud of the recognition received by one of his countrymen and who at the same time recognizes those whose foresight and commitment made that recognition possible. Seldom, I think, are those who initiate, fund, and administer awards recognized to the degree they are in Mr. Singh's letter.

I hope you agree that Mr. Singh deserves replies from all whom he mentioned in his letter -- you, Norman Borlaug, Al Clausi, and James Ferguson. I am enclosing sufficient copies of Prasad Singh's letter so that each of you may have one.

I believe that Mr. Singh saw the videotape of the press conference on Indian television, then wrote our liaison office in Delhi and received copies of our news release and background on the General Foods World Food Prize.

Cordially,



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