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4 April 1990

My dear Dr. Virendra Kumar:

I thank you very much for your kind letters of 19 and 20 March.

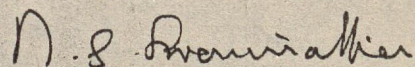
Please accept my congratulations on your appointment as the Director of the Centre for Inter-disciplinary Studies of Mountain and Hill Environment. I am glad the University has had the foresight and vision to establish such an Inter-disciplinary Centre. This is a timely initiative. Also I am happy that you are requested to head this Centre. This should provide you at long last an institutional base for continuing your most dedicated and visionary work of the Himalayan Environment.

I shall be happy to be of help in any way you like. Your success is important for the future well-being of millions of our people.

You can certainly use the balance left with you for completing the Ganga Project work. Please complete your report as soon as possible. We should send to UNESCO within the next couple of months.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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January 30, 1991

My dear *Virendra Kumar*,

It was nice hearing from you after a long time. Mina and I are extremely sorry to learn that you have not been well. I am also sorry that such an important work proposed by your Centre is suffering due to lack of funds. The Gulf war is costing the world billions of dollars each day. Yet there is no money for causes of great importance to human welfare and planet protection. I wonder how and when this situation will change. Yet we have to go on trying. We have some funds in WWF India for organising community *bio* diversity programmes. In case you would like to initiate any programme in this field please do give to Smt. Tara Gandhi a suitable proposal. I shall look forward to an early opportunity of meeting you. Meanwhile please take very good care of your health.

With our best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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October 15, 1991

My dear *Virendra Kumar*,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of October 8th. I will be in New Delhi from October 20th to 24th, staying at the India International Centre. I shall ring you up as soon as I come, so that we can meet. There is much I wish to discuss with you. I shall also be grateful if you could kindly participate in the workshop on the Establishment of a Genetic Resources Centre for Sustainable Agriculture which we are organising in connection with the N.I.Vavilov Birth Anniversary. I enclose an invitation and a copy of the programme.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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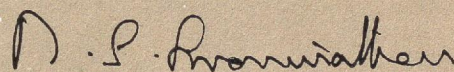
Dear Virendra Kumar,

On the occasion of the inauguration of the N.I.Vavilov Research and Training Centre for the Sustainable Management of Biological Diversity, we are organising a 2-day Workshop on "Genetic Resources for Sustainable Agriculture". The Workshop will be held at Madras on November 22-23, 1991. On November 24, there will a field trip to the Genetic Resources Centre for adaptation to Sea Level Rise and climate change established near Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu with the kind help of the State Forestry Department of the Tamil Nadu Government and the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. This workshop will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. B.P. Pal, who pioneered the genetic conservation work in India for over 4 decades.

I enclose a copy of the programme for the Workshop. I shall be grateful if you would kindly participate.

Looking forward to welcoming you at the workshop and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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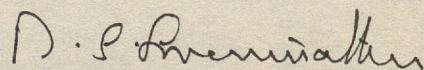
December 5, 1991

My dear Prof. Virendra Kumar,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of November 4th. The study you have proposed is an exceedingly interesting one. I shall be grateful if you could kindly discuss this with Prof. Gordon Conway, Representative, Ford Foundation at New Delhi. Prof. Gordon Conway is an eminent Ecologist. He might be able to offer some suggestions on both the study and possible source of funding. I shall also look forward to meeting you when I come to New Delhi next. Meanwhile I am sending you a copy of the publication " From Stockholm to Rio de Janeiro - The Road to Sustainable Agriculture ".

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



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December 23, 1991

My Dear Prof. Virendra Kumar

It was nice meeting you recently though only for a short while. I have also read your letter of December 5, 1991. I shall be happy to examine the thesis, if the University would like me to do so.

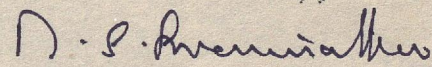
I sincerely hope that your project will be approved without conditions which will inhibit effective implementation. I shall again talk to Mr. Rajamani.

Please take care of your health. I want you to come and give a few lectures in our course for Managers of Genetic Resources Centres for Mangroves. You can speak on the 'Role of Local Communities in the service of biological diversity'. I do not know anyone else who can deal with this topic with the human understanding and sensitivity you have.

I send you my very best wishes for a happy and satisfying New Year.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
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March 15, 1992

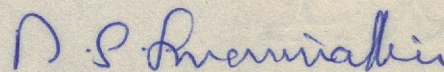
My dear Virendra Kumar,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of March 13th enclosing information on the workshop you are organising on Environment Impact Assessment of Water Resource Projects. I congratulate you and your colleagues on this timely effort. We need many more courses of this kind all over the country.

Our programme for the training of Managers of Mangrove Genetic Resources starting tomorrow. I am glad you will be joining us later in this course. My throat infection is getting reduced and I hope to come to New Delhi on 20th March.

With all good wishes for the success of the workshop and with warm regards.

Yours sincerely,



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November 10, 1970

Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Director  
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Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

I wish to thank you and all the members of your staff for your kind telegram of October 23rd.

In accepting the Nobel Peace Prize for 1970 I can only do so in the name of all organizations, officials, scientists and the millions of farmers throughout the world who are collectively struggling to feed the hungry billions.

The green revolution has been a team effort and much of the credit for its spectacular development must go to Indian officials, organizations, scientists and farmers. However, to you, Dr. Swaminathan, a great deal of the credit must go for first recognizing the potential value of the Mexican dwarfs. Had this not occurred it is quite possible that there would not have been a green revolution in Asia.

We must not become complacent because of the wonderful recent publicity that has come to the green revolution. Instead we must all increase our efforts to expand and stabilize wheat production. We must at the same time very aggressively push forward the production of rice, maize, sorghum and millet. Unless there is a more dynamic production effort in the latter four crops the green revolution will stall and die. Wheat cannot alone continue to carry the brunt of the attack on hunger - we must get the production of other crops moving more dynamically as well.

We want all of you to know that it has been a privilege

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Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Director  
Indian Agricultural Research Institute

November 10, 1970

for both the entire CIMMYT staff and for me to have had an opportunity to participate in a modest way in your phenomenal increase in wheat production. We hope to continue to collaborate with your brilliant program.

Keep the Green Revolution Viable and Aggressive!!

Best wishes for continued success from our entire CIMMYT staff.

Sincerely,

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Norman E. Borlaug

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