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Dear M.S.:

Thank you very much for your kind note of 26 August. It was a privilege for me to have worked with you on the Keystone dialogue. Your inspirational handling of the meeting provided the participants with the confidence to seek an acceptable rationale basis for strengthening the cause of conservation and use of plant genetic resources that will benefit all people. I honestly believe that if we can carry that good faith into future meetings on the subject, it may be possible to create a truly international effort to protect the genetic resources of the earth and to use them wisely.

Sincerely,

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