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Dear Ed:

I thought the enclosed photo of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan and Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark) might be of interest. Apparently, they had a very good meeting. They did not discuss the Bumpers Amendment, but Dr. Swaminathan briefed the Senator on IRRI and the CGIAR.

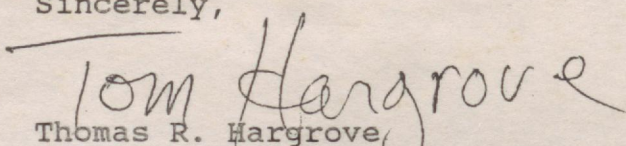
I doubt that you have any real use for the photo, but one never knows (we also have a copy in color). At any rate, I'd appreciate it if you could circulate it to others in the CGIAR.

As I've always said: the System is losing one of its best spokesmen when we lose Dr. Swaminathan.

It might interest you to know that the 1987 IRRI Season's Greetings cards (enclosed), like those of 1986, were printed on paper crafted by hand from rice straw. Twelve previously unemployed barrio people -- housewives and out-of-school youths -- have been making and selling such paper for a year now, as a cottage industry in Los Baños. Local artists use the paper. It is also crafted into greeting cards and handmade stationery, and is exported to Japan and the USA. The unit was stimulated by "Prosperity Through Rice," a joint project of IRRI and the University of the Philippines at Los Baños to find uses for byproducts of rice. The Prosperity project is funded by the Asian Development Bank.

We are hoping that papermaking from rice straw might become a Philippine cottage industry to generate employment and income for the barrios and utilize a wasted rice by-product.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures