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Dear Dr Swaminathan

We have not met but I know of you through your work at WHO.

I am an Indian of Singapore nationality living in London. I was Professor of Zoology & Ecology at the University of Malaya working on tropical freshwater ecology in 1970s when I first met your father at IRRI. My team had just completed one of the tropical ecosystem studies on biological productivity under ICSU's international programme. I became Commonwealth Science Adviser in 1980s where I was charged to strengthen S&T capacity through cooperative networks, and where I had occasion to interact with your father through IUCN. I spent the 1990s at the World Bank implementing a training programme on environment & natural resources for senior officials & policy makers prior to investments & had occasion to see the work of MSSRF at the grassroots.

I learned with great sadness the passing of MS, and wish to convey to you and your family my deepest condolences. We pray for the repose of his soul.

Warm wishes

Jose

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