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My larger interest is not personal, but is based on the role which India seems destined to play in the international scene. I need not elaborate on this theme, but will only say two things: One is that this Agricultural Institute is unique for India in its contact with the people through education and research at the college, combined with agricultural extension services throughout the country, patterned somewhat after that of our own land grant colleges. The second point is that a program of this type, just like our Mexican agricultural program, can be justified on the basis of human welfare from both the standpoint of the individual and the standpoint of the over-all social and political regime. Just as Mexico offers a key opportunity on the American continent, so India may offer a key opportunity from the world point of view.

What I am really arguing for is consideration by the Officers and Trustees of the advisability of an India program. If such a program were undertaken in an all out way or in an experimental manner, then it seems to me that the Allahabad Agricultural Institute project has much to commend it.