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Dear Dr. Borlaug,

I give below an extract from a letter I have received from Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri, Head of the Division of Mycology and Plant Pathology for such action as you may consider desirable.

"Some 4277 seed samples of wheat comprising of 2 sets of 232 each of international Durum screening nursery, 3 sets of 240 each of F2 Bulk Dryland, 3 sets of 270 each of international Bread wheat screening nursery, 2 sets each of 297 of F2 Bulk Dyrum and 3 sets of 563 each of F2 Misc. material have been sent by the CIMMYT to Dr. Glen Anderson of the Rockefeller Foundation, New Delhi for screening purposes. Forty Five of these samples have been found to be infected with Karnal Bunt caused by Neovossia Indica (Tilletia indica). This disease as we know, is known to occur only in India, Pakistan and Afganistan. It is surprising that this fungus has been detected here in the material received from CIMMYT in Mexico. I shall be grateful if you will kindly request the CIMMYT to check for this fungus at their end. It will also be important to ascertain if this material was grown in Mexico or elsewhere."

I am looking forward to meeting you next month.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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- ✓ 3. ✓ Dr. Guy B. Baird, Field Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, 17 Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 11.
4. Dr. R.G. Anderson, Assoc. Geneticist (Wheat Improvement), The Rockefeller Foundation, 17 Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 11.

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