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Dr. E. E. Saari
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Dear Gene:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 17th, and the data from the Niligris Hills summer rust nursery. The data that is being developed by you and your Indian colleagues will be an invaluable guide to broadening and deepening the varietal resistance to rusts and other diseases. I know you fully realize the great dangers that exist from changes in rust races, and its implications on wheat production. The greater the intensification of wheat culture the graver the hazard; and good aggressive breeding programs based on good sound plant pathologic studies is the only protection against this menace.

I have heard from several different sources that your research effort and personal vigor and enthusiasm has won good support in the Indian wheat program. Congratulations - keep up the good work!

I hope that Dr. Ensminger and Dr. Wellhausen can work out some satisfactory arrangement so that you can be either directly or indirectly affiliated with the CIMMYT program. There is a great shortage of qualified, vigorous, enthusiastic wheat pathologists throughout Asia and Africa. We need to train many more.

We are now finally getting a good sound basis under the rust work here at CIMMYT. Dr. Rajaram is doing a good job of getting it organized. His data will not only help guide the breeding program, but his program is now being used very effectively for training young scientists.

I hope that you and Glen jointly will continue to provide both enthusiasm, sound scientific information and materials to your Indian

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colleagues, which will assure the continued success of the Indian wheat program.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,



Norman E. Borlaug

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bcc: Dr. E. J. Wellhausen
bcc: Dr. R. Osler
bcc: Dr. S. Rajaram
bcc: Dr. Guy Baird
bcc: Dr. Glenn Anderson