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Dear Mr. Bourne,

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, the Ruan family and all of us at the World Food Prize Foundation to express our very great appreciation for all that you did to make our recent Twentieth Anniversary events such a great success.

We would like to thank you for your marvelous service during our 2006 World Food Prize events as our transportation director. It was so great to work with a "real pro" whose expertise carried us through an extraordinary week. Your dedication and leadership were key elements in keeping our events running on schedule and getting our distinguished guests to their destinations. I will just say that without your presence, there is no doubt in my mind that we would not have enjoyed the level of success we were able to achieve.

In conclusion, I want to note that we received numerous rave reviews and high compliments from our guests about the quality and impact of our World Food Prize events and programs. This would not have been possible without your invaluable assistance. Thank you again, so much, for your commitment and excellence.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Quinn  
Ambassador (ret.)  
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## The World Food Prize Laureates

1987, India  
Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

1988, United States  
Dr. Robert F. Chandler, Jr.

1989, India  
Dr. Verghese Kurien

1990, United States  
Dr. John Niederhauser

1991, United States  
Dr. Nevin S. Scrimshaw

1992, United States  
Dr. Raymond C. Bushland

1992, United States  
Dr. Edward F. Knipling

1993, China  
H.E. He Kang

1991, Bangladesh  
Dr. Muhamamad Yunus

1995, Switzerland  
Dr. Hans R. Herren

1996, India  
Dr. Gurdev Khush

1996, United States  
Dr. Henry Beachell

1997, United States  
Dr. Perry L. Adkisson

1997, United States  
Dr. Ray F. Smith

1998, India  
Dr. B.R. Barwale

1999, United Kingdom  
Dr. Walter Plowright

2000, India  
Dr. Surinder K. Vasal

2000, Mexico  
Dr. Evangelina Villegas

2001, Denmark  
Dr. Per Pinstrup Andersen

2002, United States/Cuba  
Dr. Pedro A. Sanchez

2003, United Nations/USA  
Hon. Catherine Bertini

2004, Sierra Leone  
Dr. Monty P. Jones

2004, China  
Prof. Yuan Longping

2005, India  
Dr. M.S. Swaminathan