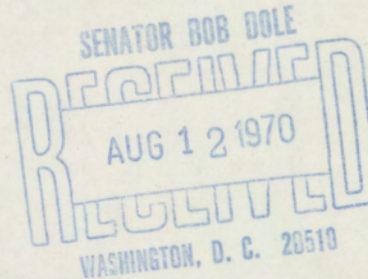


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August 3, 1970

Dear Senator Bob:

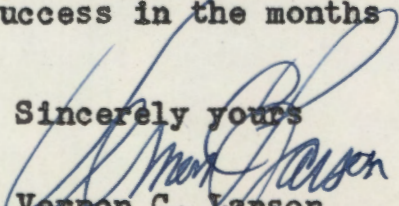
Greetings from India. The Larson family arrived here just over a month ago and is getting adjusted to this new mode of living. You will recall that when we sat together at the first Senator Frank Carlson symposium in Manhattan we discussed the possibility of my coming to India in 1970.

Kansas State University has a 12-man team here helping the new Agricultural University as well as the State Extension program. You would be very pleased with this program and I would like to invite you to come to this part of the world if at all possible sometime during the next two years. So many of our visiting senators and congressmen come thru Delhi but very few of them have made this thousand mile side trip down to Hyderabad. It is only two hours by plane and we have daily service, so really are quite fortunate with respect to transportation.

The work here has been slow but much progress has been achieved by our Kansas State team during the past ten years. In some areas we have already phased out our assistance and in other areas we are trying to accomplish our objective with the use of short term consultants. The new crop varieties have been received very well in this state and hopefully as much headway can be made in rice as has been done with wheat. There is also much emphasis on irrigation and soil fertility activities. I know you would be pleased with the progress of our Kansas team and want to assure you that you or any of your colleagues would be most welcome if a visit to Hyderabad can be arranged.

My early impression is that the U.S. is getting favorable news coverage in the Indian papers. This is much more true here in India than it was during the time we lived in Nigeria. The President's continued emphasis on reducing U.S. troops in Vietnam is most encouraging and I trust before too long we can be out of that situation. We all appreciate your efforts in this area and wish you much success in the months ahead.

Sincerely yours

  
Vernon C. Larson

Chief of Party, KSU-USAID-INDIA

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August 20, 1970

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Mr. Vernon C. Larson  
Madras (ID)  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C. 20521

Dear Mr. Larson:

Appreciate hearing from you about the Kansas State project in India.

At present we are considering new farm legislation which includes extension of P.L. 480.

Thank you for the invitation to visit Hyderabad. I do plan a trip which would include India following adjournment this session. However, at this time, the adjournment date is unknown.

Thanks for your letter. Perhaps I will see you later this year.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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