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— to G. Juan Smith (UN Inform. Centre)



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI.

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Dear Mr. Smith,

I expect you have had more interesting experiences in the countries you have visited and you are back home at last. Here are a few names which you asked me to send you.

Two officers of the Community Projects Administration, Government of India, conducted the party to the Faridabad Project: they were Mr. R.K. Chatterjee (Director of Information & Public Relations) and Mr. S.N. Bhattacharya (Deputy Director, Public Relations).

An introductory talk about the Project was given at our first stop by Mr. Mangal Singh, Project Executive Officer, Faridabad, Gurgaon District, Punjab State. Mr. Mohinder Singh Bedi, Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon District, acted as interpreter during the trip.

Three villages were visited. The first was Sihi (which you and I missed owing to the breakdown of the jeep). Here the Secretary-General visited the farm of Pandit Barsadi Lal and saw a sugarcane mill. His address is Post Office Sihi, Gurgaon District, Punjab State.

The second village was Kurali. Here Kanwar Gurdit Singh, M.L.A., read an address of welcome. His postal address is P.O. Tegaon, Kurali village, Gurgaon District, Punjab State.

The third village was Fatehpur Biloch. The address of welcome was prepared by Prof. Shiv Prasad. He is a Sarpanch (or village official), and his address is Fatehpur Biloch, Gurgaon District, Punjab State. This is the village where the village lads danced to some powerful drums.

The A.D.C. of Rashtrapati Bhavan who looked after you was Capt. P.S. Lama.

If there is any further information required, would you kindly let me know?

It was a pleasure meeting you and comparing notes on persons, places and things. Should you pass this way again, please send me word in advance.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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