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From: N. J. Rosenberg *NJR*

Subject: Trip Report: Symposium on the Agrometeorology of Sorghum and  
Millet held at ICRISAT (Hyderabad, India), November 1982

I was invited to this Symposium by Dr. Virmani, who heads ICRISAT's Cropping Systems research program. I gave the keynote opening address which dealt with opportunities for agrometeorologists and climatologists to improve sorghum and millet production throughout the world. A copy of my paper is enclosed. During the course of the meeting I attended the scheduled sessions, as well as meetings of a working group that dealt with future planning for ICRISAT.

During my week in Hyderabad, I was able to exchange views with a number of colleagues from around the world. I also met separately with representatives of four Indian universities interested in developing agro-meteorology teaching and research programs. The Indian Council of Higher Education and the Indian Institute for Agricultural Sciences are supporting the development of agrometeorology departments in all major agricultural universities in India. Therefore, the Indians have considerable interest in U.S. agrometeorology curricula at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

At the end of the week I left Hyderabad for Australia and New Zealand where I visited research institutes and universities in Canberra, Adelaide and Christchurch. The latter part of my trip was supported by the National Science Foundation through an addition to a current grant for the study of governmental response to drought.

I extend my thanks to INTISORMIL for the funding that enabled me to participate in the ICRISAT Symposium on the Agrometeorology of Sorghum and Millet.

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