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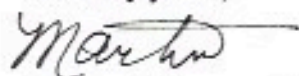
Dear S.K.:

It was a pleasure to read recently in the *Science* magazine that you have been elected as a Fellow in AAAS. I write to offer my sincere congratulations and personal best wishes to you upon your receiving this prestigious recognition.

I am delighted to see that they have recognized your expertise, leadership and contributions, especially since they are so deserving. You have a long and distinguished record as an outstanding performer and contributor to agriculture, food, renewable resources and international education. This recognition is just another indication of your career-long outstanding work.

Once again, S.K., my heartiest congratulations to you upon your receiving this high honor. Hope you are doing well, and best wishes for a great year in 2009. We miss seeing and visiting with you from time to time.

Sincerely yours,



Martin A. Massengale
President Emeritus

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