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Dr. Theo Sommer
Herausgeber

29. April 1996

Dear Jim,

I much appreciated your kind words about the presentation of the interview we did with you. Petra Pinzler and Christian Wernicke join in my thanks for your praise.

I am delighted to be part of your German World Bank Forum and have blocked the dates for your November meeting in my calendar. I will make a point of being there.

Welthungerhilfe, on whose Board I am, is in the midst of an agonizing re-appraisal of what development aid could and should mean at the end of the 20th century. In Germany, as elsewhere, official aid budgets stagnate if they aren't shrinking. What we collect by way of public appeals has likewise been dwindling. Welthungerhilfe used to get about 50 million marks worth from private donors and is now down to 33 - 34 million marks a year. Thus, for sheer financial reasons we have to rethink what we are doing and try to find out whether there are other and better ways to achieve our goals.

I am very happy to learn that Welthungerhilfe is already cooperating with the World Bank. I think there is a great deal we have to learn from each other.

I keep following your travails and tribulations in the press. You have set yourself a formidable task: to bring down the concrete structures of a huge, encrusted bureaucracy. My best wishes are with you.

I have no immediate plans to go to the United States but whenever I do I will try to see you.

With warmest regards,



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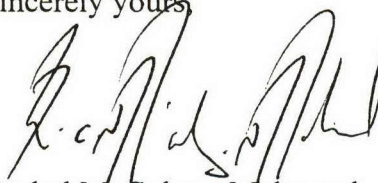
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Dear Dr. Sommer:

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to Mr. Wolfensohn.

He is currently travelling but I will bring it to his immediate attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. McColgan-Mohamed', written in a cursive style.

Rachel McColgan-Mohamed
Correspondence Manager