

REMARKS OF A.S. CLAUSI  
CHAIRMAN, WORLD FOOD PRIZE COUNCIL OF ADVISORS  
NEWS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING 1989 WORLD FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE  
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING. I AM DELIGHTED YOU COULD ALL BE WITH US HERE TODAY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1989 WORLD FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1986 TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS EACH YEAR WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD IMPROVING THE QUALITY, QUANTITY OR AVAILABILITY OF FOOD IN THE WORLD.

IN ESSENCE, THE PRIZE HONORS THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT FOOD TO THE TABLES OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION. THE 1989 LAUREATE, THE IDENTITY OF WHOM WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN A FEW MINUTES, IS TRULY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS ACHIEVED THIS FEAT.

THE 1989 WORLD FOOD PRIZE, ALONG WITH THE \$200,000 CASH AWARD AND A STRIKING SCULPTURE BY WORLD-RENOWNED DESIGNER SAUL BASS, WILL BE AWARDED TO OUR NEW LAUREATE ON OCTOBER 17. THIS EVENT WILL OCCUR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DAY-LONG COLLOQUIUM AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. EACH OF YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND, SO BE SURE TO MARK THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 17 ON YOUR CALENDAR.

MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK OF THE PAST TWO LAUREATES. DR. M.S. SWAMINATHAN, ARCHITECT OF INDIA'S "GREEN REVOLUTION," AND FORMER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR THAT COUNTRY, WAS FIRST AWARDED THE PRIZE IN 1987. LAST YEAR THE SECOND WORLD FOOD PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO DR. ROBERT CHANDLER, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHOSE WORK IN DEVELOPING NEW VARIETIES OF RICE HELPED FEED BILLIONS. AND NOW

TODAY, WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE 1989 WORLD FOOD PRIZE LAUREATE.

JOINING ME ARE JAMES FERGUSON, REPRESENTING THE GENERAL FOODS FUND, INC., SPONSOR OF THE PRIZE; NORMAN E. BORLAUG, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD FOOD PRIZE SELECTION COMMITTEE; AND LALIT MANSINGH, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FOR THE INDIAN EMBASSY, REPRESENTING HIS EXCELLENCY, P.K. KAUL, INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

FOLLOWING THE REMARKS, AN INTERNATIONAL TWO-WAY AUDIO HOOK-UP WILL ENABLE US TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH THE LAUREATE. AT THIS TIME, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ASK THE LAUREATE QUESTIONS BY STANDING AT ONE OF THE FLOOR MICROPHONES.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR JOINING US. I NOW WILL TURN THE FORUM OVER TO JAMES FERGUSON.

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