The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a credit equivalent to $4.1 million to Basutoland, a United Kingdom dependency in southern Africa. This is the first operation in Basutoland by one of the WORLD BANK Group of institutions. The credit will be used for the improvement of a 76-mile section of the main north-south road and of a 17-mile connecting feeder road. Better roads will reduce transport and road maintenance costs and will assist the Government's efforts to improve economic conditions by converting subsistence agriculture to a cash basis.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on February 9, 1966 were, from left to right; His Excellency Sir Patrick Dean, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, and Mr. George D. Woods, President of the WORLD BANK and IDA.

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