CR-63-621-1 On August 3, 1964, the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, extended a credit equivalent to $3.6 million for highway development in Bechuanaland. The Bechuanaland Protectorate is a United Kingdom dependency in southern Africa. The credit will assist the construction or reconstruction of three roads totaling 355 miles in length, the improvement of the 418-mile north-south road which is the backbone of the road system, and the improvement of maintenance. An all-weather road system is the most important factor in the further development of the livestock industry, which accounts for 90% of Bechuanaland’s exports and a similar proportion of total employment.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents were, left to right: Mr. Seretse Khama, Member of Bechuanaland’s Executive Council; and Mr. J. Burke Knapp, Vice President of IDA.

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