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CR-S-11-BU-1 On June 19, 1970, the International Development Association (IDA) made a credit of $380,000 for highway and a road maintenance study in Burundi. The project will prepare the way for highway improvements which will lower transport costs -- a significant factor in Burundi's economic development.

The IDA credit will finance the foreign exchange costs of the services of consultants who will undertake detailed engineering of the 75-mile road from Bujumbura to Nyanza Lac near the border of Tanzania; and a study of improvements required for maintenance operations throughout the country. The latter will include a study of betterment works on the 102-mile road from Gitega to the Tanzanian border which serves potentially important agricultural areas in the east.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents were, from left to right: Mr. Donatien Bihute, Alternate Executive Director of IDA for Burundi; Mr. Joseph Ntakabanyura, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Burundi; and Mr. J. Burke Knapp, Vice President of IDA.

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