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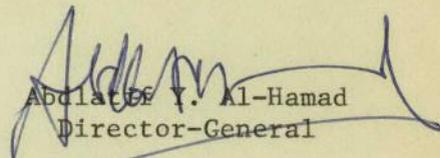
Mr. Michael L. Lejeune
Executive Secretary
Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20433 U. S. A.

Dear Michael:

Thank you very much for your letter of 11.12.1974 and enclosures on the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research which we have perused with interest. As intimated in correspondence when the Group was established, we would appreciate being kept informed of its activities and results of its assisted programmes.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Abdulatif Y. Al-Hamad
Director-General

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December 17, 1974

His Excellency
Dr. Monsour Rouhani
Minister of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture
Tehran, IRAN

Dear Mr. Minister:

Sir John Crawford, and Dr. David Hopper have told me about their discussions with you during their recent visit to Tehran and I am very pleased to learn that the Iranian Government has still under consideration the question of joining the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. I think Sir John and Dr. Hopper may have indicated to you that I, as Chairman of the Group, would be able to visit Tehran in January for further discussions on this subject. I regret, however, that it is not practicable for me to come at that time, since in January the Board of Directors of the World Bank will be considering a number of important policy matters for which my presence is required. If convenient to you, I would, however, like to come to Tehran in the latter part of February, by which time the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Consultative Group will have had its semi-annual meeting. At this meeting, the TAC will, among other things, be considering technical matters relating to the mandate and the organization of the proposed international center to serve the dry areas. Immediately thereafter, the Sub-Committee of the Consultative Group established to consider how to bring this activity into being will have its initial meeting. On the basis of the deliberations of these committees, I shall be in a position to discuss more definitively with you, and other ministers concerned, the question of Iran's membership in the Consultative Group as a whole and the part which Iran can play in the proposed internationally supported research on dry areas.

While I have not yet made firm plans I expect that mid-February will be the earliest time that I could be in Iran. I should be glad to know whether this timing would be convenient to you and to the other ministers who would be interested in these questions.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Majidi for his information. I have asked Mr. Owen Price to deliver the letter to you by hand in case he can be of any assistance to you in connection with it.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Warren C. Baum
Chairman

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cc: Mr. A.M. Majidi, Minister of State in Charge
of Plan and Budget Organization

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Mr. Adalbert Krieger

November 11, 1974

Michael L. Lejeune

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research -
Venezuela

1. I mentioned to you in the garage the other evening that I would like to talk to you about how to encourage Venezuela to become a contributing member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). As you know, we have just completed a meeting of this Group at which pledges were made for the financing of the network of research centers for calendar year 1975. Fortunately, the pledges made look as if they will suffice for the needs of the Centers in the upcoming year. In 1976, however, the needs of the system will substantially increase both because some of the Centers not as yet fully established will have substantial capital costs to cover and because of inevitable inflation, which will affect all Centers, old and new. We are, therefore, eager to increase the Group's resources both by encouraging the present members to increase their contributions and by recruiting new members. Among the latter, we would particularly wish to recruit some from the OPEC countries. We have made a good start: Nigeria has just told us that it will become a donor member and will make a substantial contribution towards the 1975 program. As I think you know, the Group has decided to go forward with a proposed research center - to be called the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) - which will be located in the Middle East and we would hope that this initiative will help in persuading some of the Middle East oil-producing countries to participate in the activities of the Group. There are already three Centers in Latin America - Centro Internacional de la Papa (CIP) in Peru, Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT) in Colombia and Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (CIMMYT) in Mexico - but though located in Latin America they have, to a larger or less extent, programs of significance to other parts of the developing world.

2. A cardinal principle in seeking new recruits is that they should participate in the activities of the Group as a whole, and while of course every contributor decides for himself the Centers and activities to which he will provide funds, we wish to ensure that this financial support expresses the donors' interest in the world-wide activities of the Group and is not confined solely to the research centers which may be located in the region of which the donor is a part.

3. You suggested that we should get together after the Division Chief concerned with Venezuela returns from Caracas. I think that is a good idea. Could you please let me know when he gets back? I am myself going to Peru and Mexico, leaving on November 19, so I would like if possible, to have our meeting by Friday, November 15.

cc: Messrs. Graves, Cheek and Coulter

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TO EXPLAIN THE REAL ADVANTAGE TO IRAN AND ITS REGION AND HAVE NOT
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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October 10, 1974

Mr. Warren C. Baum,
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International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,
Chairman,
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1818. H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20433.
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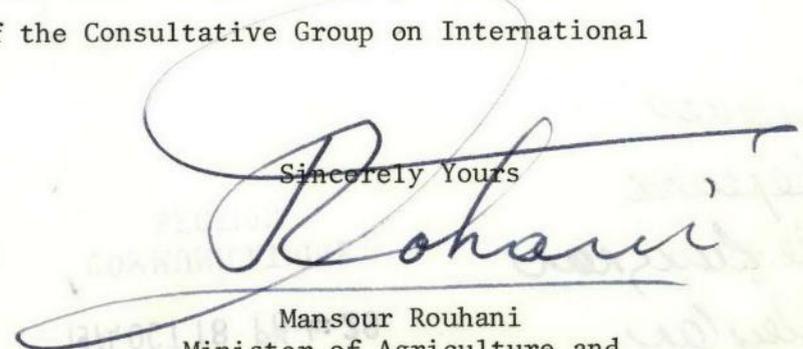
Dear Vice President:

I have received your letter of September 20, 1974, regarding the membership of my country in the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. Thank you very much for your prompt response.

However, following our discussion with Mr. Mashler's group and, as H.E. Mr. Majidi, Minister of State in Charge of Planning & Budget, has stated in his letter of August 19, 1974 and also declared in my letter of September 9, 1974, our membership is primarily conditioned to the establishment of the main Center in Iran.

Since you have not been able to arrange it the way we requested you, I am sorry to announce that it will not be possible for us to accept the membership of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

Sincerely Yours


Mansour Rouhani
Minister of Agriculture and
Natural Resources
Tehran, Iran

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October 1974

Mr. Warren G. Baum,
Vice President, Project Staff,
International Bank for Research and Development,
Chairman,
Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research,
1415 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433,
U.S.A.

Dear Vice President:

I have received your letter of November 23, 1974, regarding the
membership of my country in the Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research. Thank you very much for your prompt response.

However, following our discussion with Mr. Wasth's group and
an M.E. for Wildlife, Minister of State in Charge of Wildlife & Fisheries
has stated in his letter of August 14, 1974 and also declared in my
letter of November 9, 1974, our membership is presently conditional
to the establishment of the main Center in Iran.

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accept the membership of the Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research.

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September 20, 1974

His Excellency
Dr. Monsour Rouhani
Minister of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture
Tehran
Iran

Dear Mr. Minister:

I welcome your letter of September 9 expressing the willingness of your Government to become a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. The participation of the Government of Iran would indeed constitute a significant strengthening of the Group.

Your letter expresses the active interest of Iran in the proposed international agricultural research institute for the Near East and North Africa (ICRAL) and I should like to inform you where the preparatory work of the Consultative Group now stands in this regard.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Group has given close consideration to the question of where the institute should do its work, taking into account the varied ecological zones within the region which the institute would be expected to serve. The present plans contemplate that there would be three research stations. Crop breeding work (on barley, small grains, broad beans and lentils) for winter-rainfed areas would be done in Lebanon/Syria, in conjunction with research in Iran and Algeria; research on management of pasture ranges, agriculture in cooler arid climates and crops to be raised on high plateau winter snow-fed areas would be done in Iran; and research for the Western Mediterranean climatic zone (on agricultural systems including wheat, barley, small grains and pastures) would be undertaken possibly in Algeria.

The present thinking is that the three associated centers in Lebanon/Syria, Iran and Algeria would function under a single board of trustees. The director-general of the institute would be located in Lebanon, with co-directors-general in Iran and Algeria, being responsible for the work done in their countries. We would expect Iran to nominate a member of the central board of trustees.

A committee of the Consultative Group is meeting on October 1-2 to plan the organization of a Subcommittee which will be responsible for the establishment of ICRAL in all its aspects. The Subcommittee will hold its first meeting in February 1975; and Iran will be invited to send a representative to that meeting as a member of the Subcommittee.

Before then, in the week of November 4, if convenient to your authorities, both the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Dr. W. David Hopper, President of the International Development Research Centre of Canada, and Sir John Crawford, the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, are planning to be in Iran for further discussions with you and your colleagues.

Meanwhile, the Consultative Group itself will be meeting in Washington on October 30 and 31 to review the financing of international agricultural research activities for which it is responsible, and to consider the progress of new projects, notably ICRAI.

I trust I have clarified the present position with respect to ICRAI. I very much hope that your Government will find it possible to join as a full member of the Consultative Group, giving support not only to the proposed new institute but also to some of the other new and existing activities within the Consultative Group system, to which I referred in my letter to you of June 28.

In this event, I would be glad to hear from you again with a view to your Government joining the Consultative Group in time to participate in the meetings to be held here at the World Bank on October 30-31.

Sincerely yours,

Warren C. Baum

Warren C. Baum
Vice President, Projects Staff

Chairman
Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research

cc: Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Economics and Finance
Mr. A. M. Majidi, Minister of State in Charge
of Planning and Budget
Dr. Mir Heydar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture
Dr. Mehdi Samii, Chairman of the Agricultural Development Fund

bcc: Sir John Crawford
Dr. W. David Hopper, IDRC
Mr. William T. ~~MASHLER~~ Mashler, UNDP
Mr. Yudelman
Mr. Graves
Mr. Lejeune
Mr. Owen Price
Mr. de Lusignan
Mr. John Coulter

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Martijn J.W.M. Paijmans
(Through Guy de Lusignan) *h*

DATE: September 19, 1974

FROM: Z.H.K. Bigirwenkya *ZHK*

SUBJECT: IRAN: CGIAR - Invitation to Iran

1. Following our Annual Meeting Brief for Mr. McNamara, Bruce Cheek informed me on Wednesday, September 18, that Mr. Mansour Rouhani, Minister of Agriculture, had replied to Mr. Baum's letter of invitation. In effect, in his reply (copy attached), he states that Iran has accepted the invitation to become a member of the Consultative CGIAR Group on condition that the Center of the proposed International Center for Research on Arid Lands (ICRAL) is established in Iran. On that basis, Iran is prepared to consider assisting the Center in way of equipment, personnel and financial requirements of the ICRAL. Mr. Cheek has consulted with Mr. Baum and will be consulting with others in the CGIAR, after which he has promised to send us an updated version of the paragraph (e) of our Annual Meeting Brief.

2. It seems likely that CGIAR will not accept Iran's conditional acceptance of their invitation arguing that Iran should be interested in the whole work program of the CGIAR. It is likely that CGIAR will decide to locate the Center in Lebanon with possible associated centers elsewhere in the region. This will, no doubt, displease the Iranians, and, most likely, adversely affect their attitude towards the CGIAR, even if a substation were to be established in their country. Location of headquarters is always a delicate political matter in all international/regional organizations. But, besides the prestige and the influence on Center work associated with the host state, there would be very few advantages which would accrue only to the state in which the Center is located. No doubt, the results of the agricultural research and even the field work would be spread to other neighboring states in the Middle East with comparable ecological conditions. If, therefore, by allocating the Center in Iran, CGIAR would achieve the scientific and public relations objectives, the request of the Government of Iran should then be considered sympathetically. The fact that Iran is not an Arab country should not be held against it in view of the even stronger scientific advantages, namely, variety of ecological conditions, easy international accessibility, political stability, adequate facilities, e.g., land, equipment and personnel, very congenial working and social conditions and Government's strong interest in and support of research as already pointed out in Mr. Rouhani's letter on the subject.

3. In view of the stand taken by Iran, you may wish to draw Mr. Benjenk's attention to the developments on the subject.

Cleared and cc: Mr. Cheek
cc: Messrs. Wapenhans, Haynes
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1818, H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.20433,
U.S.A.

Dear Vice President:

With reference to your letter dated June 28, 1974, I would like to highly appreciate your concern and your invitation regarding the membership of my country in the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.

On behalf of the Imperial Government of Iran, I have the honour of accepting this invitation and announcing the desire of the Iranian Government to become a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research of the I.B.R.D.

However, as it has already been discussed with Mr. Mashler's group (June 8 - 10, 1974) and also fully explained in a letter from H.E., Mr. A. M. Majidi, Minister of State in Charge of Planning & Budget, dated August 19, 1974, to UNDP Tehran our membership is conditioned to the establishment of proposed International Center for Research on Arid Lands for the Near East and North Africa (ICRAL) in Iran.

Therefore, on the bases of the programs that will be Planned for such a center, the Imperial Government of Iran would be ready to consider to place land, equipment, personnel and allocate all necessary financial assistance needed for undertaking research at the disposal of the above referred center.

I am looking forward to receive your answer on our proposal so that measures could be taken for membership formalities.

Sincerely Yours,

Mansour Rouhani
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Minister of Agriculture
and Natural Resources

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**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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Minister of Agriculture
and Natural Resources

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Letter No. 82

June 28, 1974

Dear Owen:

With this note, I am sending you copies of a letter from Warren Baum, as Chairman of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, to the Iranian Minister of Agriculture. As you will see in the final paragraph of the letter, Iran is invited to send a representative to the meetings of the Group in August and October of this year, and, if a decision to become a member cannot be made in time for the first of these two meetings, to attend the August meeting at least as an observer. The letter is self-explanatory.

I would be grateful if you would arrange the delivery of this letter to the Minister and of copies of it to other individuals, namely: The Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of Finance and Economics; Dr. Mir Heydar, Under Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. Mehdi Sami, Chairman of the Agricultural Development Fund; and (purely as a matter of courtesy) the United Nations Resident Representative. If Sir John Crawford is still in Iran when this mail arrives, he also would be interested to see a copy.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Harold Graves

Enclosures

Mr. Owen T. W. Price
Resident Head
IBRD Agricultural Task Force
P. O. Box 12/1668
Teheran
Iran

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June 28, 1974

His Excellency
Dr. Monsour Rouhani
Minister of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture
Tehran
Iran

Dear Mr. Minister:

I take pleasure in inviting your Government to become a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. I do so on behalf of the three co-sponsors of the Group: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, in the belief that Iranian membership would bring mutual benefits to Iran and the activities which are being supported by the Consultative Group.

As you know, the Group is a voluntary association of governments and of both private and official organizations; they give financial support to international programs of research and training whose purpose is to improve the quantity and quality of food production in developing countries.

More than 2,000 scientists are now at work in international programs supported by the Group. Their research encompasses crops and animals which account for at least three-quarters of the food supply of developing countries and for a still higher proportion of the protein consumption of these countries.

In 1974, members of the Group are supporting 10 international research programs. It is expected that an 11th, concentrating on agricultural problems of the Near East and North Africa, will soon be proposed and accepted for support by members of the Group.

The 10 activities already receiving the help of the Group are as follows:

(1) International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), based in the Philippines. IRRI developed the high-yielding varieties of rice which were part of the basis of the famous "green revolution" in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Now the Institute is undertaking work of exceptional importance in research intended to develop new strains of rice and production practices which will help the small rice farmer who cannot afford much fertilizer and whose land is rain-fed rather than supplied with controlled irrigation.

(2) International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo - CIMMYT), based in Mexico. This Center also participated in the green revolution; it developed the high-yielding varieties of wheat which greatly increased production of that crop beginning in the latter 1960s. It now is making good progress in developing maize of superior protein and higher yields than present varieties. It is also working on new drought-resistant varieties of wheat which have been tested with considerable success in Turkey.

(3) International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), based in India. This is a new institute, studying ways to improve the production of sorghum, millet, chick pea and pigeon pea in areas of scanty rainfall among the developing countries.

(4) International Potato Center (Centro Internacional de la Papa - CIP), based in Peru. It is working to develop potatoes with superior resistance to disease and other unfavorable environmental factors which are particularly important in the regions near the equator where most developing countries lie.

(5) International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), based in Nigeria, and (6) International Center of Tropical Agriculture (Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical - CIAT), based in Colombia. Both are concerned with the humid, lowland tropics, with emphasis on Africa and Latin America, respectively. CIAT has primary responsibility among the international agricultural research programs for field beans and manioc; it also has a program directed at improving the output of cattle and pigs. IITA, for its part, has primary responsibility for certain grain legumes (chiefly cowpeas and soybeans) and for selected roots and tubers (especially sweet potatoes and yams), and works on manioc cooperatively with CIAT. Both CIAT and IITA do work to adapt IRRI rice varieties and CIMMYT maize types to their respective regions. Another program sponsored by the Consultative Group has the objective of making improved rice varieties more widely available in western Africa, particularly in French-speaking countries; this program is carried out by (7) the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA), based in Liberia.

(8) International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases (ILRAD), now being established in Nairobi, and (9) International Livestock Center for Africa (ILCA), which is to be established in Ethiopia, are both concerned with the production of livestock, and especially of cattle, in Africa.

(10) Members of the Group, with special assistance from FAO, have set up an International Board for Plant Genetic Resources designed to establish and coordinate a network of plant gene centers which will conserve and disseminate seeds which may be of value in breeding plants with higher yields,

His Excellency
Dr. Monsour Rouhani

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better food value or greater resistance to pests and diseases. One of the centers which will become part of the network is at Izmir, specializing in the conservation of genetic material for crops of particular interest in the Near East.

In addition, as you may be aware, the Consultative Group, through the experts of its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), has been studying the special research needs of the Near East and North Africa. The Group expects that later this year or early in 1975 it will receive a recommendation from TAC for the establishment of an International Center for Research on Arid Lands (ICRAL) to conduct research and training for the region; and it seems quite clear, from a number of discussions that already have taken place, that the Group will agree to accept this recommendation. It is expected that this new effort will focus on soil and water management, on the improvement of certain crops (barley, durum wheat, broad beans and lentils) and on the improvement of animal production systems, especially sheep.

I should make it clear that the activities of each program spread far beyond the country in which the program happens to be based. Each center has an extensive system of training which brings in participants from many different countries for periods ranging from a few weeks to two years; each center has an annual program of seminars and conferences which attract leading scientists from all over the world to discuss problems of research and production; and each center has one or more programs of technical cooperation with particular developing countries, usually with the financial support of an individual donor government like France or the United States. The actual research activities of a program also spread beyond the borders of the program's host country. CIMMYT, for example, exchanges seed and research results with more than 60 countries.

Iran, I should mention, already has some familiarity with the programs in the Consultative Group research system. For instance, in recent years, CIMMYT has included seven Iranian nationals in its wheat and maize training courses; last year alone, there were 25 exchanges of seed between CIMMYT and Iran; and CIMMYT scientists last year spent a total of more than two months in Iran giving assistance on problems of research and production.

In the Consultative Group itself, there are 29 members. Five of these are representatives of developing areas, chosen by the regional caucuses and conferences of FAO for renewable terms of two years each. The other 24 participants are permanent members. While there is no automatic requirement that permanent members be donors to the international agricultural research programs I have mentioned, they are generally expected to become so; and new members, in fact, do become donors.

The 24 permanent members, and the amounts of their contributions (expressed in U. S. dollars) in 1974, are as follows:

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African Development Bank	\$ -
Asian Development Bank	-
Australia	100,000
Belgium	390,000
Canada	4,685,000
Denmark	370,000
European Economic Community	-
FAO	-
Ford Foundation (U.S.)	3,000,000
France	125,000
Germany	2,680,000
Inter-American Development Bank	2,000,000
Int'l Development Research Centre (Canada)	885,000
Japan	265,000
Kellogg Foundation (U.S.)	280,000
Netherlands	605,000
Norway	430,000
Rockefeller Foundation (U.S.)	3,100,000
Sweden	1,625,000
Switzerland	290,000
United Kingdom	2,120,000
U.N. Development Programme	1,550,000
United States	7,000,000
World Bank Group	2,375,000
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Each of the donor countries in this list is supporting at least two of the international research programs, and some are making contributions to as many as eight or nine. Donors make their own decisions about which programs to support and what funds to make available. They have available to them, however, the expert evaluation of TAC concerning the technical merits of the programs, and the information of the Consultative Group Secretariat (a staff provided by the World Bank) concerning what financial gaps need to be filled. All donors are influenced to some extent by these two sources of information and judgment; but the decision, let me repeat, are those of the donors themselves.

The evolution of the international agricultural research system is by no means complete, as is illustrated by the very fact that a gap exists in research activities benefiting countries of the Near East and North Africa. New programs are needed; much remains to be done in strengthening the services rendered to developing countries by the international programs.

His Excellency
Dr. Monsour Rouhani

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As a result, the number of activities supported by the Consultative Group is continuing to grow; the number of donors is growing; and the amounts of money being mobilized are increasing from year to year as are the requirements.

It is against this background that the World Bank, FAO and UNDP, as co-sponsors, invite your Government to become a member of the Consultative Group. If, as I would suppose to be the case, your Government were to decide that it had an interest in several programs -- and several do deal with subjects of concern to Iran -- then I think that membership in the Group would provide a good vantage point from which to be of assistance to these programs, to exert some influence on their content, and to derive some benefit from their research findings and active services.

The Consultative Group holds two meetings each year. One occurs during what is traditionally called International Centers Week. That Week begins with presentations of the intended future activities of each of the programs being supported, or being proposed for support, by the Group. It ends with a meeting of the members of the Group, discussing questions of organization and policy within the Group and weighing the financial implications of the programs that have been presented to them. The second meeting, some months later, continues some of the policy discussions, and provides a forum in which members can compare information about the assistance they intend to give to the research programs. This year, International Centers Week will begin on July 29 and end on August 2, and the second meeting of the Group will take place on October 31.

It would please the co-sponsors greatly if your Government were to decide to join and support the work of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. We would be most happy to welcome an Iranian representative to one or both of the year's meetings of the Group. In view of the short time remaining before the July meeting, you may prefer to send your representative as an observer, prior to your reaching a decision on joining the Group.

Sincerely yours,

Warren C. Baum
Vice President, Projects Staff
Chairman
Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research

cc: Minister of Foreign Affairs
Minister of Economics and Finance
Dr. Mir Heydar, Under Secretary, Minister of Agriculture
Dr. Mehdi Samii, Chairman of the Agricultural Development Fund
Mr. Owen Price
Mr. de Lusignan

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Briefly stated, I informed them that there was no fixed method for contributions, but that several ways were open to the Government: it could either make an unrestricted contribution similar to those made by, say, the United States, Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, etc., which the Bank, as fiscal agent of the CGIAR, would then allocate to the various centres and activities as required. They could also make specific contributions to particular centres or programmes within the Centres, and in this connexion I mentioned that we hoped that were Iran to join, we would expect them to make a substantial contribution to the International Centre for Research on Arid Lands for the Near East and North Africa, as and when the Centre was established. Alternatively, they could contribute in a combination of the above-mentioned alternatives.

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I then enquired into the question as to how Dr. Heydar thought such an invitation might be extended. He informed me that the invitation should be addressed to the Minister of Agriculture with copies to be sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and to the Minister of Economics and Finance. It is my additional suggestion that a copy of such a letter should be sent to H.E. Dr. Mehdi Samii, Chairman of the Agricultural Development Fund who holds a particularly important position in that he is extremely close to the Prime Minister of Iran.

As I mentioned to you on the phone I spent the last evening in Teheran with the Bank representative in Iran, Mr. O.T.W. Price, whom I briefed extensively on my discussions with the various ministries and organizations. I would therefore suggest that a copy of the invitation be sent to him also. As for the actual transmission of the letter, you may wish to avail yourself of the services of our Resident Representative in Teheran, who attended most of the sessions with the Government.

Although the very extensive brief left with all the ministries described the activities of the CGIAR, the Centres, etc., Dr. Heydar requested me specifically that in transmitting the letter of invitation it should contain the following items:

- (a) the main objectives of the Consultative Group and the list of centres and other activities now being supported by it;
- (b) the countries and organizations members of the Consultative Group and their respective contributions presumably during the last fiscal year;
- (c) the importance of the centres to the interest of Iran and a description of the network of international agricultural research on a worldwide basis. This point is perhaps a bit nebulous, but from the discussions I had with him, I gathered that he is particularly interested in how the Centres were at present endeavouring to bring the new technologies down to the level of the farmer. I might add here that I spent a good deal of time explaining to Dr. Heydar the concerns of the members of the Consultative Group about this question and referred particularly to the recent Bellagio VI meeting where reference was made not only to strengthening national agricultural research, but also the attendant problem of bringing this research down to the farm level.

I would like to add that in my discussions, I informed Dr. Heydar that were Iran to join the Consultative Group as a donor, they would not only benefit from the work of the centres and other activities within the



Consultative Group, but they in turn, as a country of the Third World, could bring to the Consultative Group some of the concerns that they had in developing applied research and thus inject into the discussions of the CGIAR fresh approaches and ideas.

Finally, I pointed out that the Consultative Group which was "a non-political" body had as its only aim the improvement of agricultural production and consequently the provision of better and higher nutritional values to the people of the developing world.

While I am not in a position to give you definite assurances about Iran's participation or the order of magnitude of their contribution to the Consultative Group were they to join it, it was my distinct impression, and that of my colleagues, that the Government is definitely interested in the activities of the CGIAR and that an invitation to join will be very seriously considered.

Finally, a question arose as to the order of magnitude which was expected from the Government of Iran. For obvious reasons I sidestepped this issue by indicating that this was entirely a matter for the Government to decide, but if they wished to have an indication as to UNDP's attitude towards funding activities sponsored by the CGIAR, this figure involved an order of magnitude of approximately \$1,400,000 a year and reflected a very substantial part of the funds earmarked for global research activities sponsored by UNDP.

I hope that this information will be of help to you in drafting the invitation to the Government, which I would suggest should be made in the name of the three co-sponsors. Should you have any questions on the points covered above, please feel free to call on me.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Mashler".

William T. Mashler
Director

Division for Global and Interregional Projects

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Mr. Baum

June 17, 1974

Harold Graves

Iran and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

William Mashler, the chief of global projects in UNDP, returned yesterday from a visit which took him to Iran, in the wake of the UNDP Administrator's visit to that country, to discuss with the authorities there opportunities for beneficial development projects which might be undertaken with Iranian funds.

Mashler telephoned today to say that in Tehran, he obtained a very positive reaction toward the idea of Iran becoming a member of the Consultative Group, not merely for the purpose of supporting the proposed agricultural research center for the Middle East and North Africa, but for the purpose of taking an interest generally in the programs of the Consultative Group network.

Mashler will give us more details in a day or two. He will suggest that a letter be written to the Minister of Agriculture, giving a brief explanation of the activities of the Group and inviting Iran to become a member.

cc: Mr. McNamara
Mr. Benjenk
Sir John Crawford

Mr. Cargill

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Files

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 1973

FROM: Warren C. Baum *wcb*SUBJECT: Meeting with New Zealand Government on CGIAR

Yesterday I received the following cable from Mr. Yudelman:

"MATTHISSEN OF ODA ADVISES UK GOVERNMENT URGING NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTES TO CGIAR STOP RECOMMENDS YOU CONTACT THEIR DELEGATION FOR DISCUSSION."

Previously we had been told by Mr. Lowell Hardin of the Ford Foundation that one of their staff had received a positive response from New Zealand agricultural officials during a recent visit.

I therefore called Mr. Mcleod and asked to speak to the New Zealand delegation. He arranged a meeting with Mr. Sproule, Divisional Director of the Treasury. The meeting was cordial but it was made perfectly clear that the Government was not prepared to contribute to the CGIAR at this time. Apparently the Government was recently informed that they could no longer continue as observers, and should decide to get in or out. The matter was discussed among all the interested groups, and for reasons which they did not wish to give me, the unanimous decision was reached not to participate. I had the impression that the Government was put out by the way in which the subject had been handled. In any event, Messrs. Sproule and Mcleod emphasized the many demands that were being placed on New Zealand to contribute to IDA, join OECD, finance bilateral programs, attend international conferences, etc. They felt that their limited resources, of staff as much as of money, were stretched to the utmost.

I explained a little bit of the work of the CGIAR, with which they were familiar, and particularly New Zealand's potential role in livestock research. I indicated that Mr. Mcleod, who will still be representing Australia, would no doubt keep them informed of developments, and that we would want to keep in touch with them from time to time to see if international agricultural research could not be given a higher priority within their program of development assistance. My conclusion is that we should take advantage of any opportunities to try to change the New Zealand position, but that time will be required to do so.

c.c. Messrs. Demuth
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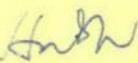
Dear Lowell:

Thanks for letting me have a copy of your memo to Dick Demuth about New Zealand. New Zealand participated in the meetings of the Consultative Group as an observer until 1973, when it decided that it would not join the Group and discontinued its observer status.

Sincerely,

Harold Graves

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Program Adviser, Agriculture
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October 25, 1972

Dear Mr. Knight:

I take pleasure in inviting the Government of New Zealand to be represented as an observer at the next meeting of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. The meeting will be held in Washington, in the Board Room of the World Bank, on November 1 and 2, and it may possibly extend into November 3. I would be grateful to learn in advance of the meeting who the New Zealand Government's representative will be.

With this letter, I am sending two sets of the documents that have been issued for the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Graves
Executive Secretary

Enclosures - 2 copies each of: Memo of Oct 13 re "Nov. Meeting-Documentation for Provisional Agenda Item No. 7"; and memo re: Consultative Group Meeting; and Report of Fourth Meeting of the TAC

Mr. R. Lindsay Knight
Executive Director
International Bank for
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Washington, D. C.

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