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February 29, 1980

Memorandum to Messrs. Stern, Qureshi, Paijmans

Attached is a copy of a memorandum I have just received from Yves Rovani, subject: "Resource Issues of the Energy Department." I should like to discuss it with you as soon as Ernie returns.

I have asked Yves to send me a note indicating the advance employment authority which he needs for the next three or four weeks. I plan to authorize such advance employment so that we may maintain the momentum of our Energy Program while taking the necessary time to deal with the more fundamental issues raised in the memorandum.

Robert S. McNamara

Attachment
cc: Messrs. Baum, Rovani
Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your letter of December 6 describing the present status of your proposal for an International Mechanism for Appropriate Technology (IMAT).

I agree that there is a need for a relatively small staff and some resources to support and link the many small groups devoted to better technology for the poor in the developing countries. It would, however, be important to make arrangements which would avoid involving these groups in unnecessary dealings with the larger international bureaucracies which might overpower them.

The Bank is ready to cooperate in facilitating the creation of such a mechanism, if that is the desire of the proposal's sponsors and of the organizations which it is to benefit. On the other hand, I do not think that the Bank should itself become a formal sponsor. As I see it, the immediate problem is to find an institutional setting which can help to refine and better define the IMAT proposal and enable it to be promptly launched. This might be done by creating a small staff to develop a program and to seek financial support for it.

I note that you have sent copies of your letter to the Director-General of the ILO, the Director-General of UNIDO and the Administrator of the UNDP. I wonder if you have considered addressing the Executive Director of UNICEF, which may also be interested in becoming associated with the undertaking.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
J. de Koning
Minister for Development Cooperation
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Hague
Netherlands

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

Cleared with and cc: Mr. Rajagopalan, Mrs. Boskey

February 27, 1980
Dear Halfdan:

Thank you for your invitation to propose an individual from the World Bank as a member of the newly-established Health 2000 Resources Group. It would be valuable for a member of the Bank's staff to participate in a frank exchange of views among members of the proposed Group on the most effective use of resources from all sources for health development purposes.

Your letter emphasizes the advisory nature of the Group and the role of its members as experts, not representatives of their organizations. It should clearly be understood therefore that membership does not imply any commitment or decision on the part of the Bank to provide financial support or to participate in fund-raising.

Dr. Evans would be the logical choice from the Bank to serve on the Group and I have asked him to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. Halfdan Mahler
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JREvans/WCBaum/jlm

Typed: February 27, 1980
Dear Mr McNamara,

Health 2000 Resources Group (HRG)

I should like to refer to resolution WHA32.30, whereby the Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in adopting the Executive Board’s document "Formulating strategies for health for all by the year 2000", proposed "the establishment of an appropriate body of participating countries for attracting bilateral and multilateral funds". Accordingly, in September and December 1979, informal consultations were held in WHO, bringing together, in an expert capacity, specialists from major contributors, developing countries, organizations of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations, to discuss the modalities for establishing such a body. The resulting recommendations are set out in the attached document EB65/INF.DOC/3. The Executive Board, at its sixty-fifth session in January this year, considered this document in depth and gave general approval to the establishment of a Health 2000 Resources Group (HRG).

I am convinced that the setting-up of this facilitating mechanism will be extremely important in ensuring that health is given its due integral place in development and in attracting and making the best use of the resources available to encourage this. Accordingly, I should like to convene a first full meeting of the HRG in WHO, Geneva, on 1-2 May 1980. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to propose a suitable person from your organization as a member of the HRG. As the HRG will be a consultative group constituted to advise me in accordance with the mandate outlined in the attached document, each member will serve in an expert capacity and not as a representative of his organization.

In order that arrangements for this meeting may proceed, I should appreciate it if you could suggest a suitable person as a member of the HRG by 29 February 1980 at the latest. I look forward to hearing from you in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

H. Mahler, M.D.
Director-General

Mr Robert S. McNamara
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International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
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HEALTH 2000 RESOURCES GROUP

Note by the Director-General

Background

1. In 1976 the Twenty-Ninth World Health Assembly, on the basis of the Executive Board's organizational study on the planning for and impact of extrabudgetary resources on WHO's programmes and policy, adopted resolution WHA29.32 in which it urged that "all existing and potential sources of extrabudgetary funds should provide the Organization with increased support for the expansion of its efforts in the health field". At the same time the Director-General was requested, inter alia, "to continue to develop appropriate mechanisms for attracting and coordinating an increased volume of bilateral and multilateral aid for health purposes".

2. In 1978 the Executive Board noted the progress made towards strengthening the basis for the mobilization of increased support to attain the social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and at its sixty-third session in January 1979 adopted resolution EB63/24 recognizing this progress.

3. Subsequently, the Director-General reported to the Executive Board at its sixty-fourth session (May 1979) on the results of his consultations in November 1978 with major contributors and representatives of developing countries and on the proposal to set up an international health funding group to advise on how best the Organization could secure extrabudgetary support for the growing demands, which far exceeded the resources of WHO's regular budget.

4. The Thirty-Second World Health Assembly, in its resolution WHA32.30, adopted the Board's document entitled "Formulating strategies for health for all by the year 2000", which puts forward proposals for strengthening global mechanisms "such as the establishment of an appropriate body of participating countries for attracting bilateral and multilateral funds".

Consultations

5. In September and December 1979 the Director-General convened two informal consultations at WHO headquarters, bringing together in an expert capacity specialists from major contributors, developing countries, organizations of the United Nations system, and nongovernmental organizations. These consultations strongly recommended the establishment of a Health 2000 Resources Group (HRG) whose main task would be to influence and augment the actual and potential flow of resources for health towards the goal of health for all by the year 2000.

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2 Document EB63/48, p. 29.
3 Document EB64/8.
4 Document WHA32/1979/REC/1, p. 27.
5 Document WHA32/1979/REC/1, Annex 2, paragraphs 95 and 109; the Board's document is also published separately (WHO, Geneva, 1979).
6. Of particular importance was the recommendation to ensure close relationship between the proposed HRG and the Global Health Development Advisory Council (GHDAC).

Proposed terms of reference of HRG

7. The consultations recommended that HRG be constituted as a consultative group to the Director-General, drawn from bilateral and multilateral agencies, developing countries and nongovernmental organizations, with the following mandate:

- to promote the rationalization of all health resources, giving preferential attention to primary health care activities aimed towards health for all by the year 2000, in accordance with the priorities recognized by Member States and incorporated in the resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the United Nations General Assembly;

- to stimulate the mobilization of resources for health, including those of developing countries themselves and of external donors, to achieve the world community's social goal of health for all by the year 2000, using primary health care as the main method, and to facilitate appropriate utilization of these resources by source, recipient, topic, or other relevant criteria.

8. Within this broad mandate, HRG will particularly concern itself with the following functions related to the resources necessary to achieve health for all by the year 2000:

- to assist concerned countries and agencies in achieving better matching of resources to needs;

- to gather and share information related to needs, resources and their utilization;

- to assess and describe the adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness of country and agency resource allocations to health development;

- to encourage and assist concerned countries and agencies to minimize duplication in technical areas and to maximize substantive collaboration in achieving health development.

9. It was further suggested that HRG consider the setting up of a health for all development fund for selected seed and initiative funding of primary health care at country level.

10. These suggested terms of reference will of course be subject to the consideration and adoption by HRG itself. It can be seen that they go far beyond the question of extrabudgetary resources for WHO's programme budget.

Composition of HRG

11. The consultations recommended that HRG's composition should not exceed a maximum of 20 persons drawn from the following:

| Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Development Assistance Committee | 5 |
| Western Pacific | 1 |
| Western Europe | 2 |
| The Americas | 1 |
| Scandinavia | 1 |
| Council for Mutual Economic Assistance/Eastern Europe | 2 |
| Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries | 1 |
| Nongovernmental organizations/Foundations | 2 |
12. While tenure of office would in principle be for two years, a system of rotation has been recommended, with selected persons in the first HRG remaining in office for three years to ensure continuity.

Proposed first session of HRG

13. The first session of HRG is tentatively scheduled to be convened in April 1980 at dates to be decided upon, shortly before the beginning of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly.

Relationships with other bodies

14. HRG as proposed will thus essentially constitute an advisory group to the Director-General on the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources for identified priority health activities of developing countries in connexion with their strategies for health for all their people, and on the channelling of these resources, whether on a bilateral, multilateral or multilateral basis, into the development process, thereby assisting countries to reach mutual agreement on the most effective points of entry for such support. The Group will also have to consider, with the help of an enlarged and active information base, how best to harmonize and coordinate available resources and match these to priority health needs. HRG is expected to advise on the best type of mechanisms appropriate to the accomplishment of these tasks.

15. The Director-General will report regularly on the work of HRG to the Executive Board and the Health Assembly.
FEB 29 1980

Dear Mr. Dupuy:

Thank you for your letter of February 8, 1980 regarding the Canadian assistance program in Afghanistan.

As you say, it is regrettable that Canada has found it necessary to terminate its program in Afghanistan, and I regret that the close integration of the World Bank's and CIDA's programs cannot be carried forward in that country at present. However, I trust that these events will not prejudice such cooperative arrangements between our institutions in the future and in other countries.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mr. Michel Dupuy
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cc: Mr. Earl G. Drake
Executive Director for Canada

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2/27/80
Dear Mrs. Fuller:

On the occasion of your retirement from the services of the World Bank I would like to express to you my sincere appreciation for the long years of faithful service to this institution. Your loyalty and dedication have earned you the respect and high regard of your colleagues in the Bank. They have also contributed to furthering the image of the Bank and to a better understanding of its goals by the commercial banking sector with which you were in contact in your daily work.

With my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mrs. Therese Fuller
Monsieur le Président,

Je vous remercie vivement de votre lettre du 23 janvier 1980 par laquelle vous avez bien voulu nous faire part du programme d'action de la Communauté Economique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et de la priorité que les Chefs d'État ont décidé de donner à un certain nombre d'institutions communes, dont la création a fait l'objet d'études de factibilité.

Comme vous le savez, l'un de nos objectifs en Afrique de l'Ouest est d'encourager les efforts entrepris par les États dans le domaine de la coopération régionale et mes collaborateurs seront très heureux d'accueillir la délégation dont vous nousannoncez la venue prochaine. Il va de soi également que c'est avec le plus grand intérêt que nous examinerons les études de factibilité dont vous nous annonciez l'envoi.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de ma très haute considération.

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Son Excellence
Colonel Seyni Kountche
Président du Conseil Militaire Suprême
Chef de l'État du Nigé

Président en exercice de la Conférence des Chefs d'État
Communauté Economique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
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Ouagadougou, Hte Volta

cc: Mr. McNamara's office (2)
Mr. Chaufournier o/r, Mr. Kpognon, Mr. Alisbah, Mr. Cole, CP2 Divisions

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February 22, 1980
Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of January 23, 1980 in which you apprise us of the action program of the West African Economic Community and of the decision by the Heads of State to give priority to the setting up of a number of joint institutions, for which feasibility studies have been completed.

As you know, it is one of our objectives in Western Africa to support the efforts initiated by Governments in the area of regional cooperation. My associates will be happy to meet with the delegation which, as you indicate, plans to visit the Bank in the near future. We shall also review with great interest the feasibility studies, once they are in our hands.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Colonel Seyni Kountche
Chairman of the Supreme Military Council
Head of State of Niger

President of the Conference of Heads of State
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COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST
CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE

No 000086/CE/

January 23, 1980

The President in Office of the Conference

Mr. McNamara
President of the World Bank
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
(U.S.A.)

Dear Mr. President :

Six West African countries (Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Upper Volta), five of which are Sahelian countries, decided in 1973 to establish jointly the West African Economic Community (CEAO) to further their economic and social interests.

Since that date, the customs and tariffs integration has been carried out in successive stages. We are today approaching the final stage, i.e. the establishment of a common external tariff for the six Member States.

During the past five years, the Community's purpose of cooperation and mutual aid has also come into play in the economic sphere.

In spite of the crippling drought in the Sahel that has severely affected five of them, the six States have generated each year from their own resources substantial sums which have been allocated as follows :

- to offset the imbalances resulting from trade patterns and to finance projects for the less industrialized countries (currently 3 billion CFAF per year);
- to build the Community Headquarters (3.5 billion CFAF);
- to establish a Mutual Aid Fund between Member States to promote investments (6.5 billion CFAF). This Fund will be increased every year by 1.5 billion.

This effort reflects the will of the six countries to rely primarily on their own resources.

During the fourth annual Conference of the Heads of State of the Community held in October 1978 in Bamako, the Member States decided that henceforth their efforts would be brought to bear on the development of human and natural resources. They therefore established seven common institutions:

- the Regional Center for Research in Solar Energy
- the School of Mining and Geology
- the Textile School
- the African Center for Higher Studies in Management (French-English bilingual Center)
- the Company for the promotion and marketing of fisheries products
- the Institute for Fishery sciences and Technology
- the village water supply and stock watering Program

The feasibility studies for these seven institutions were financed by the Community. These feasibility studies were approved during the Fifth Conference of Heads of State of the Community held in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on October 19-20, 1979. The total cost of these studies is estimated at 31 billion CFAF, or US$ 150 million. We are sending you these studies under separate cover.

On behalf of my colleagues from the Ivory Coast, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Senegal and Upper Volta and on behalf of my own
country, I am hereby requesting the World Bank's assistance for these institutions in the form of grants or concessionary loans. I would appreciate your personal support in this request.

We would be very pleased if the World Bank would be willing to act as the leading agency in financing these projects, including those where its intervention is not required.

I have already instructed the Secretary General of the Community to send a high level mission to the World Bank in February/March 1980, to discuss the terms of the Bank's financial assistance to our Community institutions.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Colonel Seyni Kountche
Chairman of the Supreme Military Council
Head of State of Niger

(Seal of the President in office of the Conference of Heads of State of the West African Economic Community)
Monsieur le Président,

Six pays d'Afrique de l'Ouest (la Côte-d'Ivoire, la Haute-Volta, le Mali, la Mauritanie, le Nigéria et le Sénégal) dont cinq sont sahéliens ont décidé en 1973, d'unir leur destin sur le plan économique et social en créant : LA COMMUNAUTE ECONOMIQUE DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (CEAO).

Depuis cette date, l'intégration douanière et tarifaire a été entreprise par étapes successives avec une vigueur et une fermeté constante. Elle tend aujourd'hui vers la phase ultime et finale de la coopération commerciale : LA CREATION D'UN TARIF EXTERIEUR COMMUN aux six États.

Pendant ces cinq dernières années, la volonté communautaire de coopération et de solidarité entre les États membres a également joué sur le plan économique.

En effet, les six États, malgré la conjoncture paralysante de la sécheresse au sahel qui a frappé durement cinq d'entre eux, ont dégagé chaque année sur leurs ressources propres, des sommes considérables qui ont été consacrées :
- à la compensation des déséquilibres résultant des flux commerciaux et au financement de projets pour les pays les moins industrialisés : 3 Milliards de francs CFA par an actuellement ;

- à la construction d'un Siège Social pour la Communauté : 3 Milliards et demi de francs CFA ;

- à la mise en place d'un Fonds de Solidarité entre les États membres en vue de favoriser les investissements :
  6 Milliards et demi de francs CFA de capital.
Ce capital sera accru de 1 Milliard et demi chaque année.

Cet effort traduit la volonté exprimée par les six pays de compter d'abord sur leur propre force.

Lors de la IVe Conférence annuelle des Chefs d'État de la Communauté tenue à Bamako en Octobre 1978, les États membres ont décidé de porter dorénavant leurs efforts sur la mise en valeur de leurs ressources humaines et naturelles. Ils ont ainsi créé sept institutions communes qui sont :

- le Centre Régional de Recherches en Énergie Solaire
- l'École des Mines et de la Géologie
- l'École des Textiles
- le Centre d'Études Supérieures Africain en Gestion (CESAG) (Centre bilingue français-anglais)
- la Société d'Armement, d'Achat et de Commercialisation des Produits de la Pêche
- l'Institut Supérieur des Sciences et Techniques Halieutiques
- le Programme d'Hydraulique Villageoise et Pastorale.

Les études de factibilité de ces sept Institutions ont été réalisées sur financement de la Communauté. Lors de la Ve Conférence des Chefs d'État de la Communauté qui s'est tenue à Nouakchott-République Islamique de Mauritanie les 19 et 20 Octobre derniers, ces études de factibilité ont été approuvées et leur coût global estimé à 31 Milliards de francs CFA, soit environ 150 Millions de dollars U.S.
Vous trouverez sous pli séparé les études de factibilité des sept institutions rappelées en objet.

Au nom de mes collègues de Côte-d'Ivoire, de Haute-Volta, du Mali, de la République Islamique de Mauritanie, du Sénégal, et en celui de mon propre pays, je vous transmets par la présente, une requête en vous demandant de bien vouloir lui donner votre appui personnel, afin que ces institutions puissent bénéficier, sous forme de subventions ou de prêts à conditions très favorables, du concours actif de la Banque Mondiale.

Nous serions très heureux si, dans le cadre des relations étroites de collaboration qui nous unissent, la Banque Mondiale acceptait la fonction de Chef de file pour l'ensemble de ces projets, y compris ceux pour lesquels elle n'aura pas à intervenir.

D'ores et déjà, j'ai donné les instructions nécessaires au Secrétaire Général de la Communauté pour que, dès les mois de Février et Mars 1980, une mission de haut niveau se rende auprès de la Banque Mondiale, pour discuter des modalités concrètes de son intervention au financement de nos institutions communautaires.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Colonel Seyni KOUNTCHE
Président du Conseil Militaire Suprême
Chef de l'Etat du Niger
FEB 25 1980

Miss Excellency
Dr. Hans Mattheuer
Bundesminister der Finanzen
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Dear Mr. Minister:

I am writing to thank you for your letter dated January 16 following up on your agreement to the pledge Germany made for an additional 0.5 percent contribution to the Sixth Replenishment of IDA over and above a share of 12 percent.

This additional contribution was instrumental in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion in December since it also made it possible for Japan to provide an extra contribution and at the same time facilitated a collective effort by a number of smaller European countries. In fact, including Germany's extra effort, an additional two percentage points in the burden sharing arrangements could be found between the time of our discussion in Belgrade and the time of the final meeting of IDA Deputies, and as a result made it possible to bring about a consensus on the burden sharing arrangements. While there remains an "unallocated" amount of a little over 1 percent in a total of $12 billion, I hope this will be filled before too long by contributors that have not as yet made extra contributions.

I note from your letter your wish for a return to the traditional contributions in future IDA replenishments and for an approximation of shares in IDA and the World Bank. The Report on the Replenishment (approved by the Executive Directors on January 15) does in fact distinguish between Germany's 12.0 percent share and the extra contribution of 0.5 percent so that the extra effort that Germany has made on this occasion will not be forgotten in discussions on this subject in future replenishments.

I also note your preference for seeing the contributions to IDA fixed on a uniform basis of valuation rather than in respective
national currencies. Although the example that the Federal Republic has set in expressing its obligations to IDA in terms of Special Drawing Rights was not followed by other contributors on this occasion, this is a subject which is reviewed in each negotiation and it may well be that Germany will be accompanied by others on the next occasion. In the meantime, our Executive Directors will be having a discussion later this year on the use of Special Drawing Rights for denominated IDA credits which will give the Board an opportunity for expressing its views on the use of the SDR as unit of account, as part of the general discussions taking place in international fora on increasing the use of the SDR.

Thank you again for the outstanding help which the Federal Republic has given to IDA in the Sixth Replenishment.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

cc: Dr. KURth
    Mr. Cargill
    Mr. Qureshi
    MR. Rotberg
    Mr. Gabriel

FVibert: gmb
February 20, 1980
Dear Stan:

Many thanks for your letter of February 6th, about Mr. Martin Burt. It was good to hear from you. Unfortunately, I won't be able to be with you on the 28th.

I am afraid that except for secretarial and clerical jobs, we do not have any openings on our staff for recent college graduates, as the majority of our professional positions call for several years of relevant experience. We do recruit a small number of candidates without extensive work experience through our highly competitive Young Professionals Program; however, an advanced degree, preferably in economics or finance is mandatory. Positions of a more junior or "assistant" level are filled by promotion from within, as part of our career development program.

Mr. Burt appears to be a fine young man and I wish I could be more helpful, all the more so in view of the high opinion you have of him.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

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Cleared by Mr. Pollan

FGS:psd (February 20, 1980)
Dear Minister Simelane:

Please accept my thanks for the fine job you and your officials did in organizing my visit to Swaziland last month and for the dinner in my honor you so generously hosted. Even though our stay was of short duration, it enabled me and my associates to gain a much fuller understanding of Swaziland, of its large potential for development and of the enormous challenges it faces in the future. I hope that the World Bank can continue to be of assistance to Swaziland in its efforts to realize this potential and to meet these challenges.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Honorable J.L.F. Simelane
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2/21/80
Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues for helping make my first visit to Swaziland a most interesting one. For my part, I found the discussions with you and your ministers and the trips to the College of Technology and the Northern Rural Development Area useful and illuminating. The audience with His Majesty the King was particularly rewarding. I hope that my visit also helped, as far as you are concerned, to bring into clearer focus the work of the World Bank and how it might further assist Swaziland's development. Thank you, once again, for the time and trouble you and your officials took in making the arrangements and for the generous Swazi hospitality extended to me and my fellow visitors.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

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DGRese:vy
2/21/80
Your Majesty:

I am writing to convey my sincere appreciation to you for having graciously received me and my colleagues during our visit to Swaziland last month. All of us were struck by your country's great beauty, as well as its economic potential. I was most impressed, however, to hear from you of your interest in raising the incomes of smallholder farmers and improving the living conditions of your rural people. As I indicated to you at that time, we at the World Bank are pleased to be associated with Swaziland's rural development program and stand ready to assist you further in this challenging task.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara
Robert S. McNamara

His Majesty King Sobhuza II
c/o Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mbabane, Swaziland

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

GReese/plh
February 21, 1980
Dear Minister Sekhonyana:

I am most grateful to you and your officials for all that you did to make my visit to Lesotho last month both stimulating and enjoyable. The arrangements you made enabled me to learn a great deal about your country in a short time, and the discussions with you and your colleagues contributed greatly to my understanding. While I was struck by the seeming intractability of many of the problems Lesotho faces, I was equally impressed by the responses you and your Prime Minister outlined for dealing with them. In this context, I should reiterate that we at the World Bank agree with the priorities you outlined and are prepared to continue supporting them with financial and technical assistance.

On behalf of Mrs. McNamara, myself and our fellow visitors, please accept our sincere appreciation for the generous hospitality extended to us in Lesotho, including the reception you gave in our honor.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Honorable E.R. Sekhonyana
Minister of Finance and Development Planning
P.O. Box H 395
Maseru, Lesotho

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

2/21/80
Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I deeply appreciate all that you and your associates did to help make my first visit to Lesotho a memorable one. The starkly dramatic landscape I saw on the flight to Mokhotlong, the meeting with the farmers there and the encouraging results so far of the Labor Intensive Construction Unit will remain with me for a long time. The discussions my colleagues and I had with you and your ministers and officials were especially rewarding. As I stated then we at the World Bank recognize the serious problems Lesotho faces — its geographical location, lack of natural resources, rapidly growing population and heavy dependence on South Africa — and fully support your priorities in trying to come to grips with them. We realize that this is a formidable task and hope the World Bank can continue to be of help to Lesotho in meeting such a challenge.

Again, thank you for the generous hospitality shown all of us during our visit. The lunch you hosted was most enjoyable, and the Basotho gifts will be a further reminder of our pleasant trip to Lesotho.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Honorable Leabua Jonathan
Prime Minister
P.O. Box 527
Maseru, Lesotho

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

DGReese\ivy
2/21/80
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing to convey my sincere appreciation for the excellent arrangements you and your associates made for me and my party when we visited Francistown last month. Although our visit was brief, your warm hospitality and the most useful briefings and discussions we had there made the trip memorable. For my part, I was highly impressed with the progress Francistown has made in supplying its population, particularly those with low incomes, with needed shelter and basic services, and was pleased that the World Bank has been able to contribute to this undertaking.

Please extend our special thanks to the ladies who served us refreshments during our meeting. They were delicious and particularly welcome following our pre-breakfast early morning flight from Gaborone.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mr. J. M. Ntuane
Mayor of Francistown
Francistown, Botswana

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
GReese/plh
February 21, 1980
Dear Minister Chiepe:

I am writing to thank you and your colleagues for helping make my recent visit to Botswana a highly interesting and valuable one. While my visit to Selebi-Phikwe and the Shashe Project impressed upon me the great importance to Botswana of its mineral wealth, it also pointed up the immense challenge posed to leaders such as yourself in insuring this wealth is exploited to the country's full benefit. I appreciate that it is a major task and only trust that the World Bank can continue to be of help to you in meeting it.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara
Robert S. McNamara

Dr. G.K.T. Chiepe
Minister of Mineral Resources
and Water Affairs
Private Bag 18
Gaborone, Botswana

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

GReese/plh
February 21, 1980
Dear Vice President Masire:

My sincere thanks to you for helping make my recent visit to Botswana as pleasant as it was illuminating. The arrangements you and your staff made enabled me and my companions to learn a great deal about your country in the relatively brief time we were there. The discussions in Gaborone were very useful, and the trips to Ramotswa, Francistown and Selebi-Phikwe profoundly impressed me with Botswana’s achievements since becoming independent, as well as with the challenges the country still faces in her pursuit of development and economic independence.

In this context, I should underline the World Bank’s readiness to continue working with Botswana in its development endeavors with both financial and technical assistance, in whatever fields the Bank can be most useful to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,
(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable Q.K.J. Masire
The Vice President & Minister of Finance & Development Planning
Gaborone, Botswana

cc: Mr. McNamara’s Office (2)

DGReese/MAMapen Hans; vy
2/21/80
Dear President Khama:

I am writing to express my deep appreciation to you and your colleagues for helping make my first visit to Botswana a most instructive as well as enjoyable one. The warm Botswana hospitality extended me and my fellow visitors made us feel very much at home and that we were among good friends.

I noted with interest the problems and concerns and Botswana's aspirations for development and economic independence, within a framework of regional cooperation, which you and your associates outlined. I was greatly encouraged with the progress your country has made in the relatively short time since it attained political independence. We at the World Bank are extremely pleased to have been an active partner in the undertaking and, as I mentioned in Gaborone, the Bank is prepared to continue supporting Botswana in its development efforts with both financial and technical resources.

I also should like to take this opportunity to thank you and Lady Khama for the delightful dinner you hosted. Please convey to her, on behalf of Mrs. McNamara as well as myself, our best wishes.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Sir Seretse Khama
The President of the Republic of Botswana
Gaborone, Botswana

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

GReese/plh
February 21, 1980
February 21, 1980

Dear Mike:

I am embarrassed to think that I raised with you the problem of our Burroughs equipment. And I am most grateful, as is Mervin Muller, for the action you took to help us. Don't give the matter another thought.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable
W. Michael Blumenthal
Burroughs Corporation
7726 Old Springhouse Road
McLean, Virginia 22102
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOPPER

I understand that you are concerned about the estimates of the allocation of project benefits among recipients, particularly as between small farmers on the one hand and large farmers on the other. I want to urge you to omit such information from your Appraisal Reports and from your other reports when there is reasonable doubt as to the validity of the estimates. Appraisal Reports, President’s Reports, and other Bank documents must not report data about which we have doubts whether the data relate to project benefits or to any other aspect of our work.

cc: Mr. Stern
    Mr. Baum

Robert S. McNamara
Dear Prime Minister:

My warm congratulations on your victory, and my best wishes for your new term of office.

I find it very encouraging to know that there is so shrewd a leader and so good a personal friend in Ottawa. I hope we will continue into the '80s the association we have built up in the '70s, and that you and I will meet more often in the future — sometimes perhaps on the ski slopes at Aspen.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Right Honorable
Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister's Residence
24 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Canada.

WDClark: sf
Dear Halfdan:

Thank you for your letter of January 28, informing me of Dr. Flache's impending retirement from WHO. His departure will indeed be a loss to the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. The effectiveness which the Programme has achieved is due in no small part to his association with it.

You asked for my reaction to your proposal that Dr. Flache should be succeeded, as Special Coordinator, by Mr. W. W. Furth, Assistant Director-General for Administration and Finance: it is favorable. Bank staff working with the Programme are not, of course, as well acquainted with Mr. Furth as they were with Dr. Flache when he was designated Special Coordinator. However, we feel that it is important for the Coordinator to have the status, within WHO, of Assistant Director-General; this is one of the reasons that we welcome Mr. Furth as successor to Dr. Flache. In addition, we appreciate that Mr. Furth will bring to the Programme background and skills different from Dr. Flache's, and we consider this to be quite appropriate at the stage of development which the Programme has reached.

We look forward to working with Mr. Furth, and I look forward to seeing you at the ACC meeting in Vienna.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. Halfdan Mahler
Director-General
World Health Organization
1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland

Cleared with and cc: Mr. Baum, CPSVP; Mrs. Boskey, IRD
cc: Mr. Stern, VPO; Dr. Kanagaratnam, PHN; Mrs. Fonaroff, PHN;
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UNDP/World Bank/WHO
Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases

As you probably know, Dr S. Flache, Assistant Director-General/Special Programme Coordinator, will retire from WHO on 30 June 1980 and I am in anticipation writing to you informally regarding this most important position. I believe you would agree that Dr Flache will be difficult to replace. He has guided the Programme from a period of great uncertainty concerning its implementation to its present exemplary position in both scientific progress and management approaches. This was clearly reflected at the recent successful meeting of the Joint Coordinating Board.

The success of the Programme to a great extent is due to the unique balance between the flexibility of its scientific operations and the goal orientation of its management mechanisms. In view of the fact that Dr A. O. Lucas has the scientific activities well in hand, it is critical in my opinion that the Programme's management be maintained at its current level of effectiveness. In this regard, I have reviewed all aspects of the position of Coordinator and should like to share with you my belief that Mr W. W. Furth, ADG for Administration and Finance, is the logical choice to work with Dr Lucas and guide the Programme's management team. Mr Furth's broad understanding of WHO and his proven management skills coupled with Dr Lucas's scientific direction would continue to ensure the strong leadership which has brought the Programme so far in so short a period. In view of the desirability of arranging a smooth transition, I should be most grateful for your reaction to my proposal at your earliest convenience.
Mr Robert S. McNamara
Ref: DG

28 January 1980

I should like to take this opportunity to inform you that members of the Joint Coordinating Board as well as we at WHO were most impressed by Dr John Evans's participation during the recent meeting and we look forward to a close working relationship with him, both as the Bank's representative on the Special Programme's Standing Committee and in other joint Bank/WHO initiatives.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. Mahler, M.D.
Director-General
February 5, 1980

Memorandum to Mr. Stern

For reasons which I can explain following your return, it appears wise to schedule the "Annual Review of Energy Sector" for discussion at the Board meeting of August 5 instead of the meeting of October 21. Mr. Rovani agrees with the change in schedule.

Robert S. McNamara

RSMcNamara:js
cc: Messrs. Damry, Rovani, Baum
To Mr. Stern,

Should not the documents supporting such "Structural Adjustment" plan, including the forthcoming plans for Kenya and Turkey, include the following data:

Net Oil Imports (in millions)

Preliminary Budget

Cost of Net Oil Imports

Ratio of Net Oil Imports

Current AK Deficit

Current AK Deficit as % GDP

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WORLD BANK
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To Dr. Schlesinger asked for copy of the Brandt report. Here it is. Note the energy recommendations 7/13.

It was a delightful dinner party last evening. Bob, Margaret + I thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks.

Best wishes.

R[e]y
Dear Mr. Vice Chancellor:

Let me first of all thank you for your expression of support of the objectives and activities of the World Bank which you have been kind enough to convey to me in your letter of December 7, 1979. I was also delighted by the tangible evidence of this support when you opened the Austrian capital market recently for an AS 1 billion borrowing of the Bank.

You noted in your letter that, notwithstanding your efforts in Austria to disseminate knowledge about the World Bank's work, there are grounds for further strengthening of the understanding in your country's business and financial community of the Bank's policies and procedures. I much appreciate this suggestion and your initiative.

Specifically, we would like to follow up on your suggestion to organize a procurement seminar in Vienna for Austrian suppliers, consultants and bankers who are interested in projects supported by the World Bank. I have asked my associates to be in touch with Mr. Herbert Sutter, the Austrian Alternate Executive Director, to discuss a mutually convenient timing, representation of the Bank and other preparatory steps so as to ensure that the seminar will be a success. To permit a proper preparation I believe we should aim at a date in mid-spring of this year.

I am also grateful for your thoughtful observations concerning the recruitment of Austrian nationals for the staff of the Bank. I noted in particular your suggestion that such recruitment could be facilitated by fixed-term appointments in combination with sabbatical leave granted to Austrian candidates by their respective employers. You may be interested to know that the Bank's recruitment policies already allow appointments on a regular or fixed-term basis. A fixed-term appointment is a full-time engagement of a candidate for a specific period of time, a minimum of one year but in most instances for three years.

I believe it is a good idea to address the recruitment subject, as you suggest, at the proposed procurement seminar because the audience may be quite relevant for possibly concrete proposals. I am asking our Personnel Management Department, also for this matter, to contact Mr. Sutter to advise of our near-term staffing requirements. This should enable your authorities to ascertain potentially interested Austrian candidates. Of course, this subject is one that can also be pursued between us at any other mutually convenient time.

I hope that by proceeding in the way suggested, the link between Austria and the World Bank Group will be further reinforced.
You will permit me to send a copy of this letter to Mr. Sutter whom you have asked to follow up on your proposals.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Vizekanzler
Dr. Hannes Androsch
Bundesminister für Finanzen
A-1015 Vienna
Austria

Cleared and cc:
Mr. Baum
Mr. Pajmans
Mr. Hittmair (reference to Bond issue)

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
Mr. Benjenk
Mr. Steckhan, Paris
Mr. Sutter

January 31, 1980
Her Excellency
Mrs. Lise Østergaard
Minister without Portfolio
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Christiansborg Slot
DK-1218 Copenhagen K, Denmark

Dear Minister:

Now that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment for the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) are concluded, I am writing to thank you for the helpful role that Denmark played once again in the negotiations. The need to negotiate fairly substantial changes in the burden sharing arrangements was one of the potentially more difficult features of the negotiations and I am very grateful for Denmark’s decision to increase its share and to join with several other contributors in a collective effort to bring about a consensus on the new arrangements. I am particularly appreciative of Denmark’s decision to join in this collective effort at a time when Denmark faces considerable budgetary and balance of payments difficulties. It made it much easier for Germany and Japan to take up increases in their shares knowing that a number of smaller contributors were also making a significant effort.

The level of Replenishment actually agreed appears to be regarded by both developed and developing countries as a major success and provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms with which to assist the poorest countries in the early years of the 1980s. The support that IDA has received both from traditional and from several new contributors in this Replenishment confirms IDA’s central role in the transfer of resources which is a key element in the International Development Strategy under discussion in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade.

I hope you will find it possible to cast your vote for the Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment as soon as possible since this will help ensure that the Replenishment goes into effect in July or
as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again for your support in the negotiations.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations on the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, and the Report and Resolution on the Replenishment transmitted to you and other Governors, I am writing to thank you for Argentina's decision to participate for the first time with a contribution of $25 million.

The participation of several new contributors was one of the most encouraging features of the negotiations. It has been welcomed not only by the existing contributors to IDA's resources but also by those developing countries that receive IDA assistance and confirms IDA's central role in the transfer of resources under discussion at the United Nations in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade. I am very grateful for Argentina's decision and Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has also asked me to convey his appreciation for the very constructive approach taken in the discussions by your Deputy, Mr. Dante Simone.

I would be grateful if you could cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Su Excelencia
Dr. Jose A. Martinez de Hoz
Ministro de Economia
Ministerio de Economia
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Clearances and cc:
Mr. Cargill
Mr. Ardito-Barletta

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office
The Honourable
J.W. Howard, M.P.
Treasurer of the Commonwealth
of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra, A.C.T., 2600
Australia

Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) are concluded, I am writing to thank you for the strong support which Australia has given to the Association during the negotiations.

One of the principle features of the negotiations was the rearrangement of shares in the burden sharing arrangements and I am very grateful for those countries like Australia that assisted in this rearrangement by maintaining their shares. Australia's decision involves a considerable increase in the amount of its commitment compared with the Fifth Replenishment and I much appreciate the effort which is being made in this respect at a time of budgetary constraint. The outcome of the negotiations is, I believe, a most satisfactory one and enables IDA's resources to grow in real terms at the outset of the 1980s. It confirms IDA's central role in the transfer of resources which is a key element in the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade under discussion in the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you could cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment goes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Sixth Replenishment.
The Honourable
J.W. Howard, M.P.

Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to Mr. Ingram whose colleagues in the Development Assistance Bureau were most helpful during the negotiations.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) on which the negotiations have recently been concluded. I am writing now to thank you for the very positive role which Belgium played in helping secure a successful outcome to the negotiations. In particular, Belgium's decision to increase its share in the Replenishment as part of a collective effort with several other smaller contributors made it much easier for two of the major contributors, Germany and Japan, to increase their shares by significant amounts and to bring about a consensus on revised burden sharing arrangements. I am very grateful for Belgium's participation in this collective effort and I note from your letter to Mr. Cargill at the time of the final meeting that this increase is not to be regarded as a precedent vis-a-vis Belgium's normal share.

The level of Replenishment actually agreed provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms with which to assist the poorest countries in the early years of the Third Development Decade and confirms IDA's central role in resource transfer policies under discussion at the United Nations in the context of the International Development Strategy for the 1980s. I am very appreciative of the support which has been given by Belgium and others at a time, as you mentioned in your letter, of very severe budgetary constraints.

I would like to take this occasion to ask if you could vote for the Resolution on the Replenishment as soon as possible since this will help ensure that the Replenishment goes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Son Excellence
M. Gaston Geens
Ministre des Finances
Avenue des Arts, 30
B-1040 Bruxelles, Belgium.

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill
cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
   Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
A Sua Excelência
Sr. Dr. Ernane Galvaas
Ministro da Fazenda
Ministerio da Fazenda
Brasilia* (DF)
Brasil

Dear Mr. Minister:

Let me first convey my warm congratulations to you on your appointment as Minister of Finance and Governor of the World Bank. I hope that our association in your new capacity will be long, and as close and fruitful as it always has been in your past positions.

You will recently have received the Report on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for Brasil's decision to participate for the first time. Brasil's commitment of $50 million is a substantial one giving Brasil a leading role among the other new contributors to IDA's resources.

Your Deputy in the negotiations, Dr. Luis Barbosa, emphasized throughout the discussions that Brasil's contribution should not be interpreted as a departure from Brasil's traditional stance of being a borrower from the International Development Banks, including the World Bank, and you will note that the Report refers to the continuing need of assistance from the World Bank of several of the new contributors. Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, is writing separately to Dr. Barbosa to thank him for his helpful role at the negotiating table.

The outcome of the negotiations is, I believe, regarded as a major success both by developed and developing countries and the level of Replenishment provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms with which to assist the poorest countries in the early years of the 1980s. It confirms IDA's central role in resource transfers under discussion at the United Nations in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade.
A Sua Excelencia
Sr. Dr. Ernane Calvems

I hope you will find it possible to cast your vote for the Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment as soon as possible since this will help ensure that the Replenishment goes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearances and cc:
Mr. Cargill
Mr. Ardito-Barletta

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2) ✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Seine Exzellenz
Dr. Hannes Androsch
Vizekanzler und Bundesminister der Finanzen
Himmelbeffortgasse 8
A-1010 Vienna, Austria

Dear Mr. Minister,

I am writing to thank you for the strong support that Austria gave to the International Development Association (IDA) in the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of its resources which have recently been concluded.

I am particularly grateful for Austria's decision to increase its share in the Replenishment. The fact that a number of smaller contributors such as Austria were able to make a collective effort to increase their shares made it considerably easier for Germany and Japan to decide to increase their own shares by a significant amount and thus bring about a consensus on new burden sharing arrangements in the Replenishment, which was one of the most potentially difficult aspects of the negotiation. The outcome of the negotiations appears generally to be regarded as very satisfactory both by the contributors and by the poorest countries that receive IDA and the level of Replenishment agreed will permit an increase in IDA's lending in real terms in the early 1980s at the outset of the Third Development Decade. The Report to the Governors, which you will have recently received, notes that the Replenishment should be taken into account in the formulation of the International Development Strategy presently under discussion in the United Nations.

Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to thank Dr. Neuderfer and Mrs. Filz, your Deputy in the negotiations, for their help during the IDA6 negotiations.
I would be grateful if you could cast your vote in favor of the Resolution as soon as possible since that will assist in the Replenishment coming into effect in July or as shortly thereafter as possible when IDA will need fresh commitment authority.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Her Excellency
Mrs. Pirkko Tyolajarvi
Minister in the Ministry
of Finance
Snellmaninkatu 1-A
SF-00170 Helsinki 17
Finland

Dear Minister:

You will have recently received the Report on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for the most helpful role that Finland played in the negotiations. Although Finland is one of the smaller contributors to the IDA, the increase in its commitment to the Sixth Replenishment as compared with the Fifth Replenishment was proportionately among the largest and I am most grateful for this support.

In particular, I wish to thank you for Finland's decision to increase its share in the Replenishment and its joining in a collective effort with the Nordic countries and several other contributors in order to bring about a successful conclusion to the negotiations on revised burden sharing arrangements. This collective approach made it much easier for Germany and Japan to take up significant increases in their shares.

The outcome of the negotiations is, I believe, regarded as a major success both by developed and developing countries. The level of Replenishment provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms with which to assist the poorest countries in the early 1980s and confirms IDA's central role in the resource transfers to developing countries which is a key element in the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade under discussion in the United Nations. Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to Mrs. Saarela, who helped greatly in our discussions with the Nordic countries.
I hope you will find it possible to cast your vote for the Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment as soon as possible since this will help ensure that the Replenishment goes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again for your support in the negotiations.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to thank you for Luxembourg's support in the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) which have recently been concluded. The efforts made by the small contributors are important in establishing a favorable framework for the negotiations and I am grateful to you for continuing Luxembourg's traditionally favorable approach.

I understand that it might be possible for Luxembourg to make a small extra contribution as a part of the collective effort which has been made by a number of contributors, including several of the smaller European ones, towards filling the small amount which remains "unallocated" in the Replenishment, and I would much appreciate it if this is possible.

The outcome of the negotiations is, I think, viewed as a major success and reaffirms IDA's central role in transferring resources to the developing countries which is a key element in the International Development Strategy under discussion in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade.

IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment in July and I would be grateful if you could cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect then.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Son Excellence
M. Ernest Muchlen
Secrétaire d'État
Ministère des Finances
3 rue de la Congregation
Luxembourg-ville, Luxembourg

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill
c: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2) ✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for Greece's decision to participate for the first time with a contribution of $6 million. The participation of several new donors on this occasion is one of the most encouraging features of the Replenishment and one which has been welcomed by both developed and developing countries alike.

The satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations represents a significant success at a time when many contributors, including Greece, face serious budgetary difficulties. The level of the Replenishment negotiated will provide the poorest countries with an increase in the resources they receive from IDA in real terms in the early 1980s at the outset of the Third Development Decade and confirms IDA's central role in assisting the poorest developing countries.

IDA's present commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment will be expiring at the end of June and I hope the Sixth Replenishment can enter into effect in July or as soon as possible thereafter. It would help ensure the timely effectiveness of the Agreement if the Resolution of the Governors can be passed, as requested, by March 30 and I would appreciate it if you could cast Greece's vote before that time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Constantine Mitsotakis
Minister of Coordination
Plateia Syntagmatoe
Athens, Greece

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, I am writing to thank you for Ireland's part in helping to ensure a successful outcome to the negotiations. In particular, I am grateful that Ireland was able to maintain its share in the Replenishment since the ability of a number of the smaller contributors to maintain, or even in some cases increase their shares, made it much easier to accomplish the significant redistribution of shares that took place among several of the bigger contributors.

The level of Replenishment actually negotiated provides IDA and the poorest countries which it assists with an increase in resources in real terms for the early 1980s and reaffirms IDA's central role at the outset of the Third Development Decade. The effort which the contributors have made at a time of great budgetary difficulties for many of them should be taken into account in the discussions under way in the United Nations on the transfer of resources in the context of the new International Development Strategy for the 1980s.

IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Sixth Replenishment in July. It will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect then if the Governor's Resolution can be passed at an early date and I would be glad if you could cast your vote soon.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honourable
Michael O'Kennedy
Minister for Finance
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2, Ireland

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Governor:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for the most helpful role that Italy played in helping to secure the successful outcome of these negotiations. On this occasion a rather substantial adjustment of shares was necessary in the burden sharing arrangements and it was most helpful in reaching a consensus on this issue that Italy could maintain its share.

The level of Replenishment agreed provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms. It reaffirms IDA's central role in the transfer of resources to developing countries which is a key element in the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade. Italy's strong support for IDA despite its own economic difficulties has been of great help in achieving this most satisfactory result.

The commitment period for the resources provided under the Fifth Replenishment will be drawing to a close at the end of June and I would very much appreciate it if Italy could notify IDA of its contribution to the Fifth Replenishment as soon as possible. I am also hoping that the Governor's Resolution authorizing IDA to accept resources provided under the Sixth Replenishment can be passed by March 30 as this will be helpful in securing the timely coming into effect of the Sixth Replenishment. I hope, therefore, you will find it possible to cast your vote at an early point.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. Carlo Ciampi
Governatore
Banca d'Italia
Via Nazionale 91
I-00184 Rome, Italy

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office
Secretary's Office

FVibertiplo
Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report and Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for Korea's participation in the Replenishment exercise for the second time. The support which IDA receives from developing countries is an important source of strength for the Association and of great importance for the traditional contributors that provide the main part of IDA's resources.

I note that there were a number of constraints faced by Korea in increasing the size of its contribution on this occasion, but in view of IDA's central role as a source of finance for the poorest countries in the Third Development Decade, I hope it will indeed be possible for Korea to make a significant increase in its contribution at the time of the next Replenishment.

I would be grateful if you could cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Woun Gie Kim
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

FVibertiplo
Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, I am writing to thank you for the outstanding support which Japan has given in helping to bring the negotiations to a successful ending. The consensus that was achieved on the rearrangement of shares in the Replenishment would not have been possible without Japan's decision to increase its share to 12 per cent and to make an extra contribution of 2.65 per cent. I am sure that all contributors appreciate Japan's generosity on behalf of the poorest countries and the very major step that this represents in Japan's efforts to increase its program of official development assistance at a time of fiscal constraint affecting the general budget.

The level of Replenishment agreed will enable IDA to increase its assistance to the poorest countries in real terms in the early 1980s and reaffirms IDA's central role in transferring resources to developing countries which is a key element in the International Development Strategy being formulated in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade. The crucial part played by Japan in this success will be widely recognized by all developing countries.

In writing to other Governors, I am asking that they cast their votes on the Draft Resolution authorizing IDA to accept Sixth Replenishment resources as soon as possible and hope this will be helpful to you in your presentation of the IDA Agreement to the Diet.

Thank you again for Japan's most generous support for the Replenishment.

Sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Noboru Takeshita
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Tokyo, Japan

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
 Secretary's Office

FViberti:plo
Su Excelencia
Sr. David Ibarra Ruíz
Secretario de Hacienda
y Crédito Público
México 1, D.F., México

Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for Mexico’s decision to participate for the first time with a contribution of $20 million. The participation of several new contributors is one of the most encouraging features of this latest Replenishment Agreement and Mexico’s action will be seen as a most important symbol of solidarity with the poorest developing countries that depend on IDA assistance.

The level of Replenishment agreed will provide IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms in the first years of the 1980s and reaffirms IDA’s central role in the transfer of resources which is a key element in the International Development Strategy now under discussion in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade.

Your Deputy in the negotiations, Bernardo Sepulveda, emphasized that Mexico’s contribution should not be interpreted as meaning that Mexico should not have continued access as a borrower from multilateral organizations. You will note that the Report on the Replenishment states that several of the new contributors are expected to remain substantial importers of capital, including borrowings from IBRD.

IDA’s present commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment will be expiring at the end of June and I hope the Sixth Replenishment can enter into effect in July or as soon as possible thereafter. It would
help ensure the timely effectiveness of the Agreement if the Resolution of the Governors can be passed, as requested, by March 30 and I would appreciate it if you could cast Mexico's vote before that time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2) ✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
FEB 01 1980

His Excellency
F.R. J.J. Andriessen
Minister of Finance
Postbus 20201
The Hague
The Netherlands 2500 HE

Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, I am writing to thank you for the strong support which IDA once more received from the Netherlands during the negotiations. The Netherlands took a lead in advocating a high level of Replenishment and the level finally agreed of $12 billion provides IDA with an increase in resources in real terms in the early 1980s. Although less than the level advocated by the Netherlands, the outcome represents a considerable success at a time of budgetary constraints for many of the contributors. The Agreement reaffirms IDA’s central place in the transfer of resources which is a key element in the International Development Strategy now under discussion in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade.

I would also like to thank you for the increase in the Netherlands share in the Replenishment to 3 per cent. This extra effort was decisive in persuading a number of other smaller contributors in Europe and also Germany to make an extra effort with the result that it was possible to achieve a consensus on revised burden sharing arrangements. While there remains a small amount still "unallocated", I am confident that this will be filled before long by extra contributions from countries that have not yet made them.

Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to your Deputy in the negotiations, B.F. Baron van Ittersum, to thank him for the helpful role he played.
Dear Prime Minister:

Now that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, I am writing to thank you for New Zealand’s decision to contribute $10 million. I understand the difficulties which your Government must face in persuading Parliament and public opinion of the need to support the International aid effort at a time when New Zealand’s economy faces great difficulties. Nevertheless, it remains a most important source of strength for IDA that contributors continue to participate in successive Replenishments despite the fluctuations in their own economic fortunes and I am grateful for New Zealand’s decision.

The Replenishment Agreement involves a considerable change in the burden sharing arrangements but at the same time the level of Replenishment negotiated will provide the poorest countries with an increase in resources in real terms in the early 1980s. The support shown for IDA will be seen as an important part of resource transfer policies under discussion in the United Nations in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade.

IDA’s present commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment will be expiring at the end of June and I hope the Sixth Replenishment can enter into effect in July or as soon as possible thereafter. It would help ensure the timely effectiveness of the Agreement if the Resolution of the Governors can be passed, as requested, by March 30 and I would appreciate it if you could cast New Zealand’s vote before that time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Right Honourable
R.D. Muldoon, C.H.
Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
Parliament Buildings
Wellington, New Zealand

Clearance and cc: Mr. Cargill
cc: for Mr. McNamara’s Office (2)✓
Secretary’s Office

FVibert:plo
Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for the support that IDA received from Norway throughout the negotiations. Norway was one of the leaders in supporting a high level of Replenishment and I am also grateful for Norway's decision to increase its share in the Replenishment as part of a collective effort to bring about a consensus on revised burden sharing arrangements. Although there remains a small amount still "unallocated", I am confident that this will be filled by countries that have not yet made extra contributions.

The level of Replenishment actually agreed provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms in the early 1980s and confirms IDA's central role in strategies to assist the poorest countries in the Third Development Decade.

IDA's present commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment will be expiring at the end of June and I hope the Sixth Replenishment can enter into effect in July or as soon as possible thereafter. It would help ensure the timely effectiveness of the Agreement if the Resolution of the Governors can be passed, as requested, by March 30 and I would appreciate it if you could cast Norway's vote before that time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Ulf Sand
Minister of Finance
Oslo — Dep., Norway

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill
cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plo
His Excellency
Gösta Bohman
Minister for Economic Affairs
Ministry of Economic Affairs
S 103 10 Stockholm 2
Sweden

Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for the support IDA received from Sweden during the negotiations. The Agreement incorporates a substantial reduction in Sweden's share compared with previous Replenishments but I am grateful for the way in which Sweden participated in the collective effort made by a number of countries to bring about a consensus on the revised burden sharing arrangements. Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to your Deputy for the negotiations, Mr. Bo Kjellen, for the great assistance he gave during the discussions.

The outcome of the negotiations will provide the poorest countries with an increase in IDA assistance in real terms in the early 1980s. At the same time, it is an encouraging feature of the Agreement that there are several developing country contributors participating for the first time. The Agreement reaffirms IDA's central role in the transfer of resources which is a key element in the International Development Strategy under discussion in the United Nations for the Third Development Decade. I much appreciate Sweden's own support for the high level of Replenishment and its encouragement to new donors.

IDA's present commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment will be expiring at the end of June and I hope the Sixth Replenishment can enter into effect in July or as soon as possible thereafter. It
would help ensure the timely effectiveness of the Agreement if the Resolution of the Governors can be passed, as requested, by March 30 and I would appreciate it if you could cast Sweden’s vote before that time.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara’s Office (2)
Secretary’s Office

FVibert:plo
The Right Honourable
Gordon Richardson, M.B.E.
Governor
Bank of England
Threadneedle Street
London EC2R 8AH, England

Dear Governor:

You will recently have received the Report and Draft Resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) and I am writing to thank you for the support which the United Kingdom has given to IDA once more. In particular, I would like to thank you for the decision not to seek a significant reduction in the United Kingdom's share at a late stage in the negotiations but to accommodate the United Kingdom's budgetary difficulties by a special arrangement on the draw down of the United Kingdom's contribution. The negotiations have involved a considerable rearrangement of shares, including an adjustment for the United Kingdom and it would not have been possible to reach a consensus on the revised burden sharing arrangements if the United Kingdom had pressed for a larger reduction in its own case and I am very grateful for your understanding this.

The outcome of the negotiations on the Sixth Replenishment can be justifiably regarded as a major success at a time when many contributors face budgetary difficulties and will provide IDA with a growth in its resources in real terms in the early 1980s. I much appreciate the United Kingdom's support for a high level of Replenishment expressed consistently throughout the negotiations and the outcome will make a material difference to the efforts of the poorest countries in confronting a much more difficult global economic climate.
I would be grateful if you could cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect in July or as close as possible thereafter when IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

FVibert:plc
His Excellency  
Petar Kostić  
Federal Secretary for Finance  
Federal Secretariat for Finance  
SIV-II  
YU-11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia  

Dear Mr. Minister:

Now that the negotiations on the Sixth Replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association (IDA) have been concluded, I am writing to thank you for Yugoslavia’s strong support given throughout the negotiations.

Yugoslavia, by announcing its own decision to increase its share in the Replenishment at an early point in the negotiations gave a lead to other developing countries that contribute to IDA as well as encouragement to those developing countries which are participating for the first time in this Replenishment.

I am very grateful to you and of course to Mr. Popovic who represented Yugoslavia at many of the meetings. It was most appropriate in the light of Yugoslavia’s trusted role in the North/South Dialogue that the key meeting in the negotiations was held in Dubrovnik. Mr. Cargill, who chaired the negotiations, has written separately to Mr. Popovic to thank him for Yugoslavia’s outstanding support.

The outcome of the negotiations can be regarded as a major success at a time when many contributors face budgetary difficulties and provides IDA with an increase in its resources in real terms in the early 1980s. The effort involved by both developed and developing country contributors reaffirms IDA’s central role in the transfer of resources to developing countries which is a key element in the discussions under way in the United Nations on the International Development Strategy for the Third Development Decade.

IDA will be in need of the fresh commitment authority provided under the Replenishment in July and I would be grateful if you could
cast your vote for the Governor's Resolution as soon as possible because this will help ensure that the Replenishment comes into effect close to that time.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Clearance and cc:
Mr. Cargill

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)✓
Secretary's Office

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**List of Payments Due But Not Received Under Loan Agreements**

**At Close of Business January 31, 1980**

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$14,781,119
February 1, 1980

Price Waterhouse & Co.
1801 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Sirs:

With respect to the financial statements of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development included in the Prospectus dated January 9, 1980 relating to the offering of the 8% Austrian Schilling Bonds of 1980, due 1990, in the principal amount of $1,000 million, we confirm the statements made in our letters of July 31, 1979 and January 9, 1980, except that payments due to the Bank under loan agreements but unpaid at the close of business on January 31, 1980, are as shown in the attached list.

There have been no developments since July 31, 1979, which would materially affect the financial statements included in the above-mentioned Prospectus. The unaudited financial statements at September 30, 1979, and for the three-month periods ended September 30, 1978 and 1979, also included in the Prospectus, have been prepared on a basis consistent in all material respects with that followed in the preparation of the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1979. In addition, we know of no event since January 9, 1980, which although not affecting such financial statements, has caused or is likely to cause any material change adverse or otherwise, in the financial position or results of operations of the Bank.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara
President

Vice President and General Counsel

Controller

Attachment

cc: Messrs. Nurick, Hattori, Uhrig
Sir:

I enclose copy of a letter dated January 24, 1980 from His Excellency, M. Mustapha Zaououni, Minister of Planning, the official channel of communication between the Government of Tunisia and the Bank, requesting that you extend to Mr. Moncef Belkhodja, an Executive Director in the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the privileges and immunities accorded to officials of Specialized Agencies referred to in paragraph 4 of Section 15 of Article V of the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States.

In the event that you decide to accede to this request, I wish to inform you that, as President of the Bank, I shall have no objection.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Enclosure

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

cc: Mr. Koch-Weser
Dear Mr. President:

As you know, M. Moncef Belkhodja is the principal representative of TUNISIA among the Executive Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and resides in Washington, the permanent Headquarters of the Bank. The Bank is a specialized agency of the United Nations.

According to paragraph 4, Section 15, Article V, of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America, regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, dated June 26, 1947, principal resident representatives of member countries to specialized agencies of the United Nations with Headquarters in the United States are entitled to the privileges and immunities covered by said agreement under the conditions therein provided.

I have the honor to request that you communicate to His Excellency the Secretary of State of the United States of America our desire that His Excellency extend the privileges and immunities covered by said international agreement to M. Moncef Belkhodja and I beg you, in transmitting this request, to express to the Secretary of State of the United States your views thereon.

Monsieur MC Namara, President
IBRD
1818 H STREET N.W
WASHINGTON D. C
20433 U.S.A
Dear Mr. Secretary:

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development proposes to borrow an aggregate principal amount, not exceeding $350,000,000 in markets outside the United States of America through an issue of Two Year Bonds of the Bank. The Bonds are to be dated March 15, 1980 and to mature March 15, 1982. The interest rate of the bonds has not yet been determined.

The Government of the United States of America is hereby requested, in accordance with Section 1(b) of Article IV of the Bank's Articles of Agreement, to approve the borrowing by the Bank in markets outside the United States of America of such amounts as may be raised by the issue of not exceeding $350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds. The Government of the United States of America is further requested to agree, pursuant to the same provisions of the Articles of Agreement, that the proceeds of such borrowing may be exchanged for the currency of any member of the Bank without restriction.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable
G. William Miller
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

cc: Mr. Colbert I. King, Executive Director
    Mr. David S. King, Alternate Executive Director
    Mr. Robert S. Watson, U.S. Treasury
    Mr. Joseph Winder, Main Treasury

Cleared with and cc: Mr. David Mead, Legal Dept.
    For Mr. McNamara's office (2)
    Mr. Moeen A. Qureshi, Vice President, Finance
    Mr. Eugene H. Rotberg, Vice President and Treasurer

L. Halfmann/fad
January 7, 1980
HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH ABDUL AZIZ ALQURAISHI,
GOVERNOR, SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY
HEAD OFFICE, RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEX DATED JANUARY 16, THE PAYMENTS WHICH WILL BECOME DUE TO THE WORLD BANK GROUP DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE KINGDOM'S BUDGET FOR FY1400/1401 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1) IBRD - UNDER THE BANK'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS' RESOLUTION NO. 335, ADOPTED ON APRIL 30, 1979, THE KINGDOM IS ENTITLED TO SUBSCRIBE ADDITIONAL 763 SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK. PENDING DECISION BY THE BANK ON THE QUESTION RELATING TO VALUATION OF THE BANK'S CAPITAL STOCK, THE BANK WILL ACCEPT SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS AT 1.20635 CURRENT DOLLARS TO ONE 1944 DOLLAR, SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT WHEN THE VALUATION QUESTION HAS BEEN RESOLVED. ON THIS BASIS, THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF 763 SHARES IS EQUIVALENT TO USDOLLARS 92,044,505.00 OF WHICH TEN PERCENT MUST BE PAID IN AS FOLLOWS: ONE PERCENT, USDOLLARS 920,445.05 PAYABLE IN US DOLLARS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED OUR ACCOUNT A-GENERAL AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK SEMICOLON AND NINE PERCENT, USDOLLARS 8,284,005.45 PAYABLE IN SAUDI ARABIAN RIYALS IN EITHER CASH OR NOTES SHOULD BE DEPOSITED OUR ACCOUNT A OR SECURITIES CUSTODY ACCOUNT A, RESPECTIVELY, WITH /c
MARKAZI IN RIYADH. THE AMOUNT OF SAUDI ARABIAN RIYALS SHOULD BE COMPUTED AT MARKET RATE OF EXCHANGE EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF PAYMENT OR SHORTLY PRIOR THERETO. THE TERMINAL DATE TO SUBSCRIBE THE SHARES UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 335 IS MARCH 31, 1980, OR SUCH LATER DATE AS THE BANK'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE.

2) IDA - HIS EXCELLENCY SHEIKH MOHAMMED ABALKHAIL, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY INDICATED BY HIS TELEX OF APRIL 9, 1979 THE KINGDOM'S AGREEMENT TO MAKE ACTUAL TRANSFERS IN PAYMENT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT PURSUANT TO A FIXED SCHEDULE OF TEN INSTALMENTS. THE KINGDOM HAS PAID THE FIRST AND SECOND INSTALMENTS TOTALING USDOLLARS 34.3 MILLION. THE THIRD INSTALMENT AMOUNTING TO USDOLLARS 49.4 MILLION HAS BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON JULY 1, 1979, AND HAS NOT BEEN PAID. THE FOURTH INSTALMENT AMOUNTING TO USDOLLARS 68.3 MILLION WILL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON JULY 1, 1980 WHICH FALLS WITHIN YOUR BUDGET FOR FY1400/1401. IN ADDITION, THE ESTIMATED DRAW DOWN ON THE KINGDOM'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO IDA'S SIXTH REPLENISHMENT ON THE BASIS OF USDOLLARS 390 MILLION IS USDOLLARS 3.9 MILLION IN FY1400/1401.

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3) IFC - THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION TO THE KINGDOM IS USDOLLARS 9,140,000 WHICH IS PAYABLE IN FIVE INSTALMENTS. TWO OF THESE INSTALMENTS, EQUIVALENT TO USDOLLARS 3,656,000 ARE ALREADY DUE AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH INSTALMENTS OF USDOLLARS 1,828,000 EACH WILL FALL DUE IN YOUR FY1400/1401. THEREFORE, THE PROVISION IN YOUR FY1400/1401 SHOULD BE USDOLLARS 7,312,000. YOU MAY PREFER ON THE OTHER HAND TO BUDGET THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ALLOCATION AMOUNTING TO USDOLLARS 9,140,000 AND PAY IT AS A SINGLE INSTALMENT AS SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAVE ALREADY DONE. PLEASE NOTE ALSO THAT AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY HAS TO SIGN THE INSTRUMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF USDOLLARS 9,140,000. WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

ROBERT S. McNAMARA, INTBAFRA

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara
January 28, 1980

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1979 in which you describe the objectives of the Second Five-Year Plan and request increased assistance from the World Bank Group towards achieving those objectives.

I fully agree with you that the problems of poverty, food shortages, unemployment and overall structural imbalances require urgent attention and that investment levels substantially larger than in the past will have to be achieved in order to accelerate economic development. The World Bank Group stands ready to provide continued support to Bangladesh, and, despite the limitations on IDA resources, I will try to have the Association's commitment levels progressively increase from year to year. Such increased lending, however, will only be possible if the Government of Bangladesh develops a sufficient number of sound projects and strengthens significantly its project implementation capability. I welcome your efforts to bring about improvements in these areas, and I wish to assure you that, as in the past, we will do all we can to help Bangladesh prepare projects suitable for Bank Group assistance.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara
Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency
Ziaur Rahman
President of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dacca, Bangladesh

January 28, 1980

cc: Mr. Hopper, ASNVP
    Mr. Narasimha, ED
    Mr. McNamara's office (2)
FROM: The President

January 14, 1980

Chairmanship of the Board During my Absence

In my absence from headquarters during the period from January 16 to January 25, I propose to nominate Mr. Stern, Vice President, Operations, to be Chairman of the Board. He will also direct the operations of the Bank during the same period.

Distribution:

Executive Directors and Alternates
Senior Vice President
President's Council
Memorandum to Messrs. Stern and Qureshi

Recently I received a note from Mr. Chaufournier requesting a budget supplement for the Western Africa region. It had not been seen by Mr. Stern. The request brought two points to my mind:

a. I would like to receive such requests only after they have been reviewed by Mr. Stern;

b. as a basis for his review I would like to have available to him PAB's comments which he could accept or reject and forward to me along with his recommendation.

Please arrange to process future requests for budget supplements in this way.

Robert S. McNamara

cc: Mr. Gabriel
Mr. FRITZ FISCHER
BONN, GERMANY

WE HAD AGREED ON LUNCHING TOGETHER ON JANUARY TWENTYNINE STOP
WOLFGANG ROTH HAS NOW SUGGESTED THAT THE THREE OF US PLUS UWE
HOLTZ IF AVAILABLE HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER ON THAT DAY STOP THE
TWO OF US COULD TALK REMAINING BUSINESS LATER THAT DAY STOP IF
YOU AGREE PLEASE CONTACT ROTH REGARDS CAIO KOCHE-WESE INTBAFRAD
Dear Alan:

Thank you for your letter of December 21 asking our views on a proposal by Peter Cusick for water resource development in the Sinai.

In accordance with your request, Bank staff has recently discussed this idea with Mr. Cusick. The scope and nature of previous irrigation projects was described. In addition we are sending him an outline of a feasibility study now being carried out by the World Bank and UNDP in cooperation with the government of Egypt, a Master Plan for Water Resource Development and Use (see enclosed).

When this study is completed in 1981, we will have a better idea of exactly how much water might be available for irrigation in Egypt, including the Sinai. Until that time, it is difficult for us to make any firm recommendations.

I greatly appreciate your bringing his thoughts to our attention. He has a keen appreciation for the economic needs of the region.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable Alan D. Cranston
229 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510
January 11, 1980

Dear Karl:

Dr. Geiger's letter inviting me to make the address you referred to in your letter of November 15 was not received here in the Bank until December 27. A copy of my reply is attached for your information. Because you personally expressed a hope that I would accept the invitation, I made every effort to do so, but for the reasons stated in my letter to Geiger it just isn't possible at this time.

When you next come to Washington I hope you will allow time for a visit with me. I would enjoy discussing with you the state of the world and in particular I would like to obtain your views on how we all can best address the mounting financial problems of the oil-importing developing countries.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara

Mr. Karl Otto Pohl
Vice President
Deutschen Bundesbank
6 Frankfurt Am Main
Wilhelm-Epstein-Strasse 14

RMcn: bmm
Dear Dr. Geiger:

I thank you for your kind invitation to speak to the 13th Congress of Savings Banks in Berlin on May 19, 1981. As you know, from Mr. William Clark's cable, your letter of November 12 was received here on December 27 only.

I would have been pleased to accept the invitation to address the Congress. The subject you have selected is, indeed, critical. Regretfully, however, I am not in a position, this early, to make a firm commitment for the date in question. Late May is a most active period for the Board of Executive Directors over which I preside and, most years, I find it very difficult to leave Washington at that time.

I would suggest, if you wish to have a speaker from the Bank, that either Mr. Moeen Qureshi, Vice President, Finance, World Bank, and Executive Vice President of the International Finance Corporation, or Mr. Eugene H. Rotberg, Vice President and Treasurer, World Bank, could address the subject of world capital formation and its relevance to financing economic development, with competence and authority.

If you believe that this subject would be appropriate for a keynote speech or otherwise at the Congress, you may wish to communicate directly with my colleagues.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. h.c. Helmut Geiger
President
Internationales Institut der Sparkassen
Postfach 331
CH-1211 Genf 25
Switzerland

Cleared with
and cc: Mr. Qureshi
Mr. Rotberg
January 10, 1980
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cc: Dr. Kurth, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Benjenk
Mr. McNamara's Office (2), Mr. Steckhan
Dear Halfdan:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 17 (RPD B9/136/2; N55/372/1) regarding the membership of Dr. John Evans on the global Advisory Committee on Medical Research (ACMR). I have spoken to Dr. Evans and he will be delighted to continue as an ACMR member for the remainder of his term, which is due to expire on December 31, 1980.

It is certainly a worthwhile expenditure of time from the Bank's standpoint and I am confident that it will help to achieve better understanding of the health field between WHO and the Bank. I therefore concur with Dr. Evans' decision.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. Halfdan Mahler
Director-General
World Health Organization
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

cc: Mr. McNamara's office (2)
   Mr. Baum, CPSVP
   Dr. Evans, PHN

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Typed January 8, 1980
January 10, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHENERY

I understand that Mr. Cheetham worked all of last weekend and as late as 2:00 AM on certain nights. Surely, such overtime is in excess of what we should tolerate. Please tell me how you propose to limit his hours in the future to acceptable levels.

Robert S. McNamara

RMcN: bmm

bcc: Mr. Paijmans
To Dr. Snow

I am willing to send out

your papers

Yes, I think it is a worthwhile expenditure of time from the Bank's standpoint if it helps to achieve better understanding between WHO and the Bank. Thank you, Dick.

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Dear Bob,

I refer again to your letter of 17 October 1979 concerning the establishment of a Population, Health and Nutrition Department within the Bank, and the appointment of Professor John Evans as Director of this new Department.

As you are aware, Professor Evans has been a member of the global Advisory Committee on Medical Research (ACMR) since 1 January 1977, and his contribution to the work of the Committee, both as a member and also as Chairman of its Subcommittee on Health Services Research, has been outstanding. Professor Evans' term of office as an ACMR member is due to expire on 31 December 1980 and we should very much like to continue to benefit from his advice until the end of his term, if this is agreeable to you.

I feel confident that this new development, together with Professor Evans' appointment to the Bank, can only strengthen our collaboration in the health field.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Director-General

Mr Robert S. McNamara
President
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20433
United States of America
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(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara:js
January 8, 1980
HIS EXCELLENCY KYU-HAH CHOI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU OUR FELICITATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA STOP I SINCERELY HOPE THAT
UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP KOREA WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PROCESS OF
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN
THE PAST AND THAT EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS WILL BE FOUND FOR THE
EMERGING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE COUNTRY FACES
AS IT ENTERS THE DECADE OF THE EIGHTIES STOP I WOULD LIKE TO
ASSURE YOU OF THE WORLD BANK'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE
GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES AS THEY
EMERGE STOP ROBERT S. McNAMARA, PRESIDENT, INTBAFRAD
Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for your strong support, at the Tokyo Summit and subsequently, of international efforts to increase and improve agricultural research essential to increased food production in the developing countries.

One of the leading efforts of this kind is the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research - the "CGIAR" - of which the United States and thirty-two other countries, international organizations and private foundations are donor members. It supports thirteen international agricultural research centers world-wide. At its annual meeting last November, this Group, to which the United States and the World Bank are the leading contributors, had before it a proposal to double annual contributions over the five years 1980 to 1984 to a level of about $250 million. In anticipation of this meeting you wrote to the other participants in the Tokyo Summit strongly endorsing this proposal, and at the meeting it was enthusiastically approved. I particularly wish to thank you for your support and leadership in this worthy endeavor.

Respectfully,

Robert S. McNamara

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

ML: lejuen:RSMcNamara:js
cc: Henry Owen (blind copy)
U.S. Executive Director
January 4, 1980

Dear Mr. Crosbie:

I am writing to thank you for your letter of December 11 confirming the Cabinet decision in favor of Canada taking up a 4.3% share in IDA6. As you mention in your letter, this was not as much as you personally had hoped to achieve but I know it represents your very strong efforts on IDA's behalf. I am most grateful to you for your support.

You will have heard that the IDA negotiations were subsequently concluded in Paris and the report on the replenishment will be considered by the Executive Directors here on January 15. On balance the contributors have reason to be satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations which will provide the poorest countries with a growth in resources in real terms at the outset of the Third Development Decade and which confirms the central place of IDA in the formulation of the International Development Strategy for the 1980's. It was most encouraging for the future of the Association that several new contributors from among the developing countries are participating for the first time.

I would also like to thank you for your vote in favor of the General Capital Increase. The Governor's Resolution is now on the point of passage and Canada's vote has been most helpful in encouraging others to vote.

You mention in your letter that a visit to Canada in the new year could be useful for your authorities. I would like to confirm my willingness to visit Canada whenever it would be useful. In the circumstances, the timing should be left open at this point, but I am sure it will be possible to find some mutually convenient dates later in the year.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable
John C. Crosbie, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance
Department of Finance
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5
Canada MVibert:ml

cc: Mr. Drake
Dear Dr. Neudörfer:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 1979. My associates and I have noted with regret that you retired at the end of 1979. In this context I would like to express to you my sincere appreciation for the personal contributions you have made as Alternate Governor for the Republic of Austria to formulate and assure the continuing support of your country for our endeavors to help the developing countries. We look forward to a similarly constructive period of cooperation with your successor.

With my thanks for your personal engagement in the cause of development aid please accept my best personal wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

(Signed), Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Dr. Walter Neudörfer
Sektionschef
Bundesministerium für Finanzen
Himmelpfortgasse 8
A-1010 Vienna, Austria

HCHittmaier:mb

cc: Mr. McNamara's office (2)
HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH JABER AL-AHMAAD, THE AMIR OF KUWAIT,
THE SEIF PALACE, KUWAIT, KUWAIT

THANK YOU FOR KUWAIT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESOURCES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE SIXTH
REPLENISHMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $200 MILLION STOP I AM PLEASED
TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS REPLENISHMENT
HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED STOP THE CONTRIBUTING
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WORLD AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS STOP
ON BEHALF OF THE POOREST MEMBER COUNTRIES, I WISH TO EXPRESS
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS MOST

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

IDA VI REPLENISHMENT - KUWAIT

cc: Messrs. Cargill, Stern, Qureshi,
William Clark, Benjenk,
Vibert

Elfishawy:RSMcnamara/rh
January 4, 1980

Robert S. McNamara
President
WORTHY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR STOP WARM REGARDS
AND BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, ROBERT S. McNA Mara,
PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK

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President

January 4, 1980

Robert S. McNamara
MR. ABDLATIF Y. AL-HAMAD, DIRECTOR GENERAL, KUWAIT FUND FOR
ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, KUWAIT, KUWAIT

Thank you for Kuwait's contribution to the resources of the
International Development Association for the sixth
replenishment in the amount of $200 million stop on behalf of
the poorest member countries, I wish to express appreciation
for your own personal efforts in this most worthy
international cooperative endeavor and for your personal
sponsorship of this cause in the Kuwait government stop
warm regards and best wishes for a very happy new year,
Robert S. McNamara, President, World Bank

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

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Vibert

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Robert S. McNamara
President
HIS EXCELLENCY ABDUL RAHMAN SALIM AL-ATEEQY, MINISTER OF
FINANCE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, KUWAIT, KUWAIT
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WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, ROBERT S. McNAMARA,
PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK

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    William Clark, Benjenk, Vibert

ELFishawy:RSMcNamara/rh
January 4, 1980

Robert S. McNamara
President
Dr. Halfdan H. Mahler
Director-General
World Health Organization
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Dear Halfdan:

I write in reply to your letter of December 6 (H9/370/5) concerning the Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction. As you know, Dr. Kanagaratnam intended to take part in the most recent meeting of interested agencies as he has in prior meetings, but almost at the last moment found that he could not be away from headquarters at that time.

You asked two questions: whether the Bank might itself contribute funds to the Programme, and whether it would consider persuading potential donors to do so. My answers will be as direct and frank as your questions.

As you know, we have before us a request for participation in the financing of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, which we are considering in the broader context of the uses to which Bank net income might be devoted, among them support for research. The conclusions reached on the basis of that study will be relevant not only to our position in respect of support for the TDR Programme but also for similar undertakings such as the Human Reproduction Programme. Therefore while I cannot offer any prospect at this time of a Bank contribution to alleviate the Programme's financial situation, neither do I foreclose entirely the possibility of some support over the longer term, always assuming the Programme warrants support on its merits.

This brings me to your second question, which is harder to answer. When I wrote, in May of 1978, that the Bank would do what it could to help assure funding for the Programme, I meant it. Indeed, we have done precisely that for TDR, by participating in an approach to the Japanese authorities. There are a number of reasons which could account for the disappointing pledging outcome which your letter reports: cutbacks in development aid in general; complacency (unwarranted) about the population problem created by evidence of fertility decline; shifts in development priorities. If the lag in pledges is attributable to these regrettable trends, I would be quite prepared to lend what help I can in appealing to new donors.
But I am bound to say to you that while I note what you have written concerning the commendations of the Programme by the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and WHO's Advisory Committee on Medical Research, it is my impression that concerns expressed by some donors beginning in 1976 have not been dissipated. Moreover, I am told that one donor has decided to reduce support for this Programme while continuing it for TDR. It is my understanding that these concerns are addressed to such matters as the direction, balance and scientific progress of the Programme. If it is these concerns, rather than the malaise from which aid efforts in general are suffering, which are a major factor in the difficulties the Programme has been encountering in attracting adequate external funding, I doubt that Bank efforts to draw in new donors would be successful.

Let me add that I am more than willing to be persuaded that these doubts do not exist in the donor community or that they are unjustified. Perhaps on the occasion of the next visits of Dr. Evans or Dr. Kanagaratnam to Geneva you might be willing to organize a session at which this subject might be frankly discussed. I am as persuaded as you are that there is need for a greater sense of urgency in dealing with fertility reduction in the developing world and I have shared your hope that the Special Programme would produce new mechanisms to that end. You will appreciate, I am sure, that it is with some reluctance that I have thus turned your question back to you, but I am also confident that while you would much rather have received an unqualified affirmative reply, you would wish to have me put the basis for my hesitation squarely before you.

With kind regards and Season's Greetings,

Sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara
In reply please refer to: H9/370/5

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. McNamara,

I was sorry that the Bank could not participate in the recent Meeting of Agencies Interested in the Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction. The Bank's contribution to the interesting discussion on criteria, priorities and strategy in the Programme would have been valuable. In addition, particularly in view of the Programme's critical financial position, I was hoping to speak to Dr Kanagaratnam before writing to you. When we last corresponded on this matter, you mentioned in your letter of 26 May 1978 that "we shall continue to do what we can to help assure broad-based and adequate funding by governments and other potential donors".

I share your views on the continuing importance of population problems. Some results of the World Fertility Survey have been used to obnubilate the issues but I believe that, if anything, these results should lead to newfound aggressivity in all concerned with population and development. I am also convinced that WHO has an unique role to play in research in family planning and that it can acquit itself well, as long as the necessary funds are made available. In the past year, the Programme won high praise from the World Health Assembly, Executive Board and Advisory Committee on Medical Research, not only for its content but also for its management.

The Donors also were satisfied with the progress in the Programme, and two new Donors, Australia and Cuba, joined their ranks with small

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President
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
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contributions. The pledges for 1980, however, only amount so far to $11.2 million, over $5 million short of the 1979 income and over $10 million short of the budget recommended by the Advisory Group to the Programme. In addition to the pledges made for 1980 by Australia, Cuba, Finland, India, Norway, Sweden, Thailand and UNFPA, it is likely that Denmark will contribute $1.2 million. The situation regarding the British and Canadian contributions is uncertain. The United States, although it pledged to contribute for 1979, did not come through with a contribution. It did not attend the Donors meeting last week and has indicated informally that it is unlikely to make a contribution for 1980.

At a time when the Programme is receiving a greatly increased number of requests from governments for collaboration in research and institution-strengthening, I would like to take up the offer you made to assist in broadening the donor-base to the Programme and assuring that, now that it has reached full productivity, the investment made in it is not lost.

First, and bluntly, is there any way in which the Bank can contribute directly and financially to the Programme?

Secondly, would you consider using your contacts with potential donors, such as the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan, or the Ministry of Economic Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Germany, to explore the possibility of these countries becoming partners in the Special Programme? I would be prepared to follow personally any leads in these and other countries that you may think hopeful.

I enclose a copy of the 1979 report of the Programme. If you require any further information, please let us know.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. Kroger
Director-General