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DATE: November 15, 1995 05:31pm

TO: Rachel Lomax (RACHEL LOMAX)

FROM: Josie Bassinette, EXC (JOSIE BASSINETTE)

EXT.: 80240

SUBJECT: RL: Attached on Annual Meetings Arrangements

Rachel:

SEC seems very set on pushing an early meeting on the JCAAM recommendations. I sensed this from discussions with Ken Choi yesterday and then followed up with an EM to Wadi Haddad to see what his reaction would be. They seem unmoved by the request of EXC to see if this meeting can be postponed and want JDW to chair the discussion of the Board on December 7.

As you saw from earlier EMs, Zhang Shengman is trying to get a beat on whether this is a SEC issue or a Board issue. But clearly the simple solution does not appear to be working.

Can we discuss this?

Josie

CC: SHENGMAN ZHANG

(SHENGMAN ZHANG @A1@EDSEL)

*will schedule
at a time
when OK.*

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: November 15, 1995 05:04pm EST

TO: Josie Bassinette (JOSIE BASSINETTE@A1@WBWASH)

FROM: Wadi Haddad, SECV (WADI HADDAD@A1@EDSEL)

EXT.: 84770

SUBJECT: RE: Annual Meetings Arrangements

An informal discussion with the EDs on the experience of the 1995 meetings will not solve the issues we face for the following reasons:

1. The 1995 experience is well known to the EDs and there are no real controversial issues there.
2. EDs have been unhappy with spreading related topics over more than one meeting. They would prefer (and even insist) on a discussion of the 1995 meetings in conjunction with the JCAAM report.
3. A discussion of the 1995 experience will not shed any light on the major JCAAM recommendations, namely, that of charging visitors and guests, because we have no such experience.
4. An informal meeting does not solve the issue of timing. Since some of the major issues in the JCAAM report are of more concern to the Bank than to the Fund, my fear is that if the Fund Board discusses them first, our Board may be influenced to make similar decisions that management may not consider favorable.

The bottom line is that the informal meeting may not have a value-added. It is more advisable to have a Board meeting to discuss JCAAM report along with the lesson from the 1995 Meetings before the Fund Board meeting.

CC: KEN CHOI	(KEN CHOI@A1@EDSEL)
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CC: Sven Sandstrom	(SVEN SANDSTROM@A1@WBWASH)
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November 3, 1995

Mr. Kaji,

Gautam,

Attached is the requested briefing note -- in a concise and user-friendly format -- on the JCAAM recommendations and the issues arising from them, as a **background** for Mr. Wolfensohn's breakfast discussion with Mr. Camdessus. If you need any further work on it, please let me know.



Wadi

JDW

This matrix shows the key recommendations and concerns associated with the report of the Joint Bank/Fund (EDs') Committee on the Arrangements for the Annual Meetings. The report of the Committee has been distributed to the Fund and Bank Boards.

The ~~key problems~~ from the point of Management, are:

- ~~the recommendation to shorten the meetings~~ -- this would mean that the Opening Ceremonies would be in the afternoon after the Development Committee meeting. This would be extremely tiring for you and the Governors and would preclude press coverage of the keynote Annual Meeting Speeches.
- ~~fees for visitors and special guests~~ -- the Fund Board is very supportive of charging fees to special guests. Since the Bank wants to encourage private sector participation, such a charge could be counterproductive.
- The Bank's Board would like to discuss this paper with you on December 7. (The Fund Board will discuss it afterwards.) Gautam is of the view that it may be better to delay discussion -- perhaps until a new Secretary is on board.



Nov. 7



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MARK MALLOCH BROWN
Director
External Affairs

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November 1, 1995

Josie

Ms. Rachel Lomax

Rachel:

Final Report of The Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Arrangements
for the Annual Meetings (JCAAM) of the Boards of Governors
of The World Bank Group and the IMF

The key point for our response is that the report of the committee was written before the 1995 Annual Meetings. The pilot changes we introduced in 1995 clearly offer lessons and room for further innovation and improvement. The country and thematic seminars should probably be sharply expanded for next year. Further, we have discussed other conference innovations such as electronic messaging systems. These changes which also have entertainment consequences - notably the Southern Africa lunch during the country seminars - mean that the whole budget issue must anyway be revisited. We will also need to review the possibility of offsetting attendance fees for visitors.

Given all of this I would have thought the way to start might be with an informal "lessons learned" session with the Board on the 1995 Meetings. Mr. Thahane or myself could make an opening presentation on the 1995 innovations. Positioned in this context, I am sure there will be Board support for restoring old costs as well as adding new costs for 1996.

Mark MB

cc: Messrs.: Gautam Kaji, Sven Sandstrom, Richard Frank, (EXC)

Mark hasn't seen his paper -
why not schedule informal discussion first on
First informal Bd session before

schedule informal Bd mtg - lessons learned.

TIMOTHY T. THAHANE
Vice President & Secretary

October 25, 1995

To: Mr. Gautam Kaji

Final Report of The Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Arrangements
for the Annual Meetings (JCAAM) of the Boards of Governors
of The World Bank Group and the IMF

1. Attached is the final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bank and Fund Executive Boards which was established on August 5, 1994 to review the purposes, functioning, organization, format, venue and costs of the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors and your draft cover memorandum to the Board for your approval. In accordance with Board procedures, the report is to be submitted to the Board by the President making whatever comments he may deem appropriate. The Fund procedure, on the other hand, requires the Committee Chairman to submit the Report directly to the Board, i.e., without a covering memorandum from the Managing Director who may make his views known during Board consideration of the Report. The Fund has already circulated the report.

2. The recommendations of the Committee are summarized in the first two pages. They are broadly acceptable and I recommend that you endorse them with the exception of three, on which I need your reactions and those of Mr. Wolfensohn. These three recommendations relate to: (i) official social functions, including the spouse program; (ii) the time for holding the Opening Session; and, (iii) the charging of fees to Special Guests and Visitors.

Social Functions

3. The Committee recommends that future social functions be held within a 1995 budget limitation of approximately \$124,000. This has proved to be too tight during the 1995 Annual Meetings. My view is that a spouse program, and a cultural event should be maintained. Jim may make his final views known during the discussion of the Report and after consulting Mr. Camdessus.

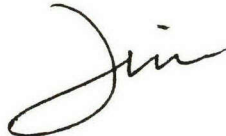
Timing of Opening Session

4. The Committee recommends that the duration of the Meetings be reduced from the current 4-1/2 to 4 days with one day reserved for Interim Committee and half a day for Development Committee. The Opening should be held at about 4:00 p.m. of the second day, and the Plenary and Closing on the last two. The Interim Committee should be held on Saturday and the Opening on Sunday.

5. Opening the meetings late in the afternoon may affect attendance and press coverage. The draft memo to the Board, therefore, advises careful review before we move in this direction.

Charging Fees to Special Guests and Visitors

6. The Committee recommends that Management explore the possibility of charging attendance fee of \$2,000 per Special Guest and \$500 per Visitor, including NGOs. We will explore this and come back to the Board later.

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cc: Managing Directors
Mr. Shihata
Ms. Lomax o/r



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