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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 1992 09:00am

TO: Joseph Goldberg (JOSEPH GOLDBERG)

FROM: Walter Ochs, AGRTN (WALTER OCHS)

EXT.: 30357

SUBJECT: CHINA: Yangtze River Basin Water Resources Project - IEPS Co

- I will be on mission and not able to attend th meeting on September 9, 1992 to review the Initial Executive Project Summary for the proposed Yangtze Basin Water Resourc Project. My overall impression is most positive. I have lo at much of this area during a mission about one year ago to evaluate research related to irrigation and drainage. Many these proposals were presented in brief to us during that mi and I feel a good proposal has been developed and described the IEPS.
- One area that I feel would be beneficial in th 2. long term is to include some adaptive or applied research re to irrigation and drainage. The International Program for Technology Research in Irrigation and Drainage (IPTRID) prep a proposal for "Technology Research in Irrigation, Drainage Salinity Control" with China and international experts last (Document is dated February 1992 and available from IPTRID's Office at the World Bank -Room N5017 -Phone 30359) This incl a great deal of research work that will improve water conservation and the economic conditions for a much larger a than the central reaches of the Yangtze River. However, one specific area of benefit will be in Hubei and Hunan Province believe this proposed project would provide an ideal opportu to finance some of these efforts that the Chinese Central Government and Hubei Province has already agreed to and is presently looking for support to implement.
- Another area that I recall required attention, related to upland valleys in this region. Many of these wer having water resource, soil conservation, and related resour problems that required careful individual planning. Some st funded under this project to evaluate these upland valleys a prepare the necessary recommendations or proposals for futur projects may provide additional water resource benefits to t mid and lower reaches of the Yangtze Basin.
- 4. The specific high priority project activities proposed in the IEPS are consistent with impressions I receiduring two previous visits to the area. The rehabilitation upgrading of pumping facilities and completion of started wa

related infrastructure work seem to be reaching a critical s and should be supported.

Risks related to the project should be minimal indicated in the IEPS. The enthusiasm, drive and competence individuals that likely will be expected to guide this proje are good and should result in a properly implemented project realistic time frame.

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