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OCT 31 1978

Su Excelencia  
D. Francisco Fernandez Ordoñez  
Ministro de Hacienda  
Calle Alcalá 9  
Madrid 14, Spain

Dear Mr. Minister:

I refer to my letter to you dated October 17, 1978 inviting you to send a Deputy to the initial meeting on the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources, which will be convened in Paris on December 11-12, 1978. My purpose in writing this letter is to urge that Spain take as forthcoming an attitude as possible at this meeting, and during the subsequent negotiations, with respect to the overall magnitude of the replenishment and the amount of Spain's contribution.

As you will well know from your experience in attending the Bank's Annual Meeting in Washington in September, there is an increasingly widespread recognition, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us in a position to do so to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA (the International Development Association) will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources.

One of the objectives that we hope to achieve during the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment is to secure the participation of a number of additional countries, including not only some of the OPEC nations that have not so far participated, but also a number of the other more advanced developing countries which might have a capacity to contribute in amounts related to their resources and capabilities. It is

clear to me that such a broadening of the base of the replenishment would give an important stimulus to the principal donor countries to the IDA fund, who would find their own position with their Parliaments and Congresses greatly strengthened by the participation of an ever widening group of nations in the IDA Replenishment.

In discussing the IDA Replenishment with prospective new donors among the more advanced developing countries we have found it very helpful to point to the example of countries such as Spain, Yugoslavia and Korea who have already evidenced their willingness to lend support to the poorer developing countries by their participation in earlier IDA Replenishments. I should therefore like to thank you once more for the role that Spain has already played in supporting IDA's program. A fresh opportunity for Spanish leadership now arises in the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment, where the size of the Spanish contribution could have a catalytic effect in stimulating action by new donors in the group of advanced developing nations.

In this connection I would greatly appreciate it if you would be able to receive in Madrid Mr. J. Burke Knapp, formerly our Senior Vice President and now assisting me in the IDA discussions. Mr. Martin-Fernandez, who as you know is returning to Madrid shortly, will seek to arrange a date with you for this appointment and I greatly look forward to receiving his report on your discussions.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

cc: Messrs. Giorgio Rota  
Miguel Martin-Fernandez

Messrs. Cargill  
Benjenk  
Vibert  
D.R. Clarke

JBKnapp:isk

493/5/343

OCT 31 1978

His Excellency  
George Rallis  
Minister of Coordination  
Plateia Syntagmatos  
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Minister:

I am addressing you in your capacity as Governor for Greece in the World Bank Group and I should like to say, first of all, how much we missed having you at our Annual Meeting in September. Greece was most ably represented at the Meeting, however, by Governor Zolotas and by Mr. Stavros Dimas, Under-Secretary in your Ministry, and this provided the opportunity for some preliminary conversations with them on the subject of this letter, namely, that Greece might see fit to participate in the next replenishment of IDA (the International Development Association), the institution in the World Bank Group that caters particularly to the needs of the poorer developing countries.

As I am sure that Governor Zolotas and Mr. Dimas will have reported to you, there was a very widespread recognition at the meeting, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us in a position to do so to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources, which will commence with an initial meeting in Paris on December 11-12, 1978.

Twenty-six countries participated in the last (fifth) IDA Replenishment, and I am inviting the Governors of IDA for each of those countries to send a Deputy to the Paris meeting. This list of contributors includes some of the more advanced developing countries such as

Spain, Yugoslavia and Korea and this seems to me an appropriate occasion to try to enlist the participation of a number of other countries which might have a capacity to contribute in amounts related to their resources and capabilities. Indeed, I very much hope that Greece will take its place among these countries and I am most grateful to you for agreeing to receive Mr. Knapp, our former Senior Vice President who is now assisting me in this matter, to discuss the possibility of a Greek participation.

As you may know, IDA will have committed all of its present resources and will require new commitment authority by June 30, 1980. In order to allow time for the process of ratification by national Parliaments and Congresses we feel that we must reach a firm inter-governmental agreement on the amount, terms and conditions of the Sixth Replenishment by the summer of 1979 or at the latest by the time of our next Annual Meeting. The Paris meeting will be the first of a series of meetings designed to achieve this result.

I am leaving it to Mr. Knapp to explain to you the manner in which Greece might join in the Paris meeting and the subsequent negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment. In the meantime, I would urge you, in the spirit of mutual collaboration which inspires the World Bank Group, to give favorable consideration to Greece's participation. I am confident that this would be very warmly welcomed by the international community, first of all by the poorer developing countries that will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the Sixth IDA Replenishment, and secondly, by the principal donor countries to the IDA fund who will find their own position with their Parliaments and Congresses greatly strengthened by the participation of an increasing number of the more advanced developing nations in the IDA Replenishment.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

cc: Mr. Yahia Khelif

Messrs. Cargill  
Benjenk  
Vibert  
D.R. Clarke

JBKnapp:isk

493/5/342

Office of the President

October 31, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO MR. STERN

Attached for your information is a copy of the "Report of the External Advisory Panel on Education". I am asking Mr. Damry to distribute copies of the Report to the Executive Directors. Please arrange with Messrs. Baum and Habte to extract from the Report the recommendations of the Panel and ~~to~~ discuss with me the action you propose to take on each of the recommendations.

At a later date we should be prepared to discuss the Report, and our response, with the Board.

Robert S. McNamara

Att.

ccs: Messrs. Baum  
Damry  
Habte

493/5/341

OCT 31 1978

His Excellency  
Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah  
Minister of Finance  
Federal Treasury  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dear Mr. Minister:

As you will well know from your experience in chairing the Bank's Annual Meeting in Washington in September, there is an increasingly widespread recognition, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us in a position to do so to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA (the International Development Association) will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources, which will commence with an initial meeting in Paris on December 11-12, 1978.

Twenty-six countries participated in the last (fifth) IDA Replenishment, and I am inviting the Governors of IDA for each of those countries to send a Deputy to the Paris meeting. This list of contributors includes some of the more advanced developing countries such as Spain, Yugoslavia and Korea and this seems to me an appropriate occasion to try to enlist the participation of a number of other countries which might have a capacity to contribute in amounts related to their resources and capabilities. To my mind Malaysia is one of those countries and I understand that this matter was broached with you by Mr. Shahid Husain in discussions that you had with him during the Annual Meeting.



As you know, IDA will have committed all of its present resources and will require new commitment authority by June 30, 1980. In order to allow time for the process of ratification by national Parliaments and Congresses we feel that we must reach a firm inter-governmental agreement on the amount, terms and conditions of the Sixth Replenishment by the summer of 1979 or at the latest by the time of our next Annual Meeting. The Paris meeting will be the first of a series of meetings designed to achieve this result.

I am sending you herewith the agenda and other relevant papers for consideration at the Paris meeting in the hope that you will designate a Deputy to represent you there, thereby indicating that you have decided in principle to make a meaningful contribution. If, on the other hand, you are not ready to cross this bridge yet, but feel a positive interest in pursuing the subject and discussing the matter with us, I would suggest that you consider sending an observer to the Paris meeting. At a later stage I would hope to have a senior officer of the Bank visit you in Kuala Lumpur to discuss your participation in the Sixth Replenishment.

In the meantime, I would urge you, in the spirit of mutual collaboration which inspires the World Bank Group, to participate in some form in the Paris meeting. I am confident that this would be very warmly welcomed by the international community, first of all by the poorer developing countries that will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the Sixth IDA Replenishment, and secondly, by the principal donor countries to the IDA fund who will find their own position with their Parliaments and Congresses greatly strengthened by the participation of an increasing number of the more advanced developing nations in the IDA Replenishment.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Thavil Khutrakul

Cleared with and cc: Mr. Husain

cc: Messrs. Cargill  
Vibert  
D.R. Clarke

JBKnapp:isk

493/5/340

OCT 31 1978

Dear Marvin:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the letter which you addressed to the Moroccan Prime Minister in October 1977. I have read with interest your specific suggestions which, in several instances, correspond to the line that we have been pursuing in our discussions with the Moroccan Government and in some of the projects financed by the Bank. Expert advice such as yours is very valuable indeed in support of our own efforts to induce our poorer member countries to devise development models of their own rather than to copy those of the industrialized world. Many thanks for sharing your thoughts with me.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Professor Marvin J. Barloon  
Department of Economics  
Case Western Reserve University  
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10/30/78

cc: Mr. McNamara's office (2)

493/5/339

OCT 31 1978

The Honorable Lee Kuan Yew  
Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's Office  
Istana Annexe  
Istana 9  
Singapore 9, Republic of Singapore

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I should like to use the occasion of this letter to revert to a subject that I have mentioned to you before, most recently during your visit to Washington a year ago, namely, the question of Singapore joining IDA (the International Development Association) and participating in the periodic replenishment of the IDA fund.

As you well know, there is an increasingly widespread recognition, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us in a position to do so to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources, which will commence with an initial meeting in Paris on December 11-12, 1978.

Twenty-six countries participated in the last (fifth) IDA Replenishment, and I am inviting the Governors of IDA for each of those countries to send a Deputy to the Paris meeting. This list of contributors includes some of the more advanced developing countries such as Spain, Yugoslavia and Korea and this seems to me an appropriate occasion to try to enlist the participation of a number of other countries which might have a capacity to contribute in amounts related to their resources and capabilities. I very much hope that Singapore will become one of those countries.

As things now stand, IDA will have committed all of its present resources and will require new commitment authority by June 30, 1980. In order to allow time for the process of ratification by national Parliaments and Congresses we feel that we must reach a firm inter-governmental agreement on the amount, terms and conditions of the Sixth Replenishment by the summer of 1979 or at the latest by the time of our next Annual Meeting. The Paris meeting will be the first of a series of meetings designed to achieve this result.

I am sending you herewith the agenda and other relevant papers for consideration at the Paris meeting in the hope that the Hon. Hui Sen, in his capacity as the Governor of the Bank for Singapore, will designate a Deputy to represent him there, thereby indicating that Singapore has decided in principle to join IDA and to make a meaningful contribution to the next replenishment. If, on the other hand, you are not ready to cross this bridge yet, but feel a positive interest in pursuing the subject and discussing the matter with us, I would suggest that you consider sending an observer to the Paris meeting. At a later stage I would hope to have a senior officer of the Bank pay a visit to Singapore to discuss your participation in the Sixth Replenishment.

In the meantime, I would urge you, in the spirit of mutual collaboration which inspires the World Bank Group, to participate in some form in the Paris meeting. I am confident that this would be very warmly welcomed by the international community, first of all by the poorer developing countries that will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the Sixth IDA Replenishment, and secondly, by the principal donor countries to the IDA fund who will find their own position with their Parliaments and Congresses greatly strengthened by the participation of an increasing number of the more advanced developing nations in the IDA Replenishment.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Thavil Khutrakul

Cleared with and cc: Mr. Husain

cc: Messrs. Cargill  
Vibert  
D.R. Clarke

JBKnapp:isk

4913/5/338

OCT 30 1978

His Excellency  
David Ibarra Muñoz  
Secretary of Finance and  
Public Credit  
Palacio Nacional, 3er piso  
Mexico 1, D.F., Mexico

Dear Mr. Minister:

I was greatly pleased and encouraged to hear through Mr. Pesqueira of the decision of your Government to participate in the next replenishment of the resources of IDA (the International Development Association), and to designate a Deputy to represent you at the first meeting of the Deputies on the Sixth IDA Replenishment that will be convened in Paris on December 11-12, 1978. Please regard this letter as our official invitation to Mexico to attend this meeting; the agenda and other relevant papers for consideration at the meeting are attached.

As you will well know from your participation in the Bank's Annual Meeting in Washington in September, there is an increasingly widespread recognition, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources.

So far as the Mexican action is concerned, I understand that Mr. Knapp has already expressed to you his conviction that it will be very warmly welcomed by the international community, first of all by the developing countries that will be the ultimate beneficiaries of your generosity, and

secondly by the principal donor countries to the IDA fund, who will find their own position with their Parliaments and Congresses greatly strengthened by the participation of Mexico and other leading developing nations in the IDA Replenishment. I very much agree with this assessment; furthermore, I am sure that your action will be most helpful to us by encouraging other middle-income developing countries to join in our IDA program for assisting the poorest countries through collective international action.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara  
Robert S. McNamara

Enclosures

cc: Messrs. Cargill  
Pesqueira  
Ardito-Barletta  
Vibert  
D.R. Clarke

JBKnapp:isk

493/5/336  
OCT 25 1978

Dear Mr. Minister:

I was delighted to learn from Mr. Knapp that you would be receiving him in Tehran on November 9, for a discussion of the possible participation by Iran in the Sixth Replenishment of IDA.

As you will well know from your participation in the Bank's Annual Meeting in Washington in September, there is an increasingly widespread recognition, stimulated in part by the Bank's recent World Development Report, that the plight of the poorer developing countries makes pressing calls upon all of us to augment both the amount and the effectiveness of external assistance to these countries. The World Bank Group, because of its central position in the family of international development institutions, feels a sense of great responsibility in this matter. We are therefore bending every effort toward mobilizing more concessional funds for assistance to the poorer developing countries, and toward making further improvements in the administration of the funds provided to us. In particular, we are reorienting our activities toward a direct attack upon the appalling conditions of poverty that exist in these poorer developing countries.

IDA (the International Development Association) will play a key role in this program since the great bulk of its assistance is rendered to countries whose per capita income still remains below \$300 a year. Hence, there is nothing to which I attach higher priority than the successful conclusion of the international negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA Resources, which will commence with an initial meeting in Paris on December 11-12, 1978. I consider it my duty to urge upon you that Iran should take an active participation in these negotiations, and that Iran should join the growing number of nations that are sharing, in proportion to their resources and capabilities, in the provision of IDA's resources.

I should like to thank you again for receiving Mr. Knapp in Tehran for a thorough discussion of this subject and I greatly look forward to receiving his report upon his return to Washington.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency  
Mohammed Yeganeh  
Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance  
Tehran, Iran

cc: Messrs. Cargill, Benjenk, Vibert, D.R. Clarke  
JBKnapp:isk

493/5/1335

OCT 23 1978

His Excellency  
Mohammad Zarrouh Ragab  
Minister of Treasury  
Ministry of Treasury  
Tripoli, Libyan Arab Republic

Dear Mr. Minister:

As you will remember in my address to the Board of Governors during the last Annual Meeting of the Bank, I pointed out that the most shocking conclusion of the World Development Report is that even if growth rates projected for the developing countries were to be achieved by 1985 — which is by no means certain — and even if that growth were to continue for another 15 years, it seems likely that at the end of the century there would remain some 600 million individuals trapped in absolute poverty.

I am sure that you will agree that this is intolerable. We in the Bank, however, believe that as gigantic in dimensions as this tragic problem may be, it is manageable. But we cannot even start to hope to solve it except by intensifying our efforts both to understand internal dynamics of poverty more clearly, and to design practical anti-poverty strategies that will work.

The only feasible effective way of reducing poverty is to assist the poor to become more productive. Each developing society must formulate specific anti-poverty objectives at national, regional, and local levels; prepare operational programs to attain those objectives over a reasonable time; and determine the level of resources required to meet the minimum goals.

The experience of the World Bank itself over the past five years demonstrates that all of this can work. The progress of our new projects in both the countryside and the cities, designed to enhance the productivity of the poor, is extremely encouraging.

But the Bank's capacity to broaden those particular efforts, as well as to further its overall program of development assistance — and it is now the largest single source of that assistance in the world — will depend on the prompt resolution of two paramount issues.



One is the decision to move ahead with the IBRD's General Capital Increase. The other is the Sixth Replenishment of IDA's resources. And it is with regard to this latter, crucially important subject that I am writing to you.

As you know, the need for IDA became apparent by the late nineteen fifties when it was realized that the Bank's assistance in helping the economic development process in member countries could not be adequately extended to those members who need assistance more, i.e., the poorer countries. They could not afford to borrow from the Bank on Bank terms. To enable these very poor countries to borrow on soft terms (repayment over a 50-year period with no repayment in the first 10 years and at no interest, but only a service charge of 3/4 of 1%), IDA was established in 1961. In order to be able to lend at these concessionary terms and to continue to do so, IDA relies on periodic replenishments of its resources by donor governments. The First Replenishment was in 1964, the Second in 1968, the Third in 1971, the Fourth in 1974, and the Fifth in 1977.

IDA is now the biggest and most significant single source of economic aid to the poorest countries. Up to the end of the last fiscal year (June 30, 1978), it has extended credits totalling about \$14 billion to assist in financing some 860 high-priority projects in 70 countries. The total investments in these projects amount to more than \$25 billion. About 10% of these credits were allocated to countries members of the Arab League.

To ensure continuity of IDA commitments after the Fifth Replenishment period, it is essential that negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment be completed before the Bank's next Annual Meeting in October 1979. In order to meet this schedule, negotiations need to be started before the end of this year. The reason for this is that — although the funds provided in the Fifth Replenishment will not be fully committed until June 1980 — the long lead time required to reach a negotiated agreement, and to secure legislative approval, makes it essential that the negotiating process begin soon. It is therefore proposed to hold the first meeting of IDA Deputies at the Bank's Paris office on December 11 and 12 of this year. For this purpose, I am writing to ask if you would kindly appoint a Deputy to represent your Government in the IDA 6 Replenishment discussions and to attend the first meeting in Paris.

I am sending a similar request to all the countries that contributed to the Fifth Replenishment. Furthermore, in order to make our best efforts to widen the circle of contributors, my senior associates and I have started to approach possible new contributors. I sincerely hope that Libya would be able to play a leading role among the new contributors to this vital endeavor.

I have asked Mr. Cargill, the Bank's Senior Vice President, Finance, to take the principal responsibility for the negotiations of the Sixth Replenishment on behalf of IDA. I have also asked Mr. Burke Knapp, the Bank's former Senior Vice President, Operations, to call on you in Tripoli before the first meeting of the Deputies and he will be in touch with you for this purpose.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Cleared with and cc: Mr. Cargill, in substance  
Mr. Knapp

cc: Messrs. McNamara (2)  
Stern  
Nurick  
Gabriel  
Hattori  
Vibert  
Bart

Mr. Khelif  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Dr. El-Naggar, Executive Director

SELFishawy/rh

October 19, 1978

I have just learned from Mr. Maurice Bart that he had an opportunity, during his recent visit to Tripoli, to discuss this subject with you, and I hope that that conversation will help you to understand the importance which we attach to the matter.

493/5/334

OCT 23 1978

His Highness  
Sheikh Hamdan ibn Rashid Al Maktoum  
Minister of Finance and Industry  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recall that during our recent meeting in Washington, one of the important subjects we discussed was the need to start negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) before the end of this year. The reason for this timing is that — although the funds provided in the Fifth Replenishment will not be fully committed until June 1980 — the long lead time required to reach a negotiated agreement, and to secure legislative approval, makes it essential that the negotiating process begin soon. It is therefore proposed to hold the first meeting of IDA Deputies at the Bank's Paris office on December 11 and 12 of this year. For this purpose, I am writing to ask if you would kindly appoint a Deputy to represent your Government in the IDA 6 Replenishment discussions and to attend the first meeting in Paris.

As I mentioned in my concluding remarks during the latest Annual Meetings, it has become clear from the deliberations of the Governors that a broad consensus has emerged on a number of fundamental issues. There has been widespread acceptance of the twin goals of development — the acceleration of economic growth, and the attack on absolute poverty — and general agreement that they should serve as the foundation both for the operational plans of the developing countries themselves and for the efforts of those, including the Bank, who are seeking to assist them.

Similarly, there has been general agreement on the fact that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA should have the objective of achieving a substantial increase in IDA's resources in real terms.

It is an internationally well recognized fact that the United Arab Emirates is fully aware and cognizant of the vital importance and indispensability of mutual cooperation and interdependence between nations. Its record in the field of economic development aid, based on the ratio between the aid it generously gives and its gross national product, puts it in the forefront of the donor countries.

As you know, IDA is the biggest and most significant single source of economic aid to the poorest countries. Up to the end of the last fiscal year (June 30, 1978), it has extended credits totalling about \$14 billion to assist in financing 860 high-priority projects in 70 countries. The total investments in these projects amount to more than \$25 billion. About 10% of these credits were allocated to countries members of the Arab League.

Of course, I do not need to emphasize to you the crucial importance of this issue and I am confident that the United Arab Emirates will continue to play its traditional enlightened role in the forthcoming negotiations.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara  
Robert S. McNamara

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SEERN

Our present IDA commitment program for the Fifth Replenishment period amounts to: FY78 - \$2313 million, FY79 - \$2829 million, and FY80 - \$3052 million. If, as now seems likely, the value of the Fifth Replenishment will be \$8700 million, plus a transfer of \$300 million from IBRD income, how would you propose to schedule the commitment of the additional \$800 million?

RMcN

cc: Mr. Cargill

RMcN:bmm

OCT 19 1978

493/5/332

Dear Governor:

At the recent Annual Meeting in Washington, I mentioned that we wish to start negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) before the end of the year. This is because IDA will have fully used its existing commitment authority under the Fifth Replenishment by the end of June 1980. Before then not only is there a need to reach an executive agreement on the next replenishment but also time has to be allowed for legislative ratification among governments. It is therefore proposed to hold the first meeting of IDA Deputies at our Paris Office on December 11 and 12 of this year. For this purpose, I am writing to ask if you would be good enough to appoint a Deputy to represent your Government in the IDA 6 Replenishment discussions and to attend the first meeting in Paris. I am sending a similar request to all countries that contributed to the Fifth Replenishment. At the same time, my senior associates and I have started to approach possible new donors to IDA in order to make our best efforts to widen the circle of contributors.

During the course of these negotiations, I hope there will be agreement to increase IDA resources substantially in real terms to help meet the needs of the poorest countries described in the 1978 first World Development Report.

I look forward to your support in the forthcoming negotiations.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara  
Robert S. McNamara

Dr. T.W. de Jongh  
Governor  
South African Reserve Bank  
P.O. Box 427  
Pretoria  
South Africa

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Groenewald, Principal Resident Representative  
South African Mission

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His Excellency  
Svavar Gestsson  
Minister of Commerce  
Ministry of Commerce  
Reykjavik  
Iceland

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Magnussen

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His Excellency  
Gösta Bohman  
Minister for Economic Affairs  
Ministry of Economic Affairs  
S-103 10 Stockholm 2, Sweden

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
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The Honorable  
Jean Chretien, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Finance  
Department of Finance  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5  
Canada

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Drake

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The Honorable  
W. Michael Blumenthal  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Fried

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The Right Honourable  
Gordon Richardson, M.B.E.  
Governor, Bank of England  
Threadneedle Street  
London EC2R 8AM, England

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Deare

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Dr. Paolo Baffi  
Governatore  
Banca D'Italia  
Via Nazionale 91  
I-00184 Rome  
Italy

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Rota

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His Excellency  
Tatsuo Murayama  
Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Tokyo  
Japan

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Murayama

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M. Bernard Clappier  
Gouverneur  
Banque de France  
B.P. 140-01  
FY5049 Paris  
France

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. de Loye

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4073/5/322

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The Honourable  
George Colley  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Finance  
Upper Merrion Street  
Dublin 2, Ireland

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Drake

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Son Excellence  
M. Jacques F. Poos  
Ministre des Finances  
3, rue de la Congregation  
Luxembourg-ville,  
Luxembourg

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. de Groote

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Seine Exzellenz  
Herrn Hans Matthoefer  
Bundesminister der Finanzen  
Bundesministerium der Finanzen  
Graurheindorfer Strasse 108  
D-5300 Bonn  
Federal Republic of Germany

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Kurth

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His Excellency  
F.H.J.J. Andriessen  
Minister of Finance  
Postbus 20201  
The Hague  
The Netherlands 2500 EE

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Looijen

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Mr. N.V. Lough  
Secretary to the Treasury  
The Treasury  
P.O. Box 5010  
Wellington, New Zealand

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Johnston

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His Excellency  
Per Kleppe  
Minister of Finance and Customs  
Oslo-Dep., Norway

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Su Excelencia  
D. Francisco Fernandez Ordonez  
Ministro de Hacienda  
Calle Alcalá 9  
Madrid 14  
Spain

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. Rota

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His Excellency  
Henning Christoffersen  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Christiansborg Slot  
DKK-1218 Copenhagen K. Denmark

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Esko Rekola  
Minister in the Ministry of Finance  
Aleksanterinkatu 3 D  
SF-00170 Helsinki 17, Finland

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J.W. Howard, M.P.  
Treasurer of the Commonwealth  
of Australia  
Parliament House  
Canberra, A.C.T. 2600  
Australia

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Mr. Johnston

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Dr. Hannes Androsch  
Bundesminister für Finanzen  
Bundesministerium für Finanzen  
Postfach 2  
A-1015 Vienna, Austria

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. de Groote

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Son Excellence  
M. Gaston Geens  
Ministre des Finances  
Rue de la Loi, 12  
B-1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

cc: Mr. McNamara (2) ✓  
Mr. de Groote

FVibert:fs

493/5/310

October 16, 1978

Dear Mrs. Rosner:

I request extension of the diplomatic passport, X130109, issued to me on February 1, 1977, and of the passport X130110, issued to my wife, Margaret Craig McNamara, both with an expiration date of December 31, 1978.

My current term as President of the World Bank continues to April 1, 1983.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mrs. Dorothy Rosner  
Passport Office - Dept. of State  
Diplomatic Travel Section  
Room 358 - 1425 K Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20042

493/5/308

OCT 16 1978

His Excellency  
Sheikh Mohammed Abalkhail  
Minister of Finance and National Economy  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Minister:

It was with pleasure and gratitude that I learned upon my return from a mission overseas of your prompt response indicating that your Ministry will be represented in the first meeting of the Deputies on December 11 and 12 of this year at the Bank's office in Paris to discuss the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA).

The reason for having to start negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment soon is that, — although the funds provided in the Fifth Replenishment will not have been fully committed until June 1980 — the long lead time required to reach a negotiated agreement, and to secure legislative approval, makes it essential that the negotiating process begin soon.

All the countries that contributed to the Fifth Replenishment have been similarly invited to send their Deputies. At the same time, my senior associates and I have started to approach possible new donors to IDA in order to make our best efforts to widen the circle of contributors.

As I mentioned in my concluding remarks during the latest Annual Meetings, there has been widespread acceptance of the twin goals of development — the acceleration of economic growth, and the attack on absolute poverty — and general agreement that they should serve as the foundation both for the operational plans of the developing countries themselves and for the efforts of those, including the Bank, who are seeking to assist them.

Similarly, there has been general agreement on the fact that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA should have the objective of achieving a substantial increase in IDA's resources in real terms.

Of course, I do not need to emphasize to you the crucial importance of this issue and Saudi Arabia's important role therein. Because of the Kingdom's stature and the important position it occupies in the world community, its role always has a multiplying effect. I am confident that it will play it in the full.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

cc: Mr. McNamara's office (2)  
Messrs. Cargill  
Knapp  
Nurick  
Gabriel  
Hattori  
Vibert

cc: Dr. El-Naggar, Executive Director

SELFishawy/rj  
October 13, 1978

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Dear Mr. Minister:

You will recall that during our recent meeting in Washington, one of the important subjects we discussed was the need to start negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) before the end of this year. The reason for this timing is that -- although the funds provided in the Fifth Replenishment will not be fully committed until June 1980 -- the long lead time required to reach a negotiated agreement, and to secure legislative approval, makes it essential that the negotiating process begin soon. It is therefore proposed to hold the first meeting of IDA Deputies at the Bank's Paris office on December 11 and 12 of this year. For this purpose, I am writing to ask if you would kindly appoint a Deputy to represent your Government in the IDA 6 Replenishment discussions and to attend the first meeting in Paris.

As I mentioned in my concluding remarks during the latest Annual Meetings, it has become clear from the deliberations of the Governors that a broad consensus has emerged on a number of fundamental issues. There has been widespread acceptance of the twin goals of development -- the acceleration of economic growth, and the attack on absolute poverty -- and general agreement that they should serve as the foundation both for the operational plans of the developing countries themselves and for the efforts of those, including the Bank, who are seeking to assist them.

Similarly, there has been general agreement on the fact that the negotiations for the Sixth Replenishment of IDA should have the objective of achieving a substantial increase in IDA's resources in real terms.

Of course, I do not need to emphasize to you the crucial importance of this issue and I am confident that Kuwait will continue to play its traditional enlightened and leading role in the forthcoming negotiations.

Sincerely,  
((Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency  
Abdul Rahman Salim Al Ateegy  
Minister of Finance  
Kuwait, Kuwait

cc: Messrs. McNamara (2), Cargill, Knapp, Nurick, Gabriel, Hattori, Vibert  
SELFishawy/rh  
October 13, 1978

cc: Dr. El-Nassar, Executive Dir

403/5 1306

OCT 16 1978

Your Highness:

I have written to His Excellency the Governor of the Bank for Kuwait, Minister Abdul Rahman Salim Al Ateeqy, asking him whether he would be good enough to appoint a Deputy to represent Kuwait in the discussions for the Sixth Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA) (copy attached).

I am writing to you personally because of the strong, keen interest Your Highness takes in the cause of economic development aid. This I have clearly sensed during the enjoyable discussions I have had with your Highness on the occasions of my visits to Kuwait. Under your wise and farsighted guidance, Kuwait has played a leading pioneering role among other OPEC countries in the field of economic development aid. This has been demonstrated by both bilateral aid efforts through the Kuwait Fund and multilateral cooperation through several international institutions. Actually, Kuwait has been the first OPEC country to contribute to IDA replenishments since November 1971. All of this leads me to write to you now about the IDA Sixth Replenishment, hoping that, here again, Kuwait will play a leading role.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Encl.

His Highness  
Sheikh Jabir Al-Ahmad  
The Amir and Ruler  
Kuwait, Kuwait

SElFishawy/rh  
October 13, 1978

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2)  
Cargill  
Knapp  
Nurick  
Gabriel  
Hattori  
Vibert

cc: Dr. El Naggat, Executive  
Director

493/5/303

September 25, 1978

Dear Chairman Virata:

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Directors of the Bank have been informed of the revised text of paragraph (c) of the draft Resolution recommended for adoption by the Board of Governors on the review of the performance of the Development Committee and have no difficulty with it. Attached is a copy of the draft Resolution so revised.

Yours sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable  
Cesar E. A. Virata  
Chairman of the Joint Ministerial  
Committee of the Boards of Governors  
of the Bank and the Fund on the  
Transfer of Real Resources to  
Developing Countries (Development Committee)  
Washington, D. C.

PND/cb



DRAFT RESOLUTION

Review of the Performance of the Development Committee

WHEREAS the Board of Governors at its 1974 Annual Meeting adopted Resolution No. 294 entitled "Establishment of Joint Ministerial Committee of the Boards of Governors of the Bank and the Fund on the Transfer of Real Resources to Developing Countries"; and

WHEREAS paragraph 7 of that Resolution provides that at the end of two years from its effective date the Boards of Governors of the Fund and the Bank shall review the performance of the Committee, and shall take such action as they deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS this period was extended by the Boards of Governors in 1976 for a further two years; and

WHEREAS the Development Committee has submitted to the Board of Governors a report on the Review of the Performance of the Development Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Governors, affirming the importance of furthering the objectives of Members in adopting Resolution No. 294, a copy of which is attached<sup>1/</sup>, recognizing the potential importance of the Development Committee, and desiring to enhance the effectiveness of the Committee, including in particular improvements in its work methods and procedures as a means for achieving the objectives of the Committee,

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<sup>1/</sup> Not attached at this stage.

HEREBY RESOLVES:

- (a) THAT the review of the Board of Governors pursuant to paragraph 7 of the said Resolution is deemed to have been carried out;
- (b) THAT at the end of two years from the effective date of this Resolution, the Boards of Governors of the Bank and the Fund shall again review the performance of the Committee and shall take such action as they deem appropriate, taking into account (i) the views and recommendations of the Executive Boards of the Fund and the Bank, expressed at an appropriate time but not later than June 30, 1980, and (ii) the views and recommendations of the Development Committee; and
- (c) THAT the Chairman of the Development Committee, the President of the Bank, and the Managing Director of the Fund will consult together on ways to improve the effectiveness of the work of the Committee, and they will report to the Committee at its next meeting.

499/5/300

SEP 19 1978

Office of the President

Excellency:

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development proposes to borrow the principal amount of Yen 30,000,000,000 from The Bank of Japan by the issuance of one Obligation denominated in Japanese yen. The borrowing would have a term of 6-1/2 years. The interest rate has not yet been determined.

The Government of Japan is hereby requested, in accordance with Section 1(b) of Article IV of the Articles of Agreement of the Bank, to approve the borrowing by the Bank from The Bank of Japan of Yen 30,000,000,000. The Government of Japan is further requested to agree, pursuant to the same provision of the Articles of Agreement, that the proceeds of such borrowing may be exchanged for the currency of any other member of the Bank without restriction.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency  
Tatsuo Murayama  
Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Tokyo, Japan

cc: Mr. Susumu Murayama, Executive Director

Cleared with and cc: Mr. T. Sakuragi

cc: For Mr. McNamara's office (2) ✓

Mr. Cargill

Mr. Rotberg

Mr. Gabriel

Mr. Hittmair

Mr. Maeda

Mr. Scott

Mr. Uhrig

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September 19, 1978

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SEP 18 1978

Dear Maury:

Thank you for your letter of September 5 regarding the follow up to the meeting of the World Food Council.

I understand that <sup>Ernie</sup> ~~Mr. Stern~~ has been in touch with you about our readiness to take the lead in fulfilling the recommendation that the Bank initiate a meeting of international agencies to discuss obstacles to increasing investment in food production in developing countries. At present we are considering the most effective way of organizing such a meeting.

Montague Yudelman, Director of our Agriculture and Rural Development Department, will be meeting with you on the 29th in Rome. I presume you will discuss further action when you meet.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara  
Robert S. McNamara

Mr. Maurice J. Williams  
Executive Director  
World Food Council  
U.N. Headquarters  
New York, N.Y. 10017

cc: Messrs. Stern, Baum, Koch-Weser  
Christoffersen

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9/15/78

THE WORLD BANK  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
U.S.A.

493/5/295

Office of the President

September 11, 1978

Dear Harold:

A few weeks ago Mac Mathias sent me a note in which he said:

"Phil Merrill, the publisher of several Maryland newspapers, has come to me with an unusual problem. It occurs to me that you once faced the same problem and might be willing to give him some advice.

"At a very early age he has achieved considerable material success and is now looking for new challenges. Your knowledge of the world might lead you to suggest some developing area in which he could apply both his personal talents and his financial resources."

Subsequently, I met with Merrill and found him one of the most impressive entrepreneurs and administrators I have talked with in many years. Approximately 44 years old, he has made a fortune and is anxious to participate in government in a position which can make use of his management competence. As you can see from the brief biographical sketch attached, he is a graduate of the Harvard Business School, and has worked both in the White House and State Department. Whether he could be of use to you I don't know, but either you or one of your associates might wish to interview him.

With best wishes,

Robert S. McNamara

The Honorable  
Harold Brown  
Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

blind copy: Mr. Merrill

Telex  
22220

September 8, 1978  
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THE BANK OF TOKYO, LTD.  
TOKYO, JAPAN

FOR MR. YUSUKE KASHIWAGI, PRESIDENT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TELEX OF SEPTEMBER 6. WE APPRECIATE  
THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION WE RECEIVED FROM YOUR INSTITUTION IN  
PREPARING THE NEW BORROWING BY THE WORLD BANK OF YEN 70 BILLION.  
WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION ALSO TO THE OTHER  
MANAGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SYNDICATE. WE CONSIDER THIS TRANSACTION  
AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD BANK'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS  
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND THE OTHER MANAGERS IN  
OUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS TO RAISE FUNDS IN THE JAPANESE MARKET.

BEST REGARDS.

ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, PRESIDENT  
INTBAFRAD

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Robert S. McNamara  
President

cc: Messrs. Rotberg, Hittmair,  
Gabriel

493/5/292

SEP 7 1978

The Honorable  
Dr. Eric E. Williams  
Prime Minister and  
Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3, 1978, which highlights your personal concern for the further development of Trinidad and Tobago's education sector. The reports and documents appended to your letter indicate the strong commitment of the various agencies in Trinidad to address the issues of educational development on a priority basis.

For our part, as Mr. Thint has personally indicated to you, we look forward to further collaboration with your Government in developing a third education project. A project preparation mission under the Bank/UNESCO Cooperative Program is scheduled to visit Trinidad from September 11 to 30, 1978 to assist the Planning Unit in the Ministry of Education in preparing this project. Later, in November/December 1978, a project appraisal mission from the Bank is scheduled to visit Trinidad.

As you have emphasized in your letter, efficient project implementation requires special attention to project implementation machinery. In Bank-financed projects, we have included the provision of such arrangements wherever the need exists. In the preparation and appraisal of the third education project, we will pay particular attention to the project implementation requirements.

We share your Government's view that the rehabilitation of primary education, which lies at the foundation of the entire educational system, should receive the serious consideration which it deserves. In this respect, we have noted with particular interest the proposed establishment of the primary school construction and equipment fund and the proposed new arrangements under which the Government will assume full responsibility for the rebuilding and renovation of denominational schools.

With regard to the provision of technical expertise to assist the Commission of Enquiry on the safety and reliability of schools built by a particular contracting firm under the second education project, we will be glad to arrange for such expertise as may be required.

We welcome the proposed visit to the Bank of the Education Minister, Dr. Joseph, and Minister Padmore to discuss further the issues which you have raised in your letter. We look forward to having fruitful discussions with them.

With assurances of my highest consideration, Mr. Prime Minister, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

cc: His Excellency  
Victor C. McIntyre  
Ambassador of Trinidad & Tobago  
Washington, DC

cc: Mr. Timothy T. Thahane  
Executive Director

Cleared with and cc: Messrs. Skillings, Acting Director, LC2  
Wyss, Acting Director, LCP  
Thint, Division Chief, LCPED  
Kanchuger, Acting Div. Chief, LC2DC

cc: Messrs. Lerdau, Director, LC2  
van der Meer, Director, LCP  
González-Cofiño, Div. Chief, LC2DC

cc: ✓ for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)

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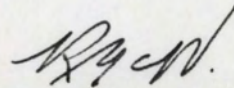
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Office of the President

September 7, 1978

MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Until Mr. Cargill returns, Mr. Gabriel will act for him on all matters requiring the attention of the Vice President, Finance, except those relating to the Sixth Replenishment of IDA, which will be the responsibility of Mr. Knapp.



Robert S. McNamara

493/5/290

SEP 7 1978

Dear Mr. Minister:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of August 15, 1978, drawing our attention to the role Workers Banks in Latin America and the Caribbean can play in assisting productive enterprise in urban areas. We are increasing our own lending for this purpose, particularly through site specific urban development projects and through national scale projects aimed at assisting labor-intensive small and medium industries.

In lending for small industries, we channel financing through a wide range of intermediary finance institutions. In a number of countries, we also lend to a central entity such as a Central Bank for relending to a second tier of financial institutions, mostly commercial banks including Workers Banks, which are accessible to the small entrepreneur. Such Workers Banks are eligible to participate in operations which we have recently undertaken in Mexico and Jamaica. We are now considering an operation in Honduras in which we expect the Workers Bank of Honduras could be eligible to participate.

In expanding our lending to assist small urban industries and similar entrepreneurial activities, we are making special efforts to use non-conventional financial intermediaries. We are following closely the development of Workers Banks and are in contact with them. Last year we participated in their regional conference, which was held in Jamaica, and we intend to do so again on the occasion of the forthcoming Workers Banks Conference to be convened in Washington in October 1978.

I wish to thank you for your thoughtful suggestions and assure you that we shall take them into account in the course of our efforts to find effective ways to alleviate the problems of urban poverty in the developing countries.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Bundeminister der Finanzen  
Postfach 1308  
5300 Bonn 1  
Federal Republic of Germany

BAdeVries/JChanmugam/rcb  
blind copy: Mr. Kurth

cc: for Mr. McNamara's Office (2)  
Cleared with & cc: Mr. van der Tak  
Mr. Lari  
Mr. Scheffold  
Mr. Knotter  
cc: Mr. Gordon (o/r)

493/5/289

SEP 7 1978

Dear Mr. McBride:

Over the past year a number of critics have accused the World Bank of undermining the American steel industry, in spite of clear evidence to the contrary.

I was therefore especially pleased to note that the United Steelworkers of America opposed ill-founded attempts to impose damaging restrictions on U.S. participation in the World Bank while the House of Representatives was considering HR 12931, the FY 1979 foreign aid appropriations bill.

I wish to extend my appreciation to Mr. Jack Sheehan of your Washington office who testified so thoughtfully before the House Appropriations Committee earlier this year.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mr. Lloyd McBride, President  
United Steelworkers of America  
5 Gateway Center  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

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September 5, 1978

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SEP 6 1978

**Excellency:**

Your letter of August 8 reached the World Bank on August 21, after I had left Washington for a holiday from which I have only now returned.

I am sorry to say that I shall again be unable to accept your invitation to address the Committee of the Whole. The timing of the Committee's current session comes immediately after my absence from the Bank, coincident with a recess of the Executive Directors and the consequent accumulation of work. This, together with the imminence of the Annual Meeting of the Bank, makes it impracticable for me to contemplate even a brief time away from the Bank in these next few weeks and will preclude my devoting the time I would wish to give to preparation of a statement to the Committee.

I appreciate your invitation and hope you will understand why I must reply as I have done. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Cordovez, in accordance with the suggestion in your letter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

His Excellency  
Idriss Jazairy  
Chairman, Committee Established Under  
General Assembly Resolution 32/174  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Algeria

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August 25, 1978

cc: Mr. Diego Cordovez  
Mr. Grenfell/Mr. Burney

493/5/287

5 1978

Mr. Edwin R. Powers  
Vice President  
Federal Reserve Bank of New York  
33 Liberty Street  
New York, New York 10045

Dear Mr. Powers:

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Fiscal Agency Agreement between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, you are hereby authorized and instructed to authenticate and to deliver on or after September 15, 1978 to a representative of each of the purchasers set forth in the Schedule attached hereto the respective principal amount of Two Year Bonds of 1978, due September 15, 1980 of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, set forth in said Schedule with respect to such purchaser. Each such delivery is to be made upon receipt by you of 6-7/8% Two Year Bonds of 1976, due September 15, 1978, of the Bank or of Federal Reserve Bank of New York funds for our account of an amount equal to the principal amount of Bonds allotted to each such purchaser as set forth in said Schedule plus, in the event all or a portion is to be paid in Federal Reserve Bank of New York funds, accrued interest on such portion at 8.35% per annum from September 15, 1978 to the date of delivery of the Bonds in each instance.

Authorized denominations and numbering of such Bonds are as follows: registered Bonds without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and any multiple thereof, to be numbered BIRB 1 and upwards; and \$1,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000 denomination coupon Bonds to be numbered, respectively BIM 1, BIX 1 and BIC 1, and upwards.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara  
President

Hans C. Hittmair  
Director, Treasury Operations  
and Deputy Treasurer

cc and cleared with Mr. Mead

cc: for Mr. McNamara's office (2)  
Messrs. Rotberg, Hittmair, Uhrig,  
De Boeck  
Fin Operations Files US\$ Bonds #125

493/5/286

SEP 5 1978

Dear Mr. Looijen:

Pursuant to Section 7.9 of the Staff Retirement Plan, as amended through December 4, 1976, I should like to appoint you a member of the Pension Finance Committee, for a term of three years, effective immediately.

If you are willing to accept this appointment, please sign the attached copy of this letter, where indicated, and send it to Mr. Bernard Holland, the Secretary of the Pension Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert S. McNamara

Robert S. McNamara

Mr. Anthony Ij. A. Looijen  
5829 Midhill Street  
Bethesda, Maryland 20034

Attachment

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

BHolland:gs  
August 7, 1978

cc: Mr. McNamara's Office (2) ✓