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**CIDIE**

Committee of International Development  
Institutions on the Environment

FAO

CIDIE 90/WFM:rg

4 December 1990

Dear Mr. Saouma,

The annual meeting of our Committee of International Development Institutions on the Environment (CIDIE) will be held at the Inter-American Development Bank, 1300 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington from 29 April - 1 May, 1991.

Since CIDIE was established in 1980, there have been significant developments with respect to the issues of environment and development which should enable the members of CIDIE to consider new directions as well as new opportunities for a more active cooperation in the future. An important issue for discussion would be steps we might take together to contribute to sustainable development and to the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil.


We invite you to join with us for the opening session of the CIDIE meeting at 11:00 a.m., 29 April, recessing at 1:00 p.m. to continue our discussions at lunch. We hope that you would be able to join us for the opening and luncheon.

.../

Mr. Edouard Saouma  
Director-General  
Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations  
Via delle Terme di Caracalla  
00100-Rome  
Italy


We look forward to learning of the possibility of your participation. Would you be kind enough to inform Marc Dourojeanni, Chief, Environment Protection Division, Inter-American Development Bank, 1300 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Fax: 202-623-2046) regarding your plans to join us.

Sincerely,



Barber Conable  
President  
The World Bank

Enrique Iglesias  
President  
Inter-American  
Development Bank



Mostafa K. Tolba  
Executive Director  
United Nations  
Environment Programme

William Draper, Jr.  
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-SUBJECT: REPLY TO FAO REQUEST FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE TO TUNISIA  
 -DRAFTED BY: FFORNASARI:DD EXT: 23624  
 -AUTHORIZED BY: BARBER CONABLE, PRESIDENT *BB Conable*  
 -CC. & CL. WITH: MESSRS. WAPENHANS (EMNVP), DERSVIS (EM2DR) *10*  
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 -MR. EDOUARD SAOUMA  
 -DIRECTOR GENERAL  
 -FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
 -FOODAGRI  
 -ROME, ITALY

BT  
 WASHINGTON DC - JUNE 7, 1990

ATTENTION: MR. EDOUARD SAOUMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOOD AND  
 AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, FOODAGRI, ROME,  
 ITALY.

SUBJET: REPLY TO YOUR RENEWED REQUEST OF ASSISTANCE TO HELP  
 TUNISIA FACE THE FLOOD-INDUCED DAMAGE OF LATE JANUARY 1990.

I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND FOR THE ATTACHED REPORT ON  
 THE EVALUATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF  
 AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGED BY THE JANUARY 1990 FLOODS IN  
 TUNISIA.

AS I INDICATED IN MY PREVIOUS TELEX OF APRIL 30, 1990, OUR STAFF  
 OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISIONS OF THE MAGHREB  
 DEPARTMENT ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AND  
 ARE EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCORPORATING SOME OF THE  
 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN OUR OPERATIONS PROGRAM. TO THIS EFFECT I  
 WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE VALUABLE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 IN THE FAO-OSRO REPORT MENTIONED ABOVE IS BEING FULLY TAKEN INTO  
 ACCOUNT IN OUR PROJECT PREPARATION WORK. MR. RORY O'SULLIVAN,  
 DIVISION CHIEF, AGRICULTURE, AND MR. PETER LUDWIG, DIVISION CHIEF,  
 INFRASTRUCTURE, IN OUR MAGHREB DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE  
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS RESPECT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO  
 CONTINUING OUR JOINT COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST  
 IN THE FUTURE.

BEST REGARDS,  
 BARBER B. CONABLE, PRESIDENT,  
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CORRESPONDENCE DATE : 90/05/18 DUE DATE : 90/06/08  
LOG NUMBER : 900529019 FROM : Mr. E. Saouma  
SUBJECT : TUNISIA: f/up re appeal of 4/12/90 to the "Rpt. of the Mission  
for the rehabilitation for agriculture affected areas.  
OFFICE ASSIGNED TO FOR ACTION : Mr. M. Qureshi (E-1241)

ACTION:

- \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED
- \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE HANDLE
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR INFORMATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE FILES
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- \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PREPARE RESPONSE FOR BBC'S SIGNATURE
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COMMENTS :cc for info: Mr. Thalwitz (incoming letter only)

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Director-General

OSRO-DG/90/514

Rome 18. V. 1990

Dear Mr Conable,

I should like to draw your attention once again to the damage caused by the heavy floods in Tunisia during January 1990 and, as indicated in my appeal of 12 April 1990, to the Report of the FAO Mission which evaluated the requirements for the rehabilitation of agriculture in affected areas.

The Mission elaborated a series of project proposals for the recovery of productivity as well as for the implementation of disaster-preparedness measures.

... Details of the 42 individual proposals are contained in the enclosed Report. Overall assistance requirements are estimated at US\$ 137.5 million, the largest portion of which is US\$ 119 million for soil and water conservation works. Important external aid requirements have also been identified for the improvement and maintenance of wells (US\$ 13 million), studies on underground water supplies (US\$ 5.1 million), and the purchase of greenhouse sheeting and remote sensing software, equipment and satellite imagery (US\$ 400 000).

While renewing my appeal for the granting of assistance along the lines suggested by the Mission, I should also like to express my sincere appreciation for the contributions you might envisage to aid the population in flood-affected areas.

Yours sincerely,



Edouard Saouma

Mr Barber B. Conable, Jr.  
President  
World Bank  
Washington, D.C.

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Washington, D.C. 20433  
U.S.A.

BARBER B. CONABLE  
President

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Saouma,

Thank you for your telex of July 11 outlining the conclusions and recommendations of the recent FAO multi-donor mission assessing the food supply situation in Ethiopia. Through our Resident Representative in Addis Ababa, Mr. Michael Payson, we had been informed about the mission's results and the anticipated need for additional commodity aid during the remainder of 1987.

As you know, these chronic food deficits are of deep concern to the World Bank. We are endeavoring on a continuing basis through the resources of the International Development Association to support agricultural policies and programs in Ethiopia that will stimulate increased grain production. Simultaneously, we are planning projects to support improvements in grain storage, transport facilities and expansion of the port at Assab.

While we are not in a position to provide direct commodity aid to the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission in Ethiopia, we shall continue to support the government's rehabilitation and development programs, giving the agriculture sector highest priority.

Thank you for your efforts to keep the donor community informed of the continuing needs in Ethiopia.

Regards,

*Barber Conable*

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Food and Agriculture Organization  
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THE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION / DEVELOPMENT

FAO/TX/OSRO/122506 7 JULY 1987

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TO THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES IN 1987 TO THE POPULATIONS AT RISK IN ETHIOPIA.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S APPEAL IS BASED ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY IN 1987 CARRIED OUT BY THE FAO/WFP/MULTIDONOR MISSION DURING JUNE 1987. THE MISSION CONSULTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DONORS AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS BOTH IN ADDIS ABABA AND DURING TRAVEL TO SEVERAL REGIONS. IN GENERAL THE MISSION FOUND THAT ALTHOUGH STAPLE FOOD PRODUCTION AND OVERALL FOOD SUPPLY HAVE IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA REMAINS DIFFICULT FOR AN ESTIMATED 3.06 MILLION PERSONS FOLLOWING THE EXTENDED PERIOD OF DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN CERTAIN AREAS. THE MISSION'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

#### AAA CONCLUSIONS

1. DOMESTIC CEREALS AND PULSES PRODUCTION FOR CONSUMPTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 1987 IS COMPRISED OF THE MAIN 1986 (DECEMBER HARVEST) MEHER CROP OF 6.55 MILLION TONS AND THE SECONDARY BELG CROP OF 1987 (JULY 1987 HARVEST) FORECAST AT 280 000 TONS, LEADING TO A GROSS PRODUCTION OF 6.83 MILLION TONS. AVAILABLE NET PRODUCTION OF CEREALS AND PULSES, AFTER DEDUCTION OF SEED, WASTE AND LOSSES IS ESTIMATED AT 5.7 MILLION TONS.

2. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRODUCTION OF ENSET (FALSE BANANA), ROOTS AND TUBERS, MILK PRODUCTS IN CEREAL EQUIVALENT AND STOCK CHANGES, TOTAL FOOD AVAILABILITY FOR 1987 IS ESTIMATED AT 6.65 MILLION TONS.

3. OVERALL CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PRODUCTS FOR 1987 ARE ESTIMATED AT 7.415 MILLION TONS, LEAVING A NET FOOD DEFICIT OF 765 000 TONS TO BE MET BY COMMERCIAL IMPORTS AND FOOD AID.

ACUTE FAMINE IN THE DROPPER AND VULNERABILITY AREAS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE RIFT VALLEY, THE ESTIMATE OF THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION (RRC) OF THE AFFECTED POPULATION REQUIRING ASSISTANCE WAS INCREASED FROM 2.5 MILLION TO 3.06 MILLION PEOPLE AND THE ESTIMATE OF FOOD AID NEEDS TO 421 917 TONS OF CEREALS (INCLUDING THE GRAIN EQUIVALENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY FOODS AND OIL). ON THE BASIS OF INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSIONS, CONSULTATIONS WITH NGOS, THE LEVELS OF RELIEF DISTRIBUTION ATTAINED IN 1985 AND 1986, ITS OWN ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL FOOD AVAILABILITY AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT FAMINE VICTIMS HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR HOUSEHOLD RESERVES THE MISSION CONSIDERS THE ESTIMATE REALISTIC.

5. TOTAL FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WHOLE OF 1987 FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROJECT DISTRIBUTION ARE ESTIMATED AT 736 000 TONS. DEDUCTING EMERGENCY FOOD AID STOCKS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 1986 THE NET REQUIREMENT FOR 1987 IS 523 000 TONS.

6. UNCOVERED FOOD AID FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1987 FOR THE POPULATION AT RISK IS ESTIMATED AT 189 000 TONS. THIS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT EMERGENCY AID PLEDGED IN 1986 AND 1987 RECEIVED OR SCHEDULED FOR ARRIVAL IN 1987 AND COMMODITIES RECEIVED FOR FOOD-FOR-WORK (FFW) PROGRAMMES.

7. CONCERNING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, THE MISSION RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE RRC'S EARLY WARNING DEPARTMENT AND IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (MOA) AND THE RRC SO AS TO RELEASE MOA TECHNICIANS TO HELP IN FFW PROJECTS FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY.

8. NUTRITION. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUND DATA BASE COMPRISING BOTH ANTHROPOMETRIC AND FOOD CONSUMPTION DATA IS ESSENTIAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE DISASTER-PRONE AREAS. GIVEN THE DIFFICULTIES IN TRANSLATING EARLY WARNING DATA INTO FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS, THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE METHODS OF CALCULATING AID NEEDS SHOULD BE EVALUATED BOTH TO INCREASE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE AND TO STANDARDIZE METHODS.

9. TRANSPORT, PORT, AND STORAGE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS.

- THE COMBINED RRC, WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TRANSPORT OPERATIONS IN ETHIOPIA (WTOE) AND NGO DISTRIBUTION CAPACITY IS NOW 900 000 TONS PER ANNUM, ADEQUATE TO PRESENT NEEDS BUT INSUFFICIENT FOR THE VOLUME OF GRAIN IMPORTS FORESEEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF WORN-OUT VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE FLEET OPERATIONAL. ALSO, THERE IS NEED TO REVIEW TARIFFS FOR TRANSPORT ON ROUGH ROADS.

- INCREASE IN ASSAB PORT'S CAPACITY FROM 1 TO 2 MILLION TONS PER YEAR, IS EXPECTED BY 1991. MASSAWA PORT OPERATIONS ARE EFFICIENT, BUT THE OFF-TAKE OF FOOD AID BY RAIL FROM THE PORT OF DJIBOUTI HAS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED SINCE THE 1970S.

- THE STORES OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING CORPORATION (AMC), THE MOA AND RRC WERE MOSTLY FULL WITH LOCALLY PROCURED GRAINS, COMMERCIAL AND FOOD AID IMPORTS. IN LINE WITH POPULATION GROWTH, STORAGE CAPACITY WILL HAVE TO INCREASE TO COPE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

#### BBB RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FOOD AID. THE PROVISION BY THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY OF AN ADDITIONAL 189 000 TONS OF CEREALS OF WHICH 49 000 TONS ARE INTENDED TO INCREASE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF THE

BBB RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FOOD AID. THE PROVISION BY THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY OF AN ADDITIONAL 189 000 TONS OF CEREALS OF WHICH 48 000 TONS ARE INTENDED TO INCREASE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF THE FOOD SECURITY RESERVE ANOTHER 80 000 TONS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AT MINIMUM LEVEL RRC/NGO CARRY-OVER STOCKS AND THE BALANCE TO MEET DIRECT FOOD CONSUMPTION NEEDS THROUGH FREE DISTRIBUTION OR FFW ACTIVITIES. THE MISSION CONSIDERS FFW PROJECTS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR REDUCING FOOD AID DEPENDENCY AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FOOD AID BE CHanneLED THROUGH SUCH PROJECTS. THE MISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT DONORS SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IN PREPARING CONTINGENCY FFW PROJECTS AND IN MEETING TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL INPUT COSTS.

2. NUTRITION. THE RRC SHOULD UNDERTAKE A FOOD CONSUMPTION SURVEY THEIR METHODS TO ASSESS EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE SET OUT.

3. TRANSPORT. WFP SHOULD EXTEND ITS WTUE FLEET OPERATIONS FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS DONORS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS, INCLUDING PROVISION OF SPARE PARTS, AND SHIPPING COORDINATION SERVICES. HIGH PRIORITY BE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE AND INCREASE ASSAB PORT CAPACITY AND HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS.

4. STORAGE. DONORS SHOULD CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY PROJECT PROPOSALS DIRECTED TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF FOOD STORAGE CAPACITY.

THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL WISHES TO THANK THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY FOR ITS GENEROUS FOOD AID CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PAST AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT DONORS MEET THE ADDITIONAL AID NOW NEEDED TO MINIMIZE THE SUFFERING OF THE POPULATIONS AT RISK. PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE MISSION'S REPORT, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM FAO'S OFFICE FOR SPECIAL RELIEF OPERATIONS (OSRO).

EDOUARD SAOUMA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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-FOR MR. EDOUARD SAOUMA  
-DIRECTOR GENERAL  
-FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
-ROME, ITALY

BT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE-04-87  
RE. YOUR MESSAGE OF MAY 23, 1987 CONCERNING MOZAMBIQUE. THANK YOU FOR TRANSMITTING THE FINDINGS OF THE APRIL FAO MISSION WHICH IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE AGRICULTURAL REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. THE WORLD BANK IS ALSO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND OVER THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC

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AUTHORIZED BY: Baron B. Conable

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REHABILITATION PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THE MAIN CONSTRAINTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT, WORLD BANK, AND IMF HAVE RECENTLY AGREED ON SUCH A PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN OUTLINED IN THE POLICY FRAMEWORK PAPER, 1987-89, FOR MOZAMBIQUE. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING THE FINANCING OF A SECOND REHABILITATION CREDIT WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, THE WORLD BANK HAS APPRAISED A PROJECT TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FOR THE FAMILY SECTOR, AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) THROUGH OUR PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH IFAD. WE ARE ALSO UNDERTAKING THE PREPARATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL REHABILITATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE AIMED AT ADDRESSING SOME OF THE KEY CONSTRAINTS TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, BASED ON REVIEWS OF THE CASHEW, COTTON, FORESTRY AND IRRIGATION SUBSECTORS WHICH WERE RECENTLY COMPLETED. I BELIEVE THAT THESE KINDS OF SUPPORT TO MOZAMBIQUE ARE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE BANK UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE MEDIUM AND LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY. IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WORLD BANK OPERATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE USEFUL PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MY STAFF. REGARDS, BARBER CONABLE, PRESIDENT, WORLD BANK.

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

December 15, 1986

BARBER B. CONABLE  
President

Dear Millicent:

I want to thank you for your recent notes and kind thoughts, dear friend. It's uncertain what kind of contribution I can make in this new international trouble I'm in, but it's provided me with a wonderful opportunity to be useful on a global scale. As in Congress, our interests and efforts are similarly concentrated, so perhaps our paths will cross. I hope so.

Charlotte joins me in sending our very best personal wishes.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Millicent Fenwick  
Ambassador  
United States Mission to the United Nations  
Agencies for Food and Agriculture  
c/o United States Embassy in Rome  
APO New York 09794-0007

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UNITED STATES MISSION  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>  
1986

Dear Barber -

A copy of your speech of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> has just reached me - It's magnificent! So like you - I can hear you speaking. "When we need statistics, we must see real people" - That seems to me the essential starting point for any work to improve the situation of the 600 million people in the world who have absolutely no purchasing power. Dear Barber, I'm so glad you are where you are -

My warmest wishes as always to you both - Affectionately - Millie



UNITED STATES MISSION  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>  
1986

Dear Barber -

Yesterday, at an official "reception" in the German Embassy, I had a most amusing conversation with a fan of yours, The Polish Ambassador, Jozef Wiercig, who was with you in your campaigning in Warsaw, N.Y. - when he was in the Polish Embassy in D.C. and you were in the House. He asked me to give you his warmest regards - a sentiment in which I join most heartily, dear Barber, as always  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE November 12, 1986

TO Mr. Barber Conable

FROM Shahid Javed Burki, Director, IRD <sup>609</sup>  
(through Jose Botafogo G., VPE) .1.

EXTENSION 72407

SUBJECT Visit of Mr. Declan J. Walton, Deputy Director-General, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

Mr. Declan Walton, Deputy Director-General of FAO, will make a courtesy call on you at noon on Thursday, November 13. A brief biographical statement is attached. Mr. Edward Schuh, Director of our Agriculture and Rural Development Department, and I will accompany him to your office.

World Bank operational relations with FAO have been guided by a basic agreement on a cooperative program (CP) established in 1964. Such CPs underlined the rationale for close Bank collaboration with agencies whose technical expertise in specific areas complements that of the Bank. The main features of this CP include joint financing (on a Bank 75 percent, FAO 25 percent basis) of a team of technical staff housed in FAO, direct assistance by FAO to governments in the identification and preparation of projects for Bank financing, and joint missions as required. World Bank contribution to this program for FY 87 amounts to \$6.5 million. This provides for 52.4 net staff years of work by FAO for the Bank, accounting on average for about one-third of the Bank's project pipeline for agriculture. In general, this CP has served the Bank well and joint reviews carried out from time to time have improved its effectiveness.

World Bank/FAO cooperation in the agricultural field is extensive, and working relations are good. While there are no outstanding matters, Mr. Walton might raise the following issues:

(i) Since the CP's main purpose is to facilitate the identification and preparation of projects, FAO is concerned that growing Bank emphasis on SALs and sector loans could reduce the demand for CP services and adversely affect the size of associated FAO staff, unless the CP becomes more closely involved in sector work. We are sensitive to this concern, given the changed conditions since this CP was established, and FAO's limited macroeconomic and multi-sectoral capacity to support our policy-based lending. FAO does have, however, an extensive technical capacity that can be mobilized in this process.

(ii) Mr. Walton might suggest closer Bank/FAO collaboration on a broader front, including tropical forestry, agricultural research, locust control and conservation. These areas are important to our work and our current dialogue has already resulted in a number of concrete actions.

(iii) FAO has recently produced a comprehensive action plan for African agriculture, and Mr. Walton may wish to explore how the Bank might cooperate in its implementation. Given our own priority concern with Africa, in particular, the difficult problems facing African agriculture, we would wish to cooperate with FAO as far as is practicable. But we would need to be mindful of possible conflicts between the two institutions; as a single sector (agriculture) agency, FAO's approach differs somewhat from the economy-wide outlook which the Bank brings to bear on its policy advice to borrowing member-countries.

(iv) Under its action plan for Africa, FAO envisages a greater role in the preparation of country studies and background materials relevant to the aid coordination process such as UNDP roundtables and World Bank Consultative Groups (CGs). In this connection, Mr. Walton might raise the issue of separate FAO representation at Bank CG meetings. Our present policy is that all UN agencies should be represented by UNDP in order to keep the CG process manageable and limited to donors who provide a major financial contribution.

Mr. Walton has already had a round of discussions with Messrs. S. Husain and Schuh, and with senior technical staff concerned with Africa to discuss the Africa situation and FAO's action plan for the region. Outside the Bank, Mr. Walton also held discussions with officials at the State Department and attended a congressional briefing held under the auspices of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Attachment

cc: Messrs. Stanton, Schuh, Husain, Veraart.

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Mr. Declan J. Walton, Deputy Director-General,  
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Mr. Walton, a national of Ireland, was appointed to FAO's No. 2 position in November 1985. He has been associated with U.N. organizations since 1956. In 1968, he became Chef de Cabinet of FAO's Director-General, and in 1975 Director of FAO's office of Inter-Agency Affairs, acting also as Head of FAO's Economic and Social Policy Department. In 1981, Mr. Walton became an independent consultant, but returned to FAO in 1984 as Senior Consultant to Mr. Saouma, FAO's current Director-General, a position he held until his present appointment.

Mr. Walton, who is 56 years old, is a graduate of Oxford University.

*Incoming back to  
Riley*

July 25, 1986

Dear Millicent:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding David Forbes Watt and his candidacy for the job of Director of FAO's Investment Center. Mr. Forbes Watt is already known to, and well thought of, by a number of staff here.

While such appointments rest with the Director-General of FAO, there may be some consultation with us. Accordingly, I'm also bringing this matter to the attention of Ed Schuh, Director of our Agriculture and Rural Development Department.

With warm regards,

(Signed) Barber B. Conable

Ambassador Millicent Fenwick  
United States Mission to the  
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