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WORLD BANK / INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Files

DATE: March 6, 1978

FROM: John M. Kalbermatten (Water and Wastes Adviser, EWTDR)

SUBJECT: Cooperation with UNDP

On February 13 and 14 UNDP called me several times and I, in turn, attempted to reach them myself at various times without success. On February 15 I called UNDP from Florida, assuming that Mr. Mashler, Director-General of the Global Program, wanted to convey an urgent message. As it turned out he wanted to inform us of his discussions with Dr. Dieterich in Geneva the previous week.

Mr. Mashler first confirmed that Dr. Dieterich had received our cable in which we explained that we would hold off further review and work on the WHO prepared document on Inter-Agency cooperation until we had some concrete actions to coordinate. Mr. Mashler was appreciative that we had sent the cable as it reflected his own thinking and facilitated his discussions with Dr. Dieterich on this topic. Mr. Mashler confirmed to Dr. Dieterich that his own thinking paralleled that of the Bank and expressed the hope that WHO would develop some concrete action proposals. Dr. Dieterich reportedly stated that he would continue improving the document in question but would at the same time prepare some proposals for activities in which UNDP and the Bank could participate.

The principal activity to be studied and for which a proposal will be submitted by WHO, would be a UNDP-financed group of experts which would be located somewhere in the developing world to assist governments in the preparation of drinking water decade programs. Mr. Mashler welcomes such a proposal but insists that the programs would have to be supervised by a committee composed of UNDP, the Bank and WHO. He indicates that funds for such an activity would be available through the global program.

Mr. Mashler informed Dr. Dieterich of his desire to work directly with the Bank in the design and implementation of pilot and demonstration projects resulting from the Appropriate Technology Research Project and in innovative rural water supply and sanitation projects. According to Mr. Mashler, Dr. Dieterich accepted that the Bank would in fact act as the Executing Agency for UNDP for this type of project.

Finally, Mr. Mashler reiterated UNDP's interest in participating with the Bank in the above described projects and is awaiting proposals. I told him that we would contact him sometime in March and possibly arrange a visit to New York to discuss detailed proposals.

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cc: Messrs. Rovani, Sheehan, Middleton, Bharier