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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Bahgat A. El-Tawil *272 25/9*
Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

FROM: Rajendra Coomaraswamy *Jerrold B...*
Assistant Administrator and Director
Regional Bureau for Asia and the Far East

SUBJECT: BHUTAN - Teacher Development Centre (BHU/72/004)

Date: 21 September 1973

FILE NO.: BHU/72/004

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: 2917

This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated 12 September 1973 on the above-mentioned subject. We are reviewing it and will be in touch with you on it as necessary.

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Drafted : D. M. Bhouraskar/pjl

cc : Mr. Van der Heide
Mrs. Shoukletovich

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TE 3111 BHUTAN

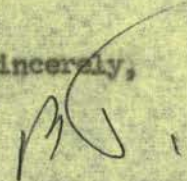
Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

The Government of Bhutan has requested for an award of 10 fellowships to be financed under the UN Regular Programme for technical assistance. The Government is particularly keen to utilize these fellowships in the field of public administration and to send its officials preferably to the United Kingdom or to other suitable countries of English expression.

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We have agreed to provide this assistance to the Government of Bhutan. I am enclosing a copy of my letter of today to the Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations. We would appreciate if you could kindly assist the Government in expediting the submission of the completed application forms through your office.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Bahgat A. El-Tawil
Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1, India

Drafted: T. Shrestha
D.M. Bhouraskar/pjl

cc: Mr. van der Heide

Mr. Shukle

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 18 July 1973 concerning assistance to Bhutan under the UN Regular Programme.

We are pleased to note that the Government is keen to avail itself of fellowships, especially in the field of Public Administration. We are now reviewing the training facilities that could be available in this field, especially in countries such as the United Kingdom, as suggested in your letter. We hope to advise you soon on this matter.

The principal objective of the fellowship programme of the United Nations is to enable government officials to undertake training in areas of their specialization outside their country so as to familiarize them with modern standards, methods and techniques and enable them to improve the efficiency of their services in their countries. These training programmes can be arranged for various levels of national officials and, whenever possible, we try to place the national officials for training in a host country of their preference. We will, therefore, try to explore the opportunities for training in the United Kingdom as well as in other countries of English expression.

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I am enclosing 40 fellowship application forms for the use of your Government. The completed forms are to be submitted in triplicate to the United Nations through the Resident Representative. You might wish to keep the fourth copy for your records. The information on the present functions and responsibilities of the candidates would facilitate our task in suggesting suitable type and places of training. I am also writing to the Resident Representative requesting him to give you further assistance, if needed, in this respect. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your information.
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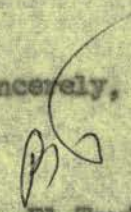
H.E. Mr. Sangye Penjor
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the UN
866 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

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It is our intention to implement these fellowships before the end of the calendar year 1973 and we would, therefore, appreciate receiving the completed fellowship forms as soon as possible so that they can be processed rapidly and arrangements could be made for the training of your national officials.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Bahgat A. El-Tavil
Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

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Shrestha/pl




Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

Thank you for the copy of your letter dated 20 July 1973 to the Foreign Minister of Bhutan. We look forward to receiving your advice in this regard as soon as the Government's reply is received.

I regret the delay in sending you a copy of our letter to the Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations. I assure you that we will do our best to send you promptly such copies in future.

Yours sincerely,


W. van der Heide
Acting Deputy Director
Asia and Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative of the UNDP in India
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1
India

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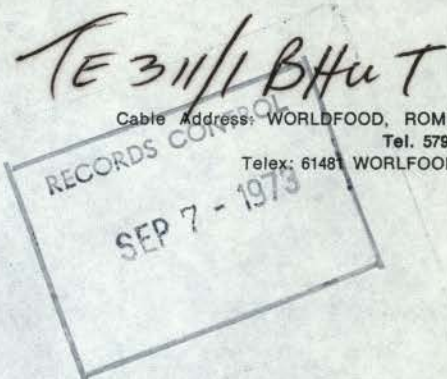
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30 JUL. 1973

Dear Mr. Van der Heide,

Thank you very much for your letter of 25 June 1973 with which you forwarded us a copy of the report of the Mission which visited Bhutan in March 1973.

We are pleased to inform you that we had received in May last a copy of this same report from Dr. John McDiarmid, UNDP Resident Representative in India and had already arranged for our Senior WFP Adviser in India, Mr. Muttukumaru, to visit Bhutan in August next to assist the Government there in formulating specific projects in which WFP could be of assistance.

... In this connection we are enclosing a copy of Dr. McDiarmid's letter, BHU PRO/300(WFP), dated 1 June 1973, addressed to the Foreign Minister of Bhutan, which you will find self-explanatory. We shall keep you informed of the outcome of Mr. Muttukumaru's visit to Bhutan.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Nazir Ahmed

Nazir Ahmed

Chief, Asia and Far East Branch
Project Management Division

Mr. W. Van der Heide
Senior UN/WFP Liaison Officer
Office of Technical Co-operation
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017
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1 June 1973

BHU PRO/300(WFP)

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Dear Mr. Minister,

You will recall that during our recent mission to Bhutan, we discussed the possibility of assistance from the World Food Programme (WFP) which I also represent in India. May I refer specifically to paragraph 33 of my report (copy attached for easy reference):

WFP Headquarters have now reviewed this report and told me that as one of the least developed countries, Bhutan would have a high priority for WFP assistance. I am wondering, therefore, if we should not take further steps to see if we could work out specific projects of benefit to your country.

As I mentioned in Thimphu, any WFP assistance would be over and above the UNDP indicative planning figure, and therefore, a net addition to UN family assistance to Bhutan. Also, it would consist solely of foodstuffs as a grant, with management of the projects left to the Royal Government of Bhutan.

If you agree that we should pursue this matter, I would suggest that my Senior WFP Adviser, Mr. E. Muttukumaru, visit Bhutan for discussion with you and your colleagues and see if one or more good projects could not be worked out in detail. In this connection Mr. Muttukumaru could be available to come to Thimphu in either late August or early September this year if this would be convenient for you. In fact, it occurs to me that it might be to everyone's advantage if Mr. Muttukumaru accompanied Mr. Gordon Carter of UNICEF, whom you have invited to come to Thimphu sometime after 27 August 1973. I have not spoken to Mr. Carter about this since he is now out of India, but I feel sure that he would be in agreement.

Alternatively, Mr. Muttukumaru could come alone solely for WFP business at a time convenient to you.

I should be grateful for your reaction to these suggestions and I hope WFP can render useful assistance to your country.

Sincerely yours,

John McDiarmid
Resident RepresentativeH.E. Lyonpo Dawa Tsering
Foreign Minister
Royal Government of Bhutan
THIMPHU, BHUTANcc. H.E. Mr. Pema Wangchhuck
cc. Mr. N. Ahmed, WFP, Rome
cc. Mr. Warren G. Fuller, UNICEF, New Delhi
cc. Mr. E. Muttukumaru, WFP, New Delhi
cc. Mr. Rajendra Coomaraswamy, UNDP, New York

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EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT OF THE UNDP MISSION TO BHUTAN (17-31.3.1973)

33. WFP: The team leader, who also represents WFP, told the Bhutan Government that in principle WFP would very much like to be of assistance to the country's economic development. Bhutan would welcome such assistance in suitable cases. Two specific possibilities were discussed:

- (a) Food for road construction workers' wages: Bhutan supplied a list of some 3,600 construction workers now engaged in road development-a most important infrastructure in Bhutan. At the present time, food rations are provided by the Government of Bhutan through an administrative arrangement already well worked out, but two factors are important. First, this provision of food costs the Bhutanese Government considerable sums from its meagre resources. Second, the nutritional package should be improved, and could be with WFP assistance. While any such project will have to be worked out thoroughly and in considerable detail, it seems that an appropriate daily food ration supplied by WFP could be distributed to some 3,600 workers which would save the Bhutanese Government some Rs.200,000 per annum. The Government of Bhutan will give firm guarantees to use this saving for agreed, specified additional development purposes.
- (b) Bhutan has a large educational programme based on the English medium and one of the problems, which is difficult both for families sending their children to school and for the Government itself, is to provide solid nutritional meals in the school.

In the preliminary discussions the Government gave us an estimate of 3,700 school students in seven schools where WFP assistance for one or two good meals per day would be greatly appreciated and would save resources which could be earmarked for additional educational or other development purposes. Here again, details will have to be carefully worked out.

- (c) Some other institutional feeding programmes - for example, vocational and polytechnic institutions, hospitals, etc. may be considered by WFP.

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Mr. Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation



20 July 1973

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Zdenek Lastovka, Officer-in-Charge
Resources and Transport Division, ESA

ECAFE's proposals for assisting Bhutan

1. Please refer to your memorandum dated 27 June on the above subject, to which was appended Mr. Suriyakumaran's letter to you dated 12 June.
2. We are interested to note that the mineral resources sector is represented within ECAFE's proposals. A programme of basic explanation, with particular reference to lead and zinc deposits, is suggested, with assistance from ECAFE experts from the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre. Our understanding is, however, that the Centre is not yet established nor staffed.
3. Bhutan's need for external assistance in mineral exploration has also been referred to in paragraph 32 of the report of the UNDP mission which visited the country in March 1973. Some \$20,000 is said to be required for the provision of light-weight drilling equipment. This led to the recommendation, contained in Mr. Barnea's memorandum to Mr. Farah dated 16 May, that Government be asked to indicate whether a short-term mission by an RTD Technical Adviser would be appropriate.
4. Although the IPF for Bhutan is under heavy pressure and probably already over committed at this time in respect of the country programming exercise (for January 1974 approval), a technical advisory visit would still be desirable to discuss the exploration programme, type of drilling equipment required, and assist in any document formulation necessary.
5. Such a visit could be accommodated at little cost during the forthcoming mission to Burma and India of Mr. P. M. H. Fozzard, Technical Adviser, in October/November 1973. The UNDP Resident Representative may wish to obtain Government's reactions to this proposal.

Mr. Shrestha



Reply

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, 21, KASTURBA GANDHI MARG, NEW DELHI-1. TELEPHONES 44366 43041 43628

Pls acknowledge

receipt of this copy

to Mr McDiarmid

we will send him

any such letters in future.

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BHU/PRO/300 (01)

20 July 1973

Dear Mr. Minister,

We understand from the United Nations Office of Technical Co-operation (UNOTC) New York that following discussions between you and Mr. Farah in Tokyo, Mr. Farah had written to H.E. Mr. Sangye Penjor, Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations (copy attached for your reference) offering suggestions for assistance to Bhutan under the UN Regular Programme.

We have now been requested by UNOTC to enquire if your Government would be interested in making any request for a country project along the lines of point 2 of the UNOTC letter of 18 May. UNOTC are anxious to have your Government's decision in the matter as they would like to use the 1973 funds for this purpose.

I should be obliged to have your reply in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

H.E. Lyonpo Dawa Tsering
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Royal Government of Bhutan
Thimphu (Bhutan)

cc: H.E. Lyonpo Pema Wangchuck
Mr. Van der Heide, UNOTC/NY

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P.S. We would have

expected you to send

us a copy of the 18 May

letter earlier. Will you please

do so in future. Regards

John

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Shrestha Report
TE 311/BHAT

Reference BHU/PRO/300 (01)

13 July 1973

Dear ~~Mr.~~ van der Heide,

Thanks for your letter of 3 July concerning possible UN assistance to Bhutan in the field of mineral surveys (exploration of lead and zinc deposits).

As you will have seen from the Mission's report (para 32) Government of Bhutan have, over the past ten years, been drawing upon the expertise of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in this field and are generally satisfied with the progress. Also, as a matter of policy (and, perhaps, for justifiable reasons) they are reluctant at least for the time being to open up their country to foreigners (other than Indians); and in this particular case Indian expertise in the field of mineral surveys and exploration is rated high enough and no outside expertise is considered necessary.

In my opinion, Bhutan's immediate need is for additional resources to implement its mineral exploration programme, and UN assistance in the form of equipment (light-weight portable drills) would effectively supplement the efforts already being undertaken. I do not foresee any request for UN expertise since Indian personnel (of GSI) are capable of using the equipment and, being aware of the Bhutanese attitude, am not inclined to suggest it to them.

Generally speaking, I am anxious to get favourable decisions on the 13 formal requests from Bhutan now pending with UNDP, before discussing with them possible additional projects and additional experts.

Mr. W. van der Heide
Acting Deputy Director
Asia and Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation
United Nations
New York

cc Mr. Basu
Mr. Falson
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We have not yet received any request from Bhutan for UN assistance in the field you mention, and shall keep you advised if and when such a request is received.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

Mr. Shrestha

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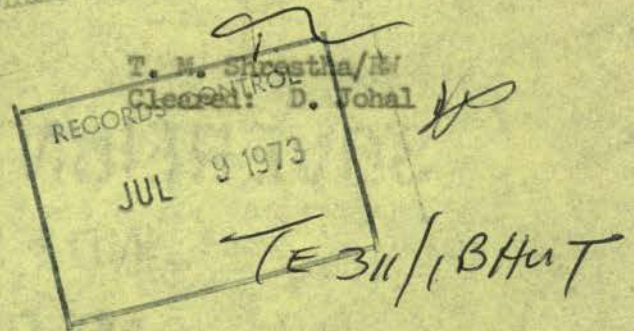
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cc. Mr. Basu
Mr. Vohra *8/7*

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5 July 1973

Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

As you are aware, following the discussions between the Bhutanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Tsering, and Mr. Farah in Tokyo, we wrote to the Permanent Representative of Bhutan to the United Nations, Mr. Penjor, offering our suggestions for assistance to Bhutan under the UN Regular Programme.

Since we have not so far received any response from the Government, I would be most grateful if you could follow up our letter and find out from the Government in particular whether they are interested in making any request for a country project along the lines of point 2 of the Commissioner's letter of 18 May 1973 to Mr. Penjor (copy attached). We would appreciate an early reply as we would like to use our 1973 funds for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

W. van der Heide
Acting Deputy Director
Asia and Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative of the UNDP in India
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1
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cc. Mr. Banu

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3 July 1973

Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

I refer to the report of the UNDP mission to Bhutan forwarded with your letter of 26 April 1973.

We have noted in the report a possible project in the field of mineral resources which is specifically concerned with exploration for lead and zinc deposits. We concur with the statement made in the report that the provision of lightweight portable drilling equipment would be useful in this connexion. We are prepared to contribute our expertise for purposes of procurement of the equipment, if required.

We, however, feel that equipment alone may not be sufficient for timely assessment of the country's lead and zinc deposits which may well emerge as a significant resource. We would therefore like to assess in more detail the need and feasibility of inputs, including equipment, in order to develop the country's mineral exploration programme.

If the Government is agreeable, we are prepared to send our Technical Adviser for the purpose of drafting equipment specifications and for reviewing the mineral exploration programme in general. Please let us know the Government's views in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

W. van der Heide
Acting Deputy Director
Asia and Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative of the UNDP in India
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1
India

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TE 311/BHUT

29 June 1973

Dear Mr. Suriyakumaran,

With reference to your letter of 12 June 1973 with which you forwarded to us your proposals for technical assistance to Bhutan, I sent you a cable which reads as follows:

SURIYAKUMARAN THANKS YOUR LETTER 12 JUNE INCLUDING YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR REGULAR PROGRAMME ASSISTANCE BHUTAN WHICH BEING STUDIED. MEANWHILE GRATEFUL RECEIVE INFORMATION ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ECAFE WHICH YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM BHUTAN

While your proposals for assisting Bhutan are being studied, I may point out that three of them, namely, those on trade, industries and postal services, are within the responsibility of UNCTAD, UNIDO and UPU respectively. These could not be considered for implementation under the UN Regular Programme for, though we have included elements within the responsibility of bodies other than UN/ESA in multidisciplinary projects financed from our Regular Programme in some of the least developed countries, funds available under that Programme could not be used for projects falling in their entirety outside our field of competence.

Yours sincerely,

W. van der Heide
Acting Deputy Director
Asia and MiddleEast Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. C. Suriyakumaran
Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
Sala Santitham
Rajdamnern Avenue
Bangkok, Thailand

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Mr. Simos G. Vassiliou, Assistant Director-in
Charge, Development Planning Advisory Services

Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

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ECAFE's proposals for assisting Bhutan

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Attached please find a copy of ECAFE's proposals for technical assistance to Bhutan, along with a copy of their letter of 12 June 1973.

I would be grateful if you would review the proposals and forward to us your comments and observations on them at your earliest convenience.

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27 June 1973

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Mr. Leon Tabah, Director
Population Division

Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

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Mr. Guy B. Gresford, Officer-in-Charge
Resources and Transport Division

Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

ECAFE's proposals for assisting Bhutan

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Mr. T.C. Chang, Director
Public Administration Division

Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

ECAFE's proposals for assisting Bhutan

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27 June 1973

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Attached please find a copy of ECAFE's proposals for technical assistance to Bhutan and a copy of the report of the ECAFE public administration mission, along with a copy of their letter of 12 June 1973.

I would be grateful if you would review the proposals and forward to us your comments and observations on them at your earliest convenience.

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27 June 1973

Mr. Simon A. Goldberg, Director
Statistical Office

Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

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ECAFE's proposals for assisting Bhutan

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25 June 1973

TE 311/BHUT

Dear Mr. Ahmed,

..... I am attaching a copy of a report of the UNDP mission which visited Bhutan in March 1973 to formulate recommendations for UNDP assistance to be rendered to that country. One of the members of the mission was Mr. R.V. Harris of our Transport Section, who advised on a UNDP project for mechanization of road works (see Annex to the report). Mr. Harris also drew the Government's attention to the possibility of requesting WFP assistance for road construction (see page 13 of the report). Since the Government is already providing food to road workers, it should be easier to organize such a project than is the case in many other instances. Nevertheless, as noted in the report, a WFP project would need careful preparation. In that connexion, I should like to inform you that we would be glad to make the services of Mr. Harris available to assist in such preparation in case WFP should wish to avail itself of the opportunity to mount a project along the lines suggested in Bhutan.

In view of WFP's and our own desire to direct more of WFP's aid to the least developed countries, I am looking forward with interest to your comments on the above suggestion. It would appear that there is here a possibility for a project that is both feasible and worthwhile.

Yours sincerely,

W. van der Heide
Senior UN/WFP Liaison Officer
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. Nazir Ahmed, Chief
Asia and Far East Branch
Project Management Division
World Food Programme
Via delle Terme di Caracella
Rome, Italy

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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
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BANGKOK 2, THAILAND.

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TEC 300 (BHUTAN)

Dear Mr. El-Tawil,

As requested in your cable 618 dated 11 May 1973, we are submitting herewith proposals for technical assistance to Bhutan under the United Nations Regular Programme. In making these suggestions we have taken into account the report of the recent UNDP Mission (March 1973 and we feel that some of our proposals may be supplementary to the various projects recommended in the report. Incidentally, our comments on that report will be the subject of a separate letter. I need not mention the importance we attach to the assistance programmes of the United Nations in helping Bhutan both at the country as well as at the regional level. We, therefore, stand ready to combine our efforts for the development of that country.

As you will note from the enclosure, a programme in public administration is already planned. For other regional level inputs a group mission from ECAFE may be useful as already requested by the Bhutan Delegation at the 29th Commission Session in Tokyo last April. This we shall follow up directly with the Government.

Yours sincerely,

C. Suriyakumaran
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Mr. Bahgat El-Tawil
Deputy Director for Asia and
the Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
United Nations, New York.

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cc: Mr. El-Tawil, UN CTC/New York
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1 June 1973

cc. Mr. Lastoche
(att. Mr. Harris)
for comments
Y. Bouvier
2/2/73

Dear Raju,

Re: BHUTAN (W#)

Further to my letter of 21 May and cable of 25 May,
I am sending herewith the following ten project documents, duly
signed on behalf of the Royal Government of Bhutan:

- (5 copies each)
1. BHU/72/002 Forestry Development
 2. BHU/72/003 Royal Bhutan Polytechnic
 3. BHU/72/005 Assistance to Automobile Repair Workshop Department
 4. BHU/72/006 Development of Health Services (T.B. Control)
 5. BHU/72/007 Cement Plant, Paro
 6. BHU/72/008 Development of Printing Press
 7. BHU/72/009 Mechanization of Road Works
 8. BHU/72/011 Modernization of H.F. Radio Network
 9. BHU/73/002 Don Bosco School
 10. BHU/73/003 Establishment of Telecommunications Link

Copies of the above project documents are also being
sent to the Agencies concerned for their records.

From a copy cable 1314 addressed to you by UNIDO, we
note that they have fully supported the projects at 3 and 5 above.
FAO Rome have, however, suggested some changes in the project document
at 1 above (Forestry Development). While several of the changes
suggested by FAO relate to either editorial or proforma aspects
which we are taking up separately with FAO, the substantial modifi-
cations are as follows:

- 1) Government contribution has been raised by Rs. 20,000 (\$2,500).
This is the result of increased allocation for "Operation
and maintenance of equipment".

Mr. Rajendra Coomaraswamy
Assistant Administrator and
Regional Director, Bureau for Asia and the Far East
United Nations Development Programme
New York

11) UNDP contribution has been raised by \$8,850 as follows:

<u>Increase</u> of 3 man-months of expert services	- \$ 7,500
Provision for reporting costs under "Miscellaneous" component	- 3,000
Provision for Direct Costs; Mid-term review, under "Miscellaneous" component	- 3,000
<u>Mins</u> Revised costing of fellowships resulting in a reduction in fellowship component, of	13,500
	4,650
Net increase	<u>\$ 8,850</u>

Considering the several weeks' delay which might be involved in a re-negotiation of a revised draft of the project document with the Bhutan Government, I would recommend that the major items of PAO suggested modifications, especially those relating to the increases in UNDP inputs and the Government contribution, may be agreed with the Government of Bhutan by means of an exchange of letters.

I trust you have received, or will soon be receiving, comments of other Agencies concerned in regard to projects within their fields of interest, and look forward to hearing from you the results of UNDP evaluation of the project documents.

The project summaries which are required to be attached to the project documents (Ref. your letter of 8 May) are under preparation and will be sent to you soon.

Yours sincerely,

John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

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cc Mr. Hartmans, P.O. Rome

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Project of the Royal Government of
BHUTAN

Title : MECHANIZATION OF ROAD WORKS
Number : BHU/72/009/A/01/01 Duration : Three years
Sector : Transport and Communications (75)
Sub-sector : Transport by land (7520)
Government Co- : Public Works Department of Executing
operating Agency : the Ministry of Development Agency: United Nations

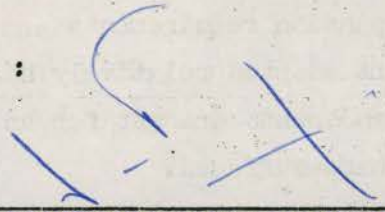
Date of
submission : April 1973

Starting
Date : May, 1973

Government
Contribution : Rs. 1,540,000
(Equivalent to US \$ 205,333)

UNDP
contri- : \$ 782,000
bution

Approved :



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN
TASHICHHODZONG, THIMPHU

Date: 22.5.73

on behalf of the Executing Agency

Date: _____

on behalf of UNDP

Date: _____

I. BACKGROUND AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. Justification for the Project

Under the current Five Year Plan, to be completed in April 1976, the major task of the Public Works Department of the Ministry of Development is to construct new roads at the rate of some 40 kilometers yearly. The Department's further responsibilities include the maintenance of a road network totalling approximately 150 kilometers, the construction of municipal infrastructure, and the construction of miscellaneous hydraulic facilities for irrigation and water supply. It is anticipated that the Department's work load will significantly increase in the forthcoming Five Year Plan, starting in April, 1976.

The purpose of the Department's road construction programme is to connect heretofore isolated communities with the existing road network, thereby enabling development in all economic and social fields. The nature of the work is such that small construction projects averaging 5 to 10 kilometers in length are distributed throughout the entire country. Based on careful studies of future expansion requirements and of transport and maintenance economy, the government adopted relatively high standards for the construction programme. Design speeds are set for an average of 40 km per hour. All roads are to be hard-surfaced.

Owing to the country's exceptionally severe topographic constraints, optimum economy in road construction requires a blend of mechanization and labour-intensive methods. The use of equipment is particularly essential for three specific operations :

- a) Deep formation cutting where large quantities of earth cannot be excavated and transported by hand;
- b) Rock excavation where large quantities of drilling are required for blasting; and
- c) Compaction of road materials to high densities as required to support modern vehicular traffic.

In addition to considerations of construction economy, the use of equipment for road building is imperative by virtue of the country's scarcity of labour. It is to be recalled in this connexion that the quasi-totality of the labour force for the Departments work is being imported to the country from neighbouring areas.

The project, comprising an input of equipment and expertise from the UNDP, together with facilities for equipment operation, servicing, and repairs from the government, is viewed as the means to introduce sound mechanization practices and accelerate road construction during the country's current Five Year Plan. It is anticipated that such practices will be firmly established at the end of the project in 1976, and that the implementation of an expanded road construction programme under a subsequent development phase will be made possible.

B. Institutional framework

The project will be carried out within the institutional framework of the Public Works Department under the Ministry of Development.

The budget available to the Department for road construction and maintenance is of the order of US \$ 2.0 million yearly. This is deemed to be sufficient for carrying out the envisaged road construction programme including the mechanization project as an integral part thereof.

Significantly, the Department's programme is aimed at roads for rural development. The construction of primary materials is nearing completion under bilateral assistance from India. Maintenance of the primary network is now assured by the Indian Border Roads Organization under arrangements which will continue for the foreseeable future.

In regard to personnel, the government now has at its disposal the required administrative and technical staff and the labour for undertaking the programme. Operators and mechanics to handle an expanded equipment pool are available.

In regard to facilities, the Department has at its disposal 3 existing mechanical shops at key locations in the country. These shops are to be strengthened with tools and spare parts, and they are to be supplemented by mobile service units from the project. Major equipment repairs, as opposed to service, are to be carried out at workshops operated under the Ministry of Finance.

The sufficiency of the Department's organization for undertaking the mechanization project was ascertained in March 1973 by a Technical Adviser of the United Nations.

C. Provision for Government follow-up.

It is anticipated that upon completion of the project, the Public Works Department will have successfully introduced mechanization for its road construction programmes, including such aspects as staff, organization, methods, and equipment servicing procedures. The Department will also be in possession of operational road working equipment from the project. These will constitute the nucleus of an expanded road construction and maintenance programme for the following Five Year Plan.

D. Other related activities

It is significant that the government is expecting to receive UNDP assistance under project BHU/72/005, where expertise, training and provisions of equipment will be used to strengthen the workshops of the Ministry of Finance. Whereas servicing of road-building machinery under project BHU/72/009 will be assured through the Public Works Department, the workshops of the Ministry of Finance are counted upon, inter alia, for major repairs of this machinery. Project BHU/72/005 is viewed in this connection as a complement of project BHU/72/009.

E. Future UNDP assistance

UNDP assistance may be required at a future date, both in mechanization of road construction, and in road planning and execution. The nature of such assistance cannot, however, be defined at this time.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

There is as yet no Country Programme for Bhutan.

Long-term objectives

The long-term objectives of the project are to enable the Public Works Department/accelerate and improve its current road /to construction programme and to undertake an expanded programme in the forthcoming Five Year Plan, starting in 1976. The establishment of an optimum balance between the utilization of labour and of construction machinery is required in this connection.

Immediate objectives

The immediate objectives of the project are to introduce mechanization for certain road construction activities of the Public Works Department, in accordance with the following sequence :

- a) Selection of equipment and of corresponding spare parts and tools to satisfy job requirements and prevailing constraints.
- b) Procurement of such equipment, spare parts and tools.
- c) Preparation of schedules and specification of procedures for equipment maintenance, servicing, and repairs.
- d) Utilization of equipment under actual, on the job conditions, including maintenance, servicing and repairs.

III. WORK PLAN

A. Description of project activities

1. Preparatory activities to be carried out by the Government to ensure the timely implementation of the project :

None required.

2. Activities to be undertaken during the project

<u>Project activities</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposed duration and starting date</u>
Preparation of job descriptions	New York	1 week, 1 May 1973
Approval of job descriptions by the Government	Thimphu	2 weeks, 15 May 1973
Recruitment of equipment expert	New York	1 month, 1 June '73
Field assignment of equipment expert and preparation of equipment purchase orders	As required	6 weeks, 1 July '73
Procurement and delivery of equipment	- do -	12 months, 1 Aug 1973
Recruitment of maintenance and service expert	New York	6 months, 1 Feb 1974
Field assignment of maintenance and service expert	Thimphu	6 months, 1 Aug 1974
Road construction	As required	21 months 1 Aug 1974
Recruitment of expert in mechanization.	New York	2 months, 1 Jan 1976
Final project review and preparation of recommendations for mechanization of road construction during Fourth Five Year Plan	Thimphu	2 months, 1 March 1976

B. Description of UNDP inputs

1. Assignment of international staff

- a) Equipment expert : Starting date : 1 July, 1973
Duration of assignment : 6 weeks

Following initial briefing by the Executing Agency, the expert shall visit equipment manufacturers as required and assemble documentation in regard to equipment characteristics, costs, delivery times, and equipment maintenance and service requirements. He shall then proceed to Thimphu and, working in close collaboration with officers of the Public Works Department, he shall prepare purchase orders for equipment, spare parts and tools, taking due account of particular job requirements and constraints in mechanized road construction operations in Bhutan.

- b) Maintenance and Service expert : Starting date :
1 August, 1974

Duration of assignment : 6 months

The expert shall be assigned to Thimphu and he shall travel throughout the country as necessary. His function shall be to establish schedules and to specify and introduce procedures for the maintenance and servicing of project equipment. He shall furthermore advise the public Works Department in regard to the training of personnel for maintenance and service operations, and he shall initiate on-the-job training of equipment operators and mechanics in connection with machinery delivered under the project, emphasizing such procedures as may be new to counterpart personnel.

- c) Expert in mechanization : starting date : 1 March, 1976

Duration of assignment : 2 months

The expert shall be assigned in Thimphu where he shall work in close collaboration with officers of the Public Works Department. He shall review the findings of the project in regard to mechanization of road construction and, drawing on such findings, he shall prepare recommendations for the mechanization of an expanded road construction programme during the country's Fourth Five Year Plan. Recommendations shall include the preparation of a schedule for further equipment procurement in function of anticipated needs as well as the outline of a programme for training and operation.

2. Provision of subcontractual services

Not applicable.

3. Training provisions

Not applicable.

4. UNDP provided supplies and equipment

a) Non-expendable equipment

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>(US \$)</u>
Buildozer, 200 HP	10	1 Aug 74 or earlier	320,000
Road roller, 8-10 T	6	- do -	88,000
Portable rock-drill	100	- do -	100,000
Low-bed transporter	2	- do -	26,000
Mobile service unit	2	- do -	26,000
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b) Expendable equipment

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>(US \$)</u>
Spare parts for non-expendable equipment	As reqd. for 3 years	1 August 1974 or earlier	181,000
Special tools for non-expendable equipment	As required	- do -	12,000
Kits, mechanic's tools	5	- do -	5,250
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c) Miscellaneous

Not applicable.

C. Description of Government inputs

1. Pre-requisite activities

Not applicable.

2. Assignment of national staff

a) The Chief Engineer : acting as necessary through staff of the public Works Department, shall assure the timely and effective prosecution of the project on behalf of the government as well as the co-ordination of activities with international experts.

b) Equipment operators, mechanics, assistants, labourers and other non-professional personnel shall be provided by the Public Works Department, starting at the time of delivery of equipment, and continuing until the project's conclusion. The requirements and status of non-professional personnel are as follows :-

Category	Project Requirement	Presently available for project	To be recruited
Equipment operator	25	10	15
Service mechanic	6	6	-
Assistant Mechanic	18	6	12
Store-keeper	4	4	-
Clerk	10	2	8
Driver	10	-	10
Labourer, guard, etc.	100	100	-

3. Government provided supplies, equipment and buildings

a) Non-expendable equipment and buildings

Item	Quantity	Delivery date	Cost (Rs.)
Existing P.W.D. Mechanical workshops	3	1 Aug 1974 or earlier	150,000
Temporary equipment sheds	As reqd.	- do -	100,000
Service vehicles	- do -	- do -	30,000

b) Expendable equipment and supplies

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>	<u>Cost (Rs.)</u>
Fuel and lubricants for operation of eqpt.	As reqd.	1 Aug 1974 or earlier	760,000
Miscellaneous equipment and supplies	- do -	- do -	100,000

Project Budget covering UNDP Contribution
(in US Dollars)

Country: BHUTAN
Project No.: BHU/72/009/A/01/01
Title : Mechanization of Road Works

		<u>Total</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
		m/m \$	m/m \$	m/m \$	m/m \$	m/m \$
10.	<u>PROJECT</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u>					
11.	<u>Experts</u>					
11.01	Equipment Expert	1½ 3,750	1½ 3,750	-	-	-
11.02	Maintenance and service expert	6 15,000	-	5 12,500	1 2,500	-
11.03	Mechanization expert	2 5,000	-	-	-	2 5,000
19.	Component Total	9½ 23,750	1½ 3,750	5 12,500	1 2,500	2 5,000
40.	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>					
41.	Expendable Equipment	198,250	38,250	160,000	-	-
42.	Non-expendable Equipment	560,000	100,000	460,000	-	-
49.	Component Total	758,250	138,250	620,000	-	-
99.	GRAND TOTAL	782,000	142,000	632,500	2,500	5,000

Project Budget covering Government Counterpart
Contribution in Kind

Country : Bhutan
Project Number : BHU/72/009/A/01/01
Title : Mechanization of Road Works

<u>Total</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
<u>m/m Rs.</u>	<u>m/m Rs.</u>	<u>m/m Rs.</u>	<u>m/m Rs.</u>	<u>m/m Rs.</u>

10. PROJECT PERSONNEL

Technical Personnel	25	100,000	5	20,000	12	48,000	3	12,000	5	20,000
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Non-Technical Personnel	200	300,000	-		50	75,000	120	180,000	30	45,000
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19. Component Total	225	400,000	5	20,000	62	123,000	123	192,000	35	65,000
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40. EQUIPMENT

41. Expendable Equipment		100,000	-			25,000		60,000		15,000
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42. Non-expendable Equipment		180,000	-			45,000		108,000		27,000
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43. Premises		100,000	-			25,000		60,000		15,000
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49. Component Total		380,000	-			95,000		228,000		57,000
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50. MISCELLANEOUS

51. Operation and Maintenance of equipment		760,000	-			190,000		456,000		114,000
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53. Sundry		-	-			-		-		-
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59. Component Total		760,000	-			190,000		456,000		114,000
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99. GRAND TOTAL		1,540,000	20,000			408,000		876,000		236,000
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ANNEX. I

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ORGANIZATION OF THE PROJECT

[The agreed Standard Text spelling out in broad terms the organizational aspects of the project will be incorporated here.]

"General responsibilities

1. The Government, the UNDP and the Executing Agency shall jointly be responsible for the execution of the project and the realization of its objectives as described in part II of this Project Document.

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30. The Executing Agency shall provide the Government through the Resident Representative with the list of personnel to whom the privileges and immunities enumerated above shall apply."



OFFICE OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
Human Resources Section
Asia and Mid/East Branch

No. 16 (JUN) 1973/73

ACTION

TO: MR. A FARAH
1 Mr. El Tawal
2 Mr. Watts
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☐ - Action Completed
☐ - Acknowledged
☒ - No Action Required
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Mr. B. Albuquerque
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PERMANENT MISSION OF BHUTAN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
866, ~~888~~ SECOND AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

May 24, 1973

TE 311/1 BHUT

Dear Mr. Commissioner,

I thank you for your letter dated May 18, 1973, forwarding therewith your preliminary suggestions concerning the possibility of Bhutan receiving OTC assistance. I have forwarded your suggestions as also the documents received with your letter to my Government for study and consideration.

Accept, Mr. Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

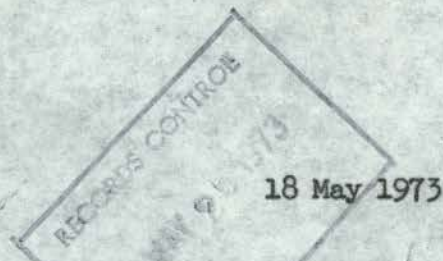
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(Sangye Penjor)
Permanent Representative

Mr. Abdulrahim A. Farah,
Commissioner for Technical Cooperation,
United Nations,
New York

TE 311/1 (BHUTAN)

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 1973. I am happy to inform you that my discussion with His Excellency Lyonpo Dawa Tsering, Minister of Foreign Affairs, concerning UN assistance to Bhutan was indeed most fruitful.

Since my return, I have consulted my colleagues and have examined the various possibilities for our activities in Bhutan in the immediate future. Our preliminary suggestions are the following -

- 1) Interregional and Regional Advisory Services are available to the Government of Bhutan at no cost to the Government if the assignment is for less than one month. Attached herewith is a list of interregional advisers and their fields of competence for your information.
- 2) Regular programme funds can be made available for up to 10 fellowships within the ECARE region (as desired by the Government) in the various fields to be indicated by the Government. In light of our Tokyo discussions, we believe that the areas in which the Government may seek assistance are Statistics, Public Finance, Public Administration, Housing, Building and Planning and Community Development.
- 3) We have endorsed the Government of Bhutan's request for UNDP assistance with the project "Road Transport and Maintenance." As soon as approval has been received from UNDP for this project, we shall be able to act promptly in its execution.

H.E. Mr. Sangye Penjor
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Bhutan
to the United Nations
866 Second Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

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Since the Government of Bhutan has also requested the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to provide assistance, we shall coordinate our activities with ECAFE in order to avoid any duplication in our efforts.

I wish to assure you of our best cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Abdulrahim A. Farah
Commissioner for Technical Co-operation

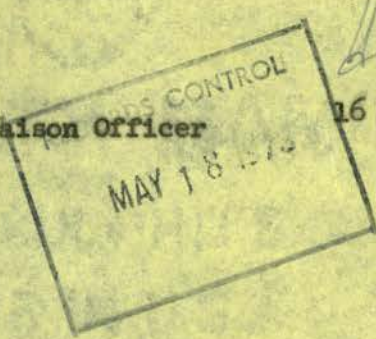
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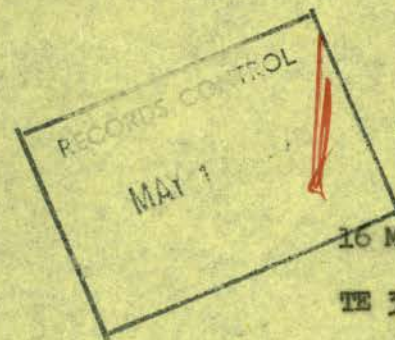
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BHUTAN. Potential WFP Assistance in Road Construction

1. Please find herewith a copy of a report concerning a UNDP mission in Bhutan in March 1973. Mr. Harris, a member of the mission, directed the Government's attention to the potential value of WFP assistance in connexion with road construction. This topic is reflected on the report's page 13.
2. This office concurs with the appropriateness of exploring the means of WFP assistance as suggested. We would suggest therefore that you consult with WFP headquarters in regard to a potential project, stressing the fact that this project would supplement the resources of a UNDP project, to be executed by the UN, also in the field of roads.
3. Following WFP initiative vis à vis the Government, we would be prepared to make Mr. Harris available for a mission in Bhutan to formulate the details of a project request.

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16 May 1973

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Mr. Abdulrahim A. Farah, Commissioner
for Technical Co-operation, OTC/ESA

Joseph Barnea, Director
Resources and Transport Division

BHUTAN. Geology and Mining

1. Please find herewith an excerpt from the report prepared by the UNDP mission to Bhutan in March 1973. You will recall that the report was conveyed to you under the cover of Mr. McDiarmid's letter of 26 April 1973.

2. As you will note the excerpt pertains to potential UNDP assistance in the field of geology and mining, and, more specifically to the provision of certain drilling equipment.

3. Based on our consultations with Mr. Harris who participated in the UNDP mission, we generally concur that the provision of lightweight, portable drilling equipment would be useful in connexion with the exploration of lead and zinc deposits, and we would be prepared to contribute our expertise for procurement purposes.

4. We note, however, that equipment alone may not be sufficient for a timely assessment of the country's lead and zinc deposits which may well emerge as a significant resource. We propose therefore to initiate a dialogue with the Government in order to determine the need and feasibility of inputs, other than equipment, to enhance the country's mineral exploration programme through accumulated UN knowhow.

5. We would welcome your initiative in ascertaining whether the Government would be prepared to receive a short-term mission by a technical adviser of this Division for the purpose of drafting equipment specifications as already discussed, and for reviewing the mineral exploration programme to produce follow-up recommendations.

ORIGINAL DIRECT

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TE 311/BHUT

16 May 1973

Mr. Howard Brand, Chief
Geology and Mining Section, RTD

Robert V. Harris
Transport Section, RTD

BHUTAN. Geology and Mining



1. Please find herewith some self-explanatory papers which you may or may not forward based on your own judgement.

2. Although I know next to nothing about the matter which is before us, I am prepared to brief you to the best of my ability and I do believe that an effort to promote a project in Bhutan is warranted.



Sangye Penjor
Permanent Representative

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Dear Mr. Commissioner,

Please refer to your letter No. TE 322/1 (BHUTAN), dated March 12, 1973, concerning your visit to Tokyo in connection with the 29th Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. I understand, you were able to have preliminary discussions with our Foreign Minister, H.E. Lyonpo Dawa Tsering, in Tokyo. While it may be a bit premature to ask you for any concrete suggestions that you might have for OTC assistance to Bhutan, I was wondering whether it would be possible for you to give us a preliminary idea about the manner and the extent to which the OTC would be able to assist Bhutan during the coming years. In this connection, if you would like me to obtain any special information from my Government concerning our preferences and priorities, I shall be happy to do so. In the meantime, I trust, it will be possible for you to give us some idea about any tentative suggestions you might have in your mind for Bhutan.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. Sangye

(Sangye Penjor)

H.E. Mr. Abdulrahim Abby Farah,
Commissioner for Technical Cooperation,
United Nations,
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Shrestha/pl
cc. Mr. Basu

TE 311/1 BHUT

7 May 1973

Dear Mr. Suriyakumaran,

Attached please find a copy of the Report of the Project Development Mission to Bhutan, along with a copy of the letter of the Resident Representative, Mr. McDiarmid, dated 26 April 1973. The mission, which was led by Mr. McDiarmid and was composed of representative of various Specialized Agencies, visited Bhutan in March 1973 to assist the Government in the formulation of projects in various fields.

I would be grateful if you would review the Report of the mission and forward to us any comments and observations that you may have on it.

Yours sincerely,

Bahgat El-Tawil
Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. C. Suriyakumaran
Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
Sala Santitham
Rajdamnern Avenue
Bangkok, Thailand

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Mr. Joseph Barnea, Director
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Bhutan: Project Development Mission



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I would be grateful if you would review the report of the mission and the draft project document and forward to us your comments and observations on them at your earliest convenience.

ORIGINAL DIRECTOR

Shrestha/pl
cc. Mr. Basu

Mr. Simos G. Vassiliou, Assistant Director-in-
Charge, Development Planning Advisory Services

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Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
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2 May 1973

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Miss Sheila Albuquerque, Chief
Human Resources Project Section,
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Faqir Muhammad, Chief
Section for Development Administration, PAD.

Bhutan: Report of the Mission to Identify Technical Assistance
Needs of Development Administration

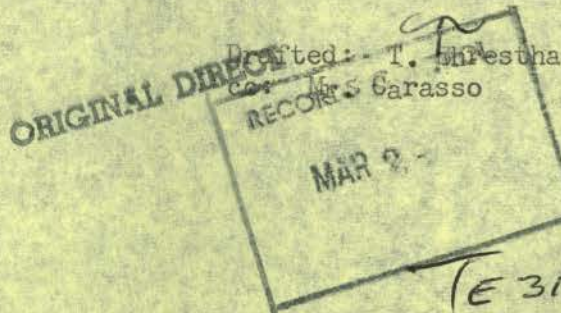
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Enclosed is the report of the mission undertaken by Mr. Wanasinghe and Mr. Thuang, regional experts in public administration in ECAFE, to identify technical assistance needs of Bhutan in development administration. The mission did not visit Bhutan but only consulted the Royal Bhutan Mission and the United Nations Resident Representative Office in New Delhi.

The report indicates that the Government of Bhutan is of the view that "technical assistance in the field of development administration would need to be rendered through visiting missions and not through country based experts." The report accordingly recommends a number of follow-up visits by the regional advisers.

The report of the mission is essentially of an interim nature. The Regional Advisers have suggested the need for a follow-up mission to the country to undertake detailed discussions on the subject. While the substantive areas recommended for outside assistance are important; OTC may wish to communicate to ECAFE its views about the possibilities and the most effective arrangements for delivering technical assistance to Bhutan in development administration. The Mission report also suggests the possibility of appointing Bhutanese officials as professional trainees in ECAFE or awarding them fellowships. This point also needs comments of the offices concerned for guidance of ECAFE.

cc. Miss Gray.



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26 March 1973

Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

You may recall that, about a year back, we had written to the Government of Bhutan, through their Permanent Representative to UN, offering assistance under the UN Regular Programme for suitable projects and also suggesting visits by UN experts to explore the possibility of developing projects in specific areas of development. We had felt then that considering the country's position both as land-locked and as one of the least developed among the developing countries, Bhutan would be fully entitled to receive such assistance under the Programme's new orientation, as approved by the UNDP Governing Council (see DP/RP/6 and DP/RP/10).

Although we have received a reply from the Permanent Representative accepting our offer of assistance, we have not heard anything specific from the Government in this regard. We have noted in your Report on your recent mission to Bhutan that the Government would prefer not to have resident advisers in the country in the present situation. We feel, however, that in view of the low level of economic development and the lack of trained manpower in the country, it is of utmost importance for Bhutan to obtain outside technical assistance. At the present stage, we would suggest that the proper areas for UN assistance would be development planning, statistics and public administration.

We would, therefore, urge upon you to approach the Government of Bhutan again and offer assistance under the UN Regular Programme for projects in the areas mentioned above or other fields which are consonant with the new character of the programme. If the Government so requests, we would be glad to make available to the Government the services of our experts to explore the possibility of developing specific projects. I would appreciate your letting us know the views of the Government in this regard as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Bahgat A. El-Tawil
Deputy Director
Asia and Middle East Branch
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative of the UNDP
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1, India

ORIGINAL DIRECTOR

Y. Bonifantov/myc
cc; Mr. Gold
Mr. Lastovka

Mr. William Goodkind, [redacted] Director
Office for Departmental Finance and Administration

9 March 1973

TE 311/1 BHUTAN

Attention/ Mr. S. Gold

Mr. Bahgat El Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

R.K. Basu, Chief
Physical Resources Projects Section
Asia and Middle East Branch, OTC

BHUTAN: Request for Official Travel



It would be appreciated if a travel authorization could be issued covering the below-mentioned official travel:

Traveller

Name: Mr. Robert Harris Grade: P-5 Step VI

Functional Title: Senior Economic Affairs Officer

Room: 2347

Extension: 187

Duration: 25 days

Itinerary:

New York / New Delhi / Calcutta / New York

The Resident Representative in New Delhi is arranging travel to Bhutan and return by road from Calcutta.

Purpose of Travel:

..... Please see attached Terms of Reference accompanying the Resident Representative's letter to Mr. Andersen of 2 February 1973 and UNDP's memorandum dated 9 February 1973, which is also attached.
.....

The cost of travel and per diem will be approximately \$1,802.00, which is to be charged to account no. 26360-571.

Air-fare	\$1,318
Per diem	406
Terminal Expenses	78
	<u>\$1,802</u>

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NEW YORK

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Bahgat El-Tawil, Acting Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

FROM: Rajendra Coomaraswamy
Assistant Administrator and Director
Regional Bureau for Asia and the Far East

SUBJECT: Bhutan Project Development Mission

Mr. Shree *PT* FEB 13 1973
Mr. Basu ACTION
PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT

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Date: 9 February 1973
FI 170 (2-2-1) UNDP/UA

FILE NO.: BHU/GEN

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: 12917

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We have now approved the budget for this project. Please IOV the costs for your representative to account number 26360-571.

cc. Mr. Lastorka
Mr. Gold S

✓ (WF) 16/2-73

TRANSPORT (ROAD) PROJECT

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Mr. Shrestha
Mr. Basu
FEB 13 1973
ACTION

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POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT

Mr. El-Tawil
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☐ No Action Required
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Ref. FI 150 (2-2-1) UNDP/UA
Date: 9 February 1973

FILE NO.: BHU/GEN

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: 2917

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cc. Mr. Lastorka
Mr. Gold S
Mr. Harris
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(WF) 16/E-73

TRANSPORT (ROAD) PROJECT

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MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. R.K. Basu, Chief
A: Physical Resources Projects Section
Asia and the Middle East Branch, OTC

THROUGH: Mr. Joseph Barnea, Director
S/C DE: Resources and Transport Division, ESA

FROM: Zdenek Lastovka, Chief
DE: Transport Section, RTD, ESA

SUBJECT: BHUTAN: Request for Mr. Harris' Travel
OBJET:

DATE: 13 March 1973

REFERENCE:

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TE 311/BhUT

1. It is regrettable that timely travel arrangements for Mr. Harris were not concluded as indicated in our memorandum of 5 March 1973 to you. In order to allow Mr. Harris to join the Bhutan mission, however late, we now propose an alternative plan as follows:

2. Itinerary

- a) New York - London, 15 March 1973. Rest stop in London.
- b) London - Teheran, 16 March 1973. Rest stop in Teheran.
- c) Teheran - Delhi, 17 March 1973. Mr. Harris would spend the weekend in Delhi, and arrange for visas and transportation between Bhutan and Bagdogra on Monday, 19 March 1973.
- d) Delhi - Calcutta, 18 March 1973. Transit in Calcutta.
- e) Calcutta - Bagdogra, 18 March 1973, and hence travel by road to Bhutan. Return to Bagdogra by road on 4 April 1973.
- f) Bagdogra - Calcutta, 4 April 1973. Transit in Calcutta.
- g) Calcutta - Delhi, 4 April 1973. Debriefing and completion of report on 5 and 6 April 1973, and spending of weekend, 7 and 8 April 1973 in Delhi.
- h) Delhi - Teheran, 9 April 1973. Rest stop in Teheran.
- i) Teheran - Paris, 10 April 1973. Rest stop in Paris.
- j) Paris - New York, 11 April 1973.

3. We particularly call your attention that Mr. Harris' airline ticket should be from New York to Bagdogra, and return, rather than to Calcutta as requested in your memorandum of 9 March 1973 to Mr. Goodkind. We also stress the need to furnish Mr. Harris with an advance of travel funds covering the entire journey since he will be travelling in areas where no facilities are available for local payment of such funds and since his time in Delhi will not be sufficient for administrative transactions.

4. We find that Mr. McDiarmid, the leader of the mission to Bhutan, should immediately be advised of Mr. Harris' delay and requested for concurrence with alternative arrangements as outlined herein.

cc. Mr. Gonzalez L.
for action as appropriate
WF yBoulan
14.3.73

INTERNAL DIRECTOR

Drafted: B. Kofsky/MC/na
cc.: U Nyun



TE 342/1 (BHUTAN)

12 March 1973

VIA POUCH

Dear Mr. McDiarmid,

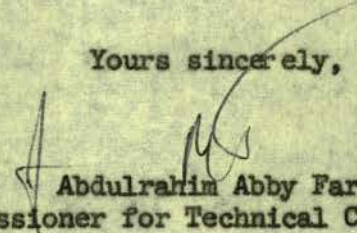
I am writing to inform you of my plans to attend the twenty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which will be held in Tokyo from 11 to 23 April 1973.

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have addressed to the Permanent Representative of Bhutan, who is our official contact for matters regarding the technical co-operation programmes of the United Nations in Bhutan. In this connexion, it would be helpful if I could receive your views on any special problems and constraints on our programmes which you feel would merit being discussed with Government officials during the ECAFE meeting, over and above those which we may have discussed at the recent regional meeting of Resident Representatives in Bangkok.

You will have noted that in my letter to the Permanent Representative, I have suggested the inclusion in the Government representation to the ECAFE session of one or two officials who are responsible for technical co-operation programmes in the United Nations fields of activity. I would appreciate whatever you can do to bring this about.

Yours sincerely,


Abdulrahim Abby Farah
Commissioner for Technical Co-operation

Mr. John McDiarmid
Resident Representative of the
United Nations Development Programme
in India
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg
New Delhi-1, India

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO BHUTAN - 1973

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I. Background

Following the admission of Bhutan to membership of the United Nations on 21 September 1971, Bhutan became eligible to receive assistance under the United Nations Development Programme. It should be recalled that both the General Assembly and the Governing Council of the UNDP have recommended that special efforts be made to assist the least developed countries, of which Bhutan is one. At the invitation of the Royal Government of Bhutan, the Resident Representative in India visited Bhutan in March 1972. His report was sent to U.N. Agencies in August 1972, and should be familiar to all members of the mission.

Since the Resident Representative's visit, ten official requests for UNDP assistance have been put forward covering several economic and social sectors. These requests require on-the-spot appraisal and to this end, with the agreement of the Royal Government of Bhutan, a multi-disciplinary mission headed by the Resident Representative in India will visit Bhutan during the period 18 March - 1 April including travel time to Bhutan from Delhi.

For most of the members of the mission, they would be expected to spend one day in New Delhi for discussions with the Head of the Mission, Dr. John McDiarmid, before proceeding to Bhutan. Some specific requests, however, may require more extensive field visits in Bhutan than others and the mission period of two weeks may be inadequate in such cases. Where the agencies concerned believe this would be the case, they might propose that their specialised member proceed to Bhutan ahead of the other members of the mission joining the mission in Thimphu on the day of the general mission's arrival there. The Resident Representative in India will try to make arrangements for such advance field visits with the Bhutan Government.

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TELEPHONES: 44366, 43041

21 KASTURBA GANDHI MARG,

NEW DELHI 1

CABLES: UNDEVPRO - NEW DELHI

ACTION

TO MR. EL-TAWIL
Mr. Dubey
Mr. Shrestha
FEB 7 - '73

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TE 311 / BHUTAN

BHU PRO 300 (01)

Dear Stig,

Bhutan - Project Development Mission
18 March - 1 April 1973

Further to my letter of 19 January 1973, attached please find three copies of the terms of reference for the Bhutan Mission, finalized in consultation with UNDP Headquarters. You may wish to pass on a copy to Mr. Harris whom you have nominated as your representative on the mission.

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I would like to stress that the principal objective of the mission is to complete, as far as possible, the drafting of project documents.

As mentioned in earlier correspondence, communication with Bhutan takes time and any preliminary queries or clarifications which Mr. Harris may feel are required before his arrival in Bhutan should be sought without delay. We will be happy to pass on correspondence to the Bhutan Mission in Delhi which has a weekly pouch service to Thimphu and has agreed that we may use it.

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FEB 12 1973

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Mr. Stig Andersen
Director
UNOTC
New York

Yours sincerely,

John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

cc Mr. Lastorka / Mr. Harris
Mr. Basu

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The prime objective of the mission will be to review on the spot the requests for assistance received from Bhutan (Bhutan/72/002 through 011), considering such aspects as eligibility for UNDP assistance, precise needs and possibilities, Bhutanese and UNDP inputs, etc., and to make concrete recommendations as to the assistance which might be rendered by UNDP. Where possible, draft project documents should be prepared in consultation with the Bhutanese authorities so that final decisions on assistance to be rendered can be expedited.

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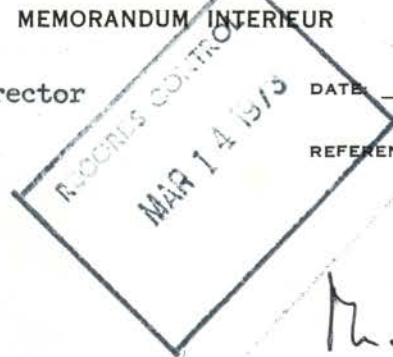
MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. Bahgat A. El-Tawil, Acting Director
A: Office of Technical Co-operation

THROUGH: Mr. Joseph Barnea, Director
S/C DE: Resources and Transport Division

FROM: Zdenek Lastovka, Chief
DE: Transport Section

SUBJECT: BHUTAN. Project Development Mission
OBJET: BHUTAN. Project Development Mission



We have been informed that our recommendation for Mr. Harris participate in the above-mentioned mission has been accepted. Information regarding the mission's terms of reference and timing is contained in TA file 311/1 BHUT. You are requested to initiate action for Mr. Harris' travel as follows:

Itinerary

New York - Paris	13 March 1973	(Rest stop, Paris)
Paris - Teheran	14 March 1973	(Rest stop, Teheran)
Teheran - Delhi	15 March 1973	(Briefing, Delhi)
Delhi - Calcutta	17 March 1973	(Transit, Calcutta)
Calcutta - Bagdogra	17 March 1973	
Bagdogra - Calcutta	2 April 1973	(Transit, Calcutta)
Calcutta - Delhi	2 April 1973	(De-brief, Delhi)
Delhi - Teheran	5 April 1973	(Rest stop, Teheran)
Teheran - Paris	6 April 1973	(Rest stop, Paris)
Paris - New York	7 April 1973	

Total : 25 days

Travel Advance

Mr. Harris is to be furnished with a travel advance as follows to cover terminal expenses and per diem for his entire journey. You will note that stops in any given location other than in Bhutan will be of three days or less, and that in Bhutan, where the assignment will be longer, no facilities are available for on-site payment of entitlements.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>Terminal</u> \$
New York				
Paris	13-3-73	1	27.00 36	15.00
Teheran	14-3-73	1	21.00 /	8.00
Delhi	15-3-73 and 16-3-73	2	44.00 40	8.00
Bhutan	17-3-73 to 1-4-73	16 12	352.00	8.00
Delhi	2-4-73 to 4-4-73	3	66.00 60	8.00
Teheran	5-4-73	1	21.00 /	8.00
Paris	6-4-73	1	27.00 36	15.00
New York				
			558.00 406.	78.00

TOTAL: 636.00

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21 KASTURBA GANDHI MARG.

NEW DELHI

CABLES: UNDEVPRO - NEW DELHI

Reference

BHU/PRO/300 (01)

ACTION

TO *MR. R. V. HARRIS*

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FEB 20 1973

☒ - Action Completed
☐ - Acknowledged
☐ - No Action Required

INITIALS

8 February 1973

*Received in
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*Received in
R.T.D. in
Del.*

Dear Mr. Harris,

TE 311/1 BHUTAN

Thank you for your letter No. BHU/01/G dated 26 January 1973.

We are now planning to leave Delhi for Bhutan on 17 March 1973, using the weekend for travel purposes. The detailed itinerary for each mission member is being worked out in consultation with the members of the Bhutan Mission in Delhi and will be sent to you as soon as it has been approved by the Government authorities in Thimphu. Could you therefore arrive in Delhi not later than the morning of Friday, 16 March, so that we may have a briefing session in the afternoon?

I have not received any correspondence from you to the Bhutanese authorities regarding the request for road works machinery. If we are to return from Bhutan with more or less finalized project documents, I believe that it would be necessary to open discussion through correspondence without delay.

For your information Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, will be pretty cold during the period of our stay and I recommend that you bring along warm clothes. You can always shed a sweater or a coat during your brief stop-over in India and while you are in the foot-hills of Bhutan.

Yours sincerely,

John McDiarmid

John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

Mr. Robert V. Harris
Senior Technical Adviser
Resources and Transport Division
UN
New York

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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TELEPHONES : 44366, 43041



Reference:

BHU/01/G

Dear Stig,

Bhutan Project Development Mission

I have received a copy of your memorandum to Mr. R. Coomaraswamy on the above subject dated 3 January 1973 advising that we will have Mr. Harris with us on the mission.

The Government of Bhutan has now confirmed that the period 18 March to 1 April 1973 is convenient to them. Could you please ask Mr. Harris to let us have as soon as possible the following details required for the issue of an entry permit to Bhutan:

1. Name of applicant
2. Permanent address
3. Occupation
4. Nationality
5. Passport Details:
 - a) Number
 - b) Issued by
 - at
 - on
 - Valid upto
 - c) Date of birth

Laissez-Passer Details

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(N.B. Details of BOTH National Passport and Laissez Passer should be given).

My office will be happy to assist Mr. Harris in obtaining any clarifications or additional information relating to the request (BHU/72/009) prior to his visit to Bhutan, and to answer any queries he may have regarding Bhutan.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

John McDiarmid
Resident Representative

reply sent
by Mr. Harris

26/1/73

Mr. Stig Andersen
Director
UN Office of Tech. Cooperation
UN
New York

cc Mr. A. Lestarka / Sent
Mr. Harris
Mr. Radwan 24/1

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JAN 10 1973

Drafted: Shrestha/pc
Cleared: Mr. Dubey
Mr. El-Tawil

cc. Mr. Falzon
Mr. Radovic
Mr. McDiarmid

3 January 1973

Mr. Rajendra Coomaraswamy, Assistant
Administrator and Director, Bureau for
Asia and the Far East, UNDP

Stig Andersen, Director
Office of Technical Co-operation

Bhutan Project Development

TE 311/1 BHUT

We understand from the Resident Representative in India, Mr. McDiarmid, that the proposed Project Development Mission to Bhutan may be scheduled to visit the country in the second week of February 1973.

You may recall that we advised you by our memo of 9 November 1972 of our support of the proposal to send such a mission to Bhutan and also of our willingness to participate in such a mission. We propose Mr. Robert Harris of the Resources and Transport Division to participate in the mission from the U.N. side.