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Date:

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Transport Section

Report on Mr. P. Beckerich's mission to Bhutan -  
November 1978.

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29 December 1978

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.....Please find attached Mr. P. Beckerich's report on his  
mission to Bhutan on 16-27 November 1978.



REPORT

by

Mr. Pierre Beckerich

ON HIS MISSION TO BHUTAN

November 1978

1. In answer to a request made by the Government of Bhutan, DTCD of the United Nations sent a mission to Bhutan in order for it to make a prefeasibility study of a ropeway in South Western Bhutan, between Chuka Dzong and the Indian Border.

2. This mission was composed of Mr. Pierre Beckerich, Technical Adviser, DTCD, selected for this mission on the strength of his experience in the Nepal Ropeway Project; and of a consultant contracted especially for this mission, Dr. F. Ullmann, selected also for his experience in ropeways acquired in Switzerland, Italy, Nepal and other countries.

3. The undersigned left New York on 11 November 1978 and arrived in Delhi on 13 November. Mr. Ullmann arrived there on 15 November and the mission left Delhi by air for Calcutta and Bagdogra and by car for Phuntsoling (Bhutan) on 16 November. The trip by car undertaken the following day from that border town to Thimpu, the capital city, took exactly eight hours, two of which were spent waiting for a road construction crew to dig a one-lane passage at a site where a landslide had taken half of the road away. It is interesting to note that the distance, as the crow flies, between Phuntsoling and Thimpu, is of approximately 60 kilometers and the road distance some 180 kilometers. That road, 4 meters wide, is extremely hazardous and contains an average of twenty blind curves or bends per kilometer.

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4. On Saturday, 13 November, the mission met with Mr. J. Huyser, Resident Representative in Delhi and Mr. T. Jones, Area Officer, UNDP, New York. The team was given background information on the country and on the ropeway project in particular.

5. The same morning, the first meeting between the team and officials of the Government took place in the Office of the Director of Forests, Bhutan. The participants were:

- (1) Dasho G. DORJI - Director of Forests.
- (2) Mr. K. WANGCHUK - Managing Director, Industrial Development Corporation.
- (3) Mr. Phub TSHERING - Joint Director, Agriculture.
- (4) Mr. Pasang DORJI - Director of the Bhutan Transport Syndicate.
- (5) Mr. B. LAMA - Bhutan Govt. Transport Service.

6. Much information was given to the team on the economy of the country and its plans for developing the exploitation of its resources. The main obstacle to this objective was transport inadequacy in Bhutan. The data given to the team will appear in the report to be submitted by the consultant. It can be said however, that transport costs are so high in Bhutan as to render the cost of exports prohibitive in the Indian market. In this respect, the undersigned would like to report here a piece of information that was given him elsewhere: The country is so mountainous

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with gorges, high ridges and almost vertical mountain slopes that, on a given route from West to East Bhutan, it takes one four days by car or bus to reach his destination and seven days on foot. It is obvious then that for a small country like Bhutan, externally and internally landlocked, the improvement of communications is a first order priority.

7. On Monday, 20 November, a meeting took place with the Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Forests, Dasho Om PRADHAN, and Messrs. Kandu WANGCHUK, Managing Director of the Industrial Development Corporation, and Karma TENZING, Officer on Special Duty with the Ministry of Trade.

8. The Secretary deplored the fact that, in Bhutan, unlike in most developing countries, statistical data were scarce and assured the team that all their questions would be answered promptly. He emphasized very strongly that the cost of transport of export goods was so prohibitive in Bhutan that they could not compete with Indian goods on the Indian market and that the cost of transport was the only cost that could be reduced. As an example, the cost of transport in Bhutan per ton-Km is 3.6 times that of transport in the Indian plain. Gasoline consumption, for example, is of 140 liters on a 180 km. run due to the altitude, curves and frequent stops at meeting oncoming trucks. The high cost of transport in Bhutan is further aggravated by the fact that road distances average 2.5 to 3 times

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the distances as the crow flies. The Secretary also stressed the fact that the construction of a ropeway between Chuka Dzong and the Indian border, as a beginning, would have many advantages, one of them being the reduction of trucks and manpower required for the maintenance of roads, and would consist essentially in the creation of a transport infrastructure and not a business operation. This last point should be kept in mind where transport in Bhutan is concerned.

9. In the afternoon of 20 November, the team went to investigate two sites where one-span gravity ropeways are planned for the transfer of timber <sup>the</sup> from/side of the valley to the other, cutting transport by some fifty kilometers

10. The team then proceeded to Paro, in order to visit timber logging operations. They returned to Thimpu on 21 November.

11. On 22 November, the team flew by a helicopter of the Indian Air Force from Thimpu to Phuntsholing in order to identify an alignment for the future ropeway. Two different routes were studied.

12. On 23 November, the helicopter again took the team to the indian border and two more alignments were identified. During the two flights, it was found that the maps were inaccurate or wrong and the valley sides too

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steep to accomodate a ropeway. Even in Southern Bhutan, the Himalayan foot-hills are as high as the highest Alpine peaks.

13. More meetings were held on 23 and 24 November in order to obtain data that had been unavailable until then. On Saturday, 25 November, a last meeting was held between Dasho OM PRADHAN, Messrs. Khandu WANGCHUK, Mr. Karma TENZING and the United Nations Team. The Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Forests, again emphasized the necessity for an alternative to road transport for the transport of export goods. The setting-up of industries in Bhutan has proved uneconomical on account of the uneconomic features of the road. For example, limestone of a suitable quality is present at Tala in an appreciable quantity, but its transport by road would be uneconomical. Sawmills in Bhutan are working at half capacity. And yet huge stockpiles of timber can be seen around the country, the reason for it being the lack of transport. The market for timber is huge in India and Bangladesh (railway sleepers). It is felt that if a ropeway existed, timber exports could be doubled immediately.


Other goods susceptible to be transported by the ropeway would be the bitumen required for paving the road from Thimpu to Tashigang in Eastern Bhutan.

The existence of a ropeway would also avoid the bottlenecks, the effects of the monsoon and the landslides.

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14. Sunday, November 26, was employed negotiating the road from Thimpu to Phuntsoling. Next day, after travelling by car to Bagdogra and by plane to Calcutta, the team had consultations with the President and Chief-Engineer of the most important Indian company specialized in the design and fabrication of ropeways, USHA BRECO, in order to obtain fabrication and erection prices for the cables, towers, stations and all the ancillary equipment that would be required between Chuka and the Indian border.

15. The team left India on November 27 with all the data required for a rough assessment of the feasibility of a ropeway between Chuka Dzong and the Indian border. This pre-feasibility study has already been submitted to DTCD and is being studied by the undersigned.

  
Pierre A. Beckerich  
Technical Adviser, CNRET



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FOR TRANSIT PERMIT AAA PIERRE BECKERICH BBB CANADIAN CCC PASSPORT

ZL 06635 DDD ISSUANCE 27 JUNE 1977 EEE EXPIRY 27 JUNE 1981.

BECKERICH ARRIVING NEW DELHI FOURTEENTH NOVEMBER AIR INDIA FLIGHT

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cc. Mr. Marshall DC-1230  
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M. T. Nyuk

Send copy to Mr. Marshall

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DP-1057 TSIEN INFO BASU YOUR DP-843 PROJECT NUMBER FOR  
ROPEWAY CONSULTANCY MISSION BHU/78/005 TO BE FINANCED OUT  
OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES FUND AMOUNTING DOLLARS 7,300.  
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BEING FINANCED BY UNOTC MAKING NO REPEAT NO PROVISION  
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CABLE THEIR ETA INCLUDING PASSPORT PARTICULARS ULLMANN  
FOR OBTAINING TRANSIT PERMIT(HUYSER)  
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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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POST BOX NO. 136

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9 November 1978

Reference: BHU/78/005(01)

Dear KK,

BHU/78/005 - Chuka-Phuntsholing Ropeway Feasibility Study

I confirm having sent the following cable to you today:

"TSIEN INFO BASU YOUR DP-843 PROJECT NUMBER FOR ROPEWAY CONSULTANCY MISSION BHU/78/005 TO BE FINANCED OUT OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES FUND AMOUNTING DOLLARS 7,300. POUCHING DRAFT PA DOCUMENT FOR COMMENTS. SINCE BECKERICH BEING FINANCED BY UNOTC MAKING NO REPEAT NO PROVISION IN PROPOSED PA BUDGET FOR HIS VISIT BHUTAN. PLEASE CABLE THEIR ETA INCLUDING PASSPORT PARTICULARS ULLMANN FOR OBTAINING TRANSIT PERMITS."

In preparing the budget for the PA mission we have taken the following factors into account:

- DSA at the rate of US\$45 for 21 days for one consultant	US\$ 945
- Consultancy fee at the rate of US\$150 for 21 days	3,150
- Air travel - Geneva/New Delhi/Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta/New Delhi/New York/Geneva	2,700
	<u>US\$6,795 or 6,800</u>

The PA budget includes \$200 for internal travel and \$300 for miscellaneous (including preparation of report by the consultant).

We propose to finance this PA mission out of the Land-Locked Countries Fund for which \$20,000 has been allocated for Bhutan.

On receipt of your clearance to the enclosed draft document I shall sign it on behalf of UNDP and distribute copies to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

*J.P. Huyser*  
J.P. Huyser  
Resident Representative

Mr. K.K. Tsien  
Chief, Division I  
Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific  
UNDP, New York

cc: Mr. R.K. Basu, UNOTC, New York, together with a copy of the PA document for comments, if any, by cable.



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Project of the Royal Government of

BHUTAN

Preparatory Assistance Document

Title:	Chuka-Phuntsholing Ropeway Feasibility Study	Proposed starting date of preparatory assistance:	November 1978
Number:	BHU/78/005/A/45/01		
Sector: (Government classification)	Transport	(UNDP classification and code):	Transport and Communications (75)
Sub-sector: (Government classification)	Transport by Land	(UNDP classification and code):	Transport by Land (7520)
Government Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Forests		
Executing Agency:	United Nations Office of Technical Co-operation (UNOTC)		
Government inputs:	Nil	UNDP inputs:	US\$7,300

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
on behalf of the United Nations  
Development Programme

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

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Country: BHUTAN  
Project Title: Chuka-Phuntsholing Ropeway Feasibility Study  
Number: BHU/78/005/A/45/01

The Royal Government of Bhutan is interested in carrying out a feasibility study for the establishment of a ropeway from Chuka (Headquarters of the Indo-Bhutan Hydro-Electric Power Project on the national highway) to Phuntsholing (Indo-Bhutan border town). The road distance between the two places is approximately 100 kms.

The proposed ropeway is expected to be used for transporting downward logs and horticultural products from Chuka and the surrounding areas to Panna (a border town of Bhutan near Phuntsholing) and transport upward foodstuffs and other supplies from the border towns. This will reduce heavy vehicular traffic on the national highways from Phuntsholing to Thimphu which is constantly on the increase due to high tempo of development activity in the country. It is believed that after a few years the present road will not be in a position to cope with the vehicular traffic and hence the desirability of establishing a ropeway.

The purpose of this preparatory assistance activity is to recruit a short-term consultant to visit Bhutan for approximately three weeks for aerial survey of the proposed route for the ropeway and determine the economic feasibility of such a project proposal.

The consultant will be accompanied by a UNOTC Regional Technical Adviser to be financed by the United Nations out of its Regular Programme Funds. The technical adviser will be more concerned with the economic aspects of the ropeway study. Both will jointly submit a report on the findings of their mission for UNDP/GOB consideration for carrying out a full pre-feasibility study in due course.



PREPARATORY BUDGET COVERING UNDP CONTRIBUTION

(in U.S. Dollars)

Country: BHUTAN

Project Title: Chuka-Phuntsholing Ropeway Feasibility Study

Number: BHU/78/005/A/45/01

	<u>TOTAL</u> Amount	<u>1978</u> Amount
10. <u>PROJECT PERSONNEL</u>		
11. <u>Experts</u>		
11.01 Consultant on Ropeways	6,800	6,800
15. Internal Travel	200	200
19. Component Total	7,000	7,000
59. Miscellaneous	300	300
99. GRAND TOTAL	7,300	7,300
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cl: Mr. Ditchburn

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**ORIGINAL DIRECT**  
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cc: Mr. Beckerich

Mr. Marc Pasquet, Executive Officer  
Department of Technical Co-operation for Development

26 October 1978

TE 341/1 BHUTAN

Mr. T.M. Shrestha, Officer-in-Charge  
Asia and Pacific Branch, TCD

U Tin Nyunt, Chief  
West and South East Asia Section, APB/TCD

**RECORDS CONTROL**

Request for Travel - Mr. Pierre Beckerich

**OCT 27 1978**

Name: Mr. Pierre Beckerich

Level: L-6

Title: Senior Technical Adviser, CNRET

Nationality: Canadian

Payroll Index No.: 057360

Room: DC-732

Ext.: 8572

Itinerary: New York/New Delhi/Calcutta/Bagdogra/Calcutta/Darjeeling/Thimphu\*/Darjeeling/  
Calcutta/New York.

Duration: Three weeks.

Departure Date: 2 November 1978

Purpose: To undertake a mission jointly with a consultant specialized in the economics of ropeway to make a prefeasibility study of a ropeway for the transport of timber and agricultural produce. Please see attached a copy of cable from the Resident Representative in India and a copy of a cable from Mr. K.K. Tsien.

Estimated Cost:

Economy Air Ticket (including excess luggage)	\$3,412.00
DSA (3 weeks in Thimphu)	903.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,315.00</b>

Mr. Beckerich requests that 80% of DSA be paid to him prior to his departure.

Cost chargeable to Interregional Special Advisory Services Project, INT/78/R05.

\*Travel from Darjeeling to Thimphu will be by land transportation.



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SION BHU/78/005 PRIMO TARS CONTACTING ULLMANN BY PHONE. SECUNDO  
GRATEFUL INCREASE PROJECT BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: AAA FEES (3 WEEKS DLRS  
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DARJEELING GENEVA) DLRS 1,300 CCC ROUNDTrip DARJEELING/THIMPU/DAR-  
JEELING BY CAR ESTIMATED DLRS 400. DDD DSA 3 WEEKS THIMPU DLRS  
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Mr. D. Argyriades, Recruitment Officer  
TARS, Office of Personnel Services

13 November 1978

U Tin Nyunt, Chief  
West and South East Asia Section, APB/TCD

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RECORDS CONTROL

BHUTAN - Ropeway Project

NOV 16 1978

- Recruitment of Mr. Frederic ULLMANN

1. Apropos our telephone conversation, I shall appreciate it very much if you would kindly telephone Mr. Frederic Ullmann, ropeway expert, to proceed to Thimphu, Bhutan, for a period of three weeks to undertake a feasibility study for a ropeway project, in co-operation with Mr. Pierre Beckerich, Sr. Technical Adviser, CNRET.

2. Mr. Ullmann may be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Business: 011-41-22-98-66-11

Home: 022-48-70-02

..... Copy of Mr. Ullmann's CV is attached for your ready reference.

..... 3. Please see attached copies of cables from the Resident Representative in India and Mr. K. K. Tsien of UNDP Headquarters.

4. In view of the urgency of the matter, Mr. K. K. Tsien has requested that we should proceed with the recruitment of Mr. Ullmann on an URGENT basis and that he has given me assurance that the financial authorization is forthcoming.



ORIGINAL DIRECT

Mr. T.M. Shrestha, Chief  
Pacific and Regional Projects Section, TCD

7 November 1978

Mr. Norbert Falzon, Assistant Director in charge  
of Transport and Cartography Branch, CNRET

Jan Mikolaj, Chief, Transport Section  
Transport and Cartography Branch, CNRET

TE 3411 BHUTAN  
RECORDS CONTROL

Mr. Pierre Beckerich's Mission to Bhutan

NOV 8 1978

1. Our Senior Technical Adviser, Mr. Pierre A. Beckerich, will be leaving this coming Saturday for Bhutan where he will be conducting a pre-feasibility study of ropeways for the transport of timber at the request of Mr. Haysler, Resident Representative in India.
2. In view of the progressive decentralisation of the transport projects to the Economic Commissions, it would be very useful if Mr. Beckerich could brief the staff responsible for transport at ESCAP on the Bhutan project as well as on all current transport projects monitored from Headquarters.
3. This slight deviation of his proposed itinerary should not present an appreciable increase to his present mission costs as we would ask him to limit his stop-over in Bangkok to three working days.
4. In view of the emergency, I should appreciate your early concurrence regarding this stop-over.



cc: Mr. Arguadez & Mr. Terrence Jones  
26/10  
Jones 4907

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OCT 30 1978

ATT. MR. BECKERICH

BHUTAN: DELEGATION OF ROPEWAY EXPERT FOR APPRAISAL MISSION

WE CONFIRM THAT WE CAN DELEGATE EITHER MR. F. ULLMANN OR MR.  
J. MAIER FOR THIS MISSION OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS STARTING  
BETWEEN NOVEMBER 6 AND 13, 1978. WE PROPOSE TO APPLY THE  
WORLD BANK RATE FOR EXPERTS OF 8000 DOLLARS PER MONTH,  
CORRESPONDING TO 363 DOLLARS PER WORKING DAY. TRAVEL AND  
SUBSISTENCE COSTS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

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18 August 1978

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Mr. Leon Tabah, Director  
Population Division

Mr. Simon Goldberg, Director  
Statistical Office

FROM: R. K. Basu, Deputy Director  
Asia and Pacific Branch, TCD

SUBJECT: BHUTAN - Country Programme Management Plan

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1. Attached is a copy of the Bhutan Country Programme Management Plan dated 18 July 1978 from Mr. Huyser, Resident Representative in Bhutan, for your information and review.

2. It would be appreciated if you could offer any comments or suggestions before 5 September 1978.



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Bhutan: Slate Mining (see enclosed)

Dear Mr. Nyunt

Further to our discussion in New York now that I am going to Nepal for three months and not for the scheduled five months, I should be able to spend a fortnight in Bhutan.

The idea at the time was to save air fares for a special visit and to combine it with the Nepal mission. Then I thought it may be too tight as I have other commitments in April. <sup>1976</sup> However as the present mission is 2 months less than originally planned, I could spend two weeks in Bhutan, preferably at a convenient spell during my *stay* spell in Nepal.

As our project in Nepal is terminating a discussion with the Res. Rep. in Delhi, Mr. Polgar would be timely. Perhaps an official two days stopover enroute in India can be authorized preferably before I make my booking to Kathmandu as I intend to fly straight to Nepal.

At the same time kindly authorize prepayment for 10 kgs accompanied excess baggage for professional books and documents essential to the Nepal Stone project, additional to my entitlements i.e. the issue of an M.C.O. for 20 kgs. *Anna, please arrange for it.*

With best regards,

Cordially,

*Asher Shadmon*  
A. Shadmon

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FROM:  
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Geoffrey Robson, Chief  
Minerals Section, EDB/CHGT

BHUTAN: Slate Mining

SUBJECT:  
OBJET:

1. Please refer to the letter of Mr. Roger Folger, UNDP Resident Representative in New Delhi, to Miss Albuquerque dated 27 January 1976 on the above subject.

2. The technical advisory mission proposed would only be fully effective if it were undertaken by a specialist consultant in stone resources. In this respect, we would draw your attention to the presence in Nepal of Mr. Asher Shadmon, Stone Technologist (NEP/74/009 Stone Development project).

3. Mr. Shadmon has carried out United Nations consultancy missions in stone resources development in a number of countries and would be able to provide sound advice to Bhutan in development of its slate deposits. This expert will be in Nepal until 15 March 1976, but is scheduled to return to Kathmandu for a further five-month assignment in the last quarter of 1976.

4. It is possible that Mr. Shadmon would be able to accommodate a one-month mission to Bhutan before his second assignment in Nepal. This would, of course, depend on funding being made available. In this respect, it is recommended that OTC consider the possibility of one man-month of consultant services being provided from the interregional advisory budget for 1976.

cc: Mr. John Ditchburn



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Dear Ms Albuquerque,

The Royal Government has requested me to explore the possibility of obtaining advisory services in connection with improvement of slate mining project.

Bhutan, as you know, is a mountainous country having good deposits of slate in Wangdiphodrang (which is about 60 kilometres from Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan). The geological data regarding the slate deposits have been collected by the Geological Survey of India (Bhutan Circle). The mining operations have been started by the local people, but these proved very expensive because of lack of scientific know-how in mining and processing and heavy transportation cost.

The technical adviser requested will study the slate mining being carried out indigenously and will prepare a project for specific assistance in improving mining operations and in processing of mined slate with the use of modern machinery and equipment. The project will also suggest ways and means of reducing transportation cost of processed slate from the plant area to the nearest road head which is at a distance of 23 kilometres.

The processed slate has a ready market in Bhutan since it can be used for roofing as a substitute of CGI sheets which Bhutan imports in substantial quantity from India.

I should be grateful if you would let me know at your early convenience whether it is possible for OTC to send one of its regional and/or inter-regional advisers to Bhutan for one to two weeks to study the above proposal and advise the Royal Government on follow-up actions. I must, however, say that there is no possibility of financing any major project in this field from UNDP resources, since the number of priority project proposals which are at various stages of processing at UNDP/Agencies Headquarters would practically consume the whole of IPF for the next programming cycle (1977-1981). On the other hand, the proposed regional/inter-regional adviser could perhaps suggest to the Royal Government possibilities of assistance from other bilateral or multilateral sources.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

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Ms Sheila Albuquerque  
Chief, West & South Asia Section  
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R. Hanrahan, Acting Senior Administrative Officer  
for Technical Co-operation Finance Matters, DAFO/ESA

Final Project Revisions - DHU/74/013/C and BHU/75/004/B

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1. Please refer to the attached copy of a letter of 11 August 1977 from Mr. Polgar to Mr. Goodkind.

2. We have accepted the BHU/75/004/B revision and will close the project accounts accordingly. In the case of BHU/74/013/C, the year of expenditures has been corrected to read 1975 rather than 1976. If you agree with this corrected revision, please arrange to have it approved and forward to us a fully signed copy.

3. We will appreciate if you will communicate with Mr. Polgar on the matter.



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cc: Mr. Robson

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Mr. W. Iversen, Officer-in-Charge  
Asia and Pacific Branch, OTC

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U Tin Nyunt, Officer-in-Charge  
West and South East Asia Section, APB/OTC

Regular Programme - Proposal for 1977

1. The Government of Bhutan, through the Resident Representative in India, has requested the services of an expert to study the slate mining being carried out indigenously and to prepare a project for specific assistance in improving mining operations and in processing of mined slate with the use of modern machinery and equipment. The project will also suggest ways and means of reducing transportation cost of processed slate from the plant area to the nearest road head which is at a distance of 23 kilometres.

2. Mr. Robson, Chief, Minerals Section, EMDB/CNRET suggested that Mr. Asher Shadmon, Stone Technologist (NEP/74/009 Stone Development project) would be a suitable expert for this job and recommended a one man-month of consultant services using the interregional advisory budget for 1976.

3. I explored the possibility of utilizing the interregional advisory budget with Mr. Ditchburn; however, I was advised that the interregional budget could only be used for the payment of travel and per diem of experts and not for the payment of salary of experts.

4. When Mr. Shadmon visited New York in June 1976 after completing his first assignment in Nepal, I discussed with him the possibility of the Government of Nepal's readiness to release him for a period of 2 - 4 weeks during his projected second assignment in Nepal beginning in October to render his services to the Government of Bhutan, and on condition that his salary will continue to be charged to Nepal's IPF. Mr. Shadmon replied in the negative.

5. I also discussed this possibility with Mr. Lockwood, Assistant Resident Representative in Nepal, who is presently in New York. He confirmed that there is no possibility.

6. Under the circumstances, I would like to propose the inclusion of one-month assignment of Mr. Shadmon in Bhutan in the 1977 Regular Programme to render assistance to the Government of Bhutan in slate mining project.



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cc: MR ROBSON  
MR DITCHBURN

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TE 311/1 BHUTAN  
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Dear Mr. Coleman,

Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit

Please refer to your letter No. TE 311/1 BHUTAN of 2 July 1976 concerning the question of providing an expert in slate mining for the above project.

.. As you will note from page 3 of the attached Special Report No. 50 prepared by Mr. V.E. Kolchin upon his return from Thimphu, the Royal Government of Bhutan has given second priority to this project. You may therefore wish to ascertain the availability of Mr. Asher Shadmon in October 1976 on the clear understanding that no IPF allocation would be possible from Bhutan Country Programme.

If Mr. Shadmon becomes available on the terms specified in your letter of 3 June 1976, please write to us well in advance informing us of his availability dates and forward his bio-data for obtaining clearance from GOB authorities.

Please note that the Indian authorities need about 8 weeks notice to issue transit permits to foreigners visiting Bhutan.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

Mr. H.B. Coleman  
Officer-in-Charge  
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9 July 1976

SPECIAL REPORT NO. 50  
MINUTE OF DISCUSSIONS HELD DURING  
VISIT TO THIMPHU, BHUTAN  
21 TO 29 JUNE, 1976

OBJECTIVES:

1. The objectives of visit to Thimphu were:

- a) to discuss industrial problems in Bhutan with those primarily concerned with formulating policies in this field;
- b) to discuss with governmental officials concerned the possible UNIDO assistance under the Regular Programme of Technical Assistance for the Least Developed Countries;
- c) to discuss new project proposals for UNIDO assistance presented by the delegation of the Royal Government of Bhutan at the Fifth Regional Seminar on UNIDO Operations held in New Delhi on 19-30 January 1976; and
- d) to have preliminary discussions on a set of project proposals received from UNIDO/Vienna.

Matters covered

2. Discussions were held with officials whose names appear in the attached annex. The results of these discussions may be summarised as follows:

a) UNDP Country Programme

The present status of three UNDP/UNIDO operational projects in Bhutan is as follows:

BHU/72/005 Technical Assistance to the Automobile  
Repair Workshop Department

The project was to be completed by end 1975. However, some equipment items (\$96,199) and four fellowships have yet to be delivered. Among the equipment to be delivered are 4 units of voltage stabiliser which are urgently required to prevent damage to costly equipment due to excessive voltage fluctuations. Necessary provision for these voltage stabilizers has been made in the "C" budget which has since been cleared by headquarters. 1976 expenditure ceiling is \$158,019).



BHU/75/003 Accelerated Programme for Establishment  
and Development of Government Workshops

1976 expenditure ceiling is \$164,800 which includes 12 months for PM (Mr. Bauer), 7 months for Diesel and Electric System expert, 6 months for Mechanical Engineer (Mr. Schroeder) and \$64,000 for equipment. Messrs. Bauer and Schroeder are in position, their present contracts expire 31 December and 4 September 1976 respectively. Mr. Mueller was assigned under BHU/72/005 for three months, but his continuation under BHU/75/003 was not agreed to by the Government of Bhutan. Fresh nominations are still awaited from UNIDO.

GOB may request extension of Mr. Schroeder's contract for three months beyond 4 September 1976. Their formal decision is to be obtained. As regards Mr. Bauer's extension, in view of a new agreement between GOB and GOI regarding foreign experts assignments GOB is not likely to agree to his stay in Bhutan beyond 31 December 1976. However, this matter was raised again with GOB and their formal decision on the matter will be communicated shortly.

There is considerable progress on completion of new workshops. However, the problem of staffing them with qualified personnel has assumed importance, particularly because the standard of technical know-how of the first batch of 25 young mechanics trained at Don Bosco School (BHU/73/002), as per the Work Programme of the Project and which have since joined the project for on-the-job training at different workshops in Bhutan, is found to be too low. In order to fulfill the future requirements of qualified and skilled technicians in Bhutan having the sound basic technical knowledge, the Government of Bhutan should apply UNDP New Delhi to get at least 4 more qualified technical instructors, most probably from ILO, so that after a few years Don Bosco Technical School should be in a position to feed the country's requirements of skilled hands. However, during the intervening period of 3-5 years, the country's technical manpower problem can be solved by on-the-job training of nationals by the international experts procured either from the Colombo Plan countries or from UN agencies.

BHU/75/002 Establishment of a Central Store  
for Spares at Phuntsholing

Total inputs \$288,000 of which \$250,000 is for equipment financed under Special Measures for Least Developed Countries Programme. Project was approved in January 1976. Specifications of equipment already sent to UNIDO and purchase orders are being finalized. UNIDO yet to submit suitable nomination for Expert in Storage/Supply of Spares.

A revised budget "C" which merely reflect rephrasing of inputs was submitted to UNIDO on 6 April 1976. Its clearance is still awaited.



b) New project proposals

During Regional Seminar on UNIDO Operations held in New Delhi in January 1976 following six new project proposals for UNIDO assistance presented by the delegation of the Royal Government of Bhutan were discussed:

- 1) Establishment of a Marble Processing Unit;
- 2) Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit;
- 3) Pilot Plant for Processing of Essential Oils such as Lemon Grass Oil and Pine Oil;
- 4) Establishment of a Pilot Plant for Exploitation and upgrading of Graphite;
- 5) Pilot Plant for Plywood Manufacture; and
- 6) Establishment of a Small-Scale Animal Feed Manufacturing Unit.

During Mr. Polgar's visit to Bhutan in April 1976, the Royal Government officials reaffirmed their interest in seeking UNIDO assistance for the above projects except that at No.6 against which a new proposal for a Mobile Plant for Fabrication of Plastic Pipes was mentioned.

Since the Least Developed Countries Section of UNIDO has expressed its willingness to consider the above projects within its programme of work and has indicated that some of them could be financed under SIS programme for LDC and Voluntary Contributions the priorities of the above proposals were discussed with concerned GOB officials. The results of this discussion may be summarized as follows:

- (a) The Government representatives have agreed in principle that the first priorities would be given to such project proposals as Establishment of a Pilot Plant for Processing Essential Oils and Setting up a Pilot Plant for Plywood manufacture due to availability of raw materials, potential market abroad and availability of some skills in these fields. As far as Mobile Plant for Fabrication of Plastics Pipes is concerned although GOB accords this proposal a high priority, they would like to obtain some basic technical information concerning number of operators to run a mobile unit, production capacity of the unit, dimensions and density of pipes, carrying capacity of vehicles, number of vehicles, consumption of raw materials and fuel per 1 ton of pipes, photographs of the unit etc.



- (b) The Government representatives indicated that the second priority would be given to Establishment of a Marble Processing Unit, Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit and Establishment of a Pilot Plant for Exploitation and Upgrading of Graphite.
- (c) It was indicated that the above projects will be implemented in two phases: the first phase may be financed under SIS programme for LDC and will include preparatory assistance activities. The second phase of the projects may be financed from UNIDO Voluntary Contribution Fund or from any other funds available to UNIDO and will be implemented in accordance with the Work Plans of the project documents which would be prepared by experts during their preparatory assistance missions.
- (d) It was agreed that project data sheets will be prepared in consultations with GOB officials and will be officially submitted by GOB to UNDP/UNIDO for approval probably in the beginning of August.
- (e) Under the UNIDO Regular Programme for the Least Developed Countries a project for setting up a training-cum-production unit at Phuntsholing for utilising sawn wood for making furnishing materials has been considered favourably by UNIDO and they proposed sending Mr. Borretti for a two-week mission in order to make a detailed assessment of the demand of the various products, the local skills available, and on the basis of this assessment determine the actual needs of the project and prepare a viable PD. Mr. Borretti's visit after 25/3 was cleared by GOB in January 1976. Although Mr. Borretti is available, his transit permit, is yet to be issued by GOI. GOB was requested for assistance to expedite issuance of transit permit for Mr. Borretti.
- (f) A complete set of project proposals received from UNIDO/Vienna which are presented irrespective of sources of finance and timing, covering a number of industrial sectors were briefly discussed. It was agreed that the detail discussion of the above project proposals will be arrange with GOB officials concerned during visit to Thimphu in September 1976.



Date of next visit:

The next routine visit by SIDFA is provisionally planned for mid-September 1976.

V. Kolchin  
Senior Industrial Development  
Field Adviser (UNIDO)

New Delhi  
9 July, 1976

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Annexe 1

List of persons with whom discussions were held during visit to Bhutan.

His Majesty's Government

1. HRH Lyonpo Namgyel Wangchuk, Minister for Trade, Industry and Forest.
2. HE Lyonpo Chogyal, Finance Minister
3. Mr. Om Pradhan, Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Forest
4. Mr. Rinchen Dorji, Director of Industries
5. Mr. Dasho C. Dorji, Director of Forest Department
6. Mr. Dasho Pema Wangchuck, Director of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
7. Mr. D.K. Chhetri, Deputy Director (Foreign Aid), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

International Personnel

1. Mr. Bauer, UNIDO Project Manager
2. Mr. Schroeder, UNIDO Expert
3. Mr. Clare, ILO Expert



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cc: Mr. Ditchburn  
Mr. Robson

ORIGINAL DIRECTOR

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TE 311/1 BHUTAN

Dear Mr. Polgar,

Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 19 July 1976 concerning the proposal to have an expert in slate mining for the Government of Bhutan. We see that this project has been given second priority.

If it develops that Mr. Asher Shadmon would be available about October, or later, we shall endeavour to make the submission in time for the eight weeks wait required by Indian authorities in the issuance of transit permits to foreigners visiting Bhutan.

We note too that no IPF allocation would be possible from the Bhutan Country Programme.

Yours sincerely,

H.B. Coleman  
Officer-in-Charge  
West and South East Asia Section  
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Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. Roger Polgar  
UNDP Resident Representative  
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cc: Mr. Ditchburn  
Mr. Robson

TE 311/1 BHUTAN

2 July 1976

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Dear Mr. Kaufman,

Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 1976 concerning the question of providing an expert in slate mining for the Government of Bhutan. We look forward to hearing from you again in due course about UNIDO's interest and Mr. V. E. Kolchin's mission, as well as your keeping us generally informed about Mr. Asher Shadmon's availability and other developments.

Yours sincerely,

H. B. Coleman  
Officer-in-Charge  
West and South East Asia Section  
Asia and Pacific Branch  
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Mr. Henry Kaufman  
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Dear U Nyunt,

Establishment of a Slate Processing Unit

Thank you for your letter No. TE 311/1 BHUT of 3 June 1976 informing us of the possible availability of the services of a slate mining expert towards the end of this year.

I wish to inform you that this project proposal is one of the several project proposals under UNIDO's consideration for possible technical assistance required by the least developed countries which would assist them in accelerating their own industrialization process. Mr. V.E. Kolchin, SIDFA, who is presently in Bhutan on a short official visit, will discuss this project proposal with the Bhutanese authorities and I shall write to you again about the outcome of his mission to Bhutan and UNIDO's final reaction in the matter.

Moreover, the availability or otherwise of the services of Mr. Asher Shadmon would be known only in October 1976 after his return to Nepal. We would have by then known UNIDO's final decision on financing this project proposal. We shall keep you informed of further developments in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Henry Kaufman*

Henry Kaufman  
Resident Representative a.i.

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*cc (Mr. Fitchburn  
Mr. Robson  
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Dear Mr. Polgar,

Mobile Training Scheme for Bhutan

You may be aware that since 1974, ESCAP has established a Mobile Training Scheme with financial assistance from the UN Office of Technical Co-operation, in response to General Assembly resolution 2564 (XXIV) which recommended that special assistance be provided to the land-locked and least developed among the developing countries. The basic purpose of the project is to assist land-locked and least developed countries in the region in the training of national developmental cadres engaged in front-line and supervisory tasks in the field of social welfare, community development, local self-government, co-operatives and youth development, by utilizing new training approaches and methodologies suited to the conditions of the countries concerned.

In preparation for the Scheme, a three-member mission was mounted by ESCAP which visited Afghanistan, Nepal and India from 20 December 1972 to 16 January 1973. The purpose of the mission was to determine more specifically the needs of those countries in the above fields and to ascertain in some neighbouring countries their interest in assisting in the scheme, such as through the provision of special training programmes in existing training institutions. For easy reference, I am enclosing a copy of the mission report.

During the mission's visit to New Delhi, discussions on the proposed project were held with selected officers of your office, government departments and research and training institutions. One of the major purposes of the New Delhi visit was also to explore the interest of the Government of Bhutan, if any, in the proposed scheme. For this purpose, some contact was made with the Royal Bhutan Mission at New Delhi.

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Mr. Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative of the  
United Nations Development Programme  
in India  
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3 June 1976



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Bhutan was unable to send a representative to meet the team at Delhi, but indicated that they had no interest in training front-line and supervisory level personnel at that time.

After the approval of the project by OTC at the request of the Government of Nepal, the MTS team consisting of three international experts moved into that country in 1974 and completed its assignment in November 1975. The team has been working in Afghanistan since December 1975, and intends to finish its work there in September 1976.

During the first session of the Committee on Social Development (30 July - 5 August 1975), when a progress report on the achievements of the MTS in Nepal was considered, the representative of Bhutan conveyed his Government's interest in obtaining the services of the MTS team for launching similar training programmes in his country. Similar interest was expressed by the representative of Bangladesh. The Committee recommended the inclusion of the two countries in MTS and OTC agreed in principle to provide additional funds for that purpose. Since it is most unlikely that Laos will be ready by September to receive the MTS as originally planned, we have decided to give priority to Bhutan in utilizing the services of the Mobile Training team, if the Government so requests.

I will, therefore, be most grateful if you could approach the Government of Bhutan on an urgent basis with a view to obtaining official confirmation of their interest in the MTS services, starting October 1976. After such confirmation has been secured, it is proposed to send a preparatory mission to Bhutan towards the end of July in order to assist the Government in undertaking the necessary preparations for the assignment of the team.

Four copies of the MTS project document as originally approved by UN/OTC are enclosed for your information. One or more copies may be forwarded to the Government of Bhutan for their perusal. Based on our experience in Nepal and Afghanistan, we are proposing a budget of approximately US\$48,000 for the operation of the programme in Bhutan during a period of about eight months in addition to the experts' costs. This amount is, of course, subject to OTC's final approval.

As the MTS activities after Afghanistan must be planned and finalized with a minimum of delay, I should greatly appreciate your obtaining the views of the Government of Bhutan as soon as is feasible. Meanwhile, we will be glad to provide any additional information on the MTS to the Government of Bhutan, if required.

Thank you for your kind co-operation in this project.

Yours sincerely,

J.B.P. Maramis  
Executive Secretary

cc: Mr. M. Cosio  
Mr. S. Ghazarbekian  
Mr. Findley Burns, Jr., UN/OTC

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cc: Mr. John Ditchburn ✓  
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Dear Mr. Polgar,

I am replying belatedly to your letter Ref. ORG 130/1 (UNRPNRE) BHU dated 27 January 1976 regarding the request of the Government of Bhutan for the services of an expert on slate mining.

As there are no technical advisers in UN Headquarters in this particular field, I have been exploring the possibility of utilizing the interregional advisory budget to engage a suitable consultant. However, I have been advised that interregional budget is limited to the payment of travel and per diem of experts and not meant for payment of salary.

Accordingly, I am looking for some expert in the field who will be able to visit Bhutan from the country of his present assignment, provided the Government of that country is agreeable to release the expert for about one to two weeks and to continue to pay the salary of that expert from their IPF.

According to information we have, Mr. Asher Shadmon, Stone Technologist, has completed his first assignment in Nepal in March 1976 but is scheduled to return to Nepal in October 1976. He would be the suitable expert for the job in Bhutan. However, as his availability will be subject to the agreement of the Government of Nepal to release him for 1-2 weeks, his salary still chargeable to Nepal's IPF, I am thinking of exploring that possibility after the expert's return to Nepal in October 1976. Then I will let you know the result of our efforts.

Yours sincerely,

U Tin Nyunt  
Officer-in-Charge  
West and South East Asia Section  
Asia and Pacific Branch  
Office of Technical Co-operation

Mr. Roger Polgar  
UNDP Resident Representative  
P.O. Box 136  
New Delhi - 110003  
INDIA

*cc Mr Baum*  
*cc Mr Robson*  
*cc Mr Brand*  
*cc U Tin Nyunt*

*The only way at present to finance Mr Shadmon's visit to Bhutan would be to divert him when he is already in the field. However, we cannot pay salary from I-R funds (only diversion travel plus per diem).*

*sent 6/7*

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ORG 130/1 (UNRFRNRE) BHU

Dear Ms Albuquerque,

The Royal Government has requested me to explore the possibility of obtaining advisory services in connection with improvement of slate mining project.

Bhutan, as you know, is a mountainous country having good deposits of slate in Wangdiphodrang (which is about 60 kilometres from Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan). The geological data regarding the slate deposits have been collected by the Geological Survey of India (Bhutan Circle). The mining operations have been started by the local people, but these proved very expensive because of lack of scientific know-how in mining and processing and heavy transportation cost.

The technical adviser requested will study the slate mining being carried out indigenously and will prepare a project for specific assistance in improving mining operations and in processing of mined slate with the use of modern machinery and equipment. The project will also suggest ways and means of reducing transportation cost of processed slate from the plant area to the nearest road head which is at a distance of 23 kilometres.

The processed slate has a ready market in Bhutan since it can be used for roofing as a substitute of CGI sheets which Bhutan imports in substantial quantity from India.

I should be grateful if you would let me know at your early convenience whether it is possible for OTC to send one of its regional and/or inter-regional advisers to Bhutan for one to two weeks to study the above proposal and advise the Royal Government on follow-up actions. I must, however, say that there is no possibility of financing any major project in this field from UNDP resources, since the number of priority project proposals which are at various stages of processing at UNDP/Agencies Headquarters would practically consume the whole of IPF for the next programming cycle (1977-1981). On the other hand, the proposed regional/inter-regional adviser could perhaps suggest to the Royal Government possibilities of assistance from other bilateral or multilateral sources.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Roger Polgar

Resident Representative

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Ms Sheila Albuquerque  
Chief, West & South Asia Section  
Office of Technical Cooperation  
United Nations, New York



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Miss S. M. Albuquerque  
West and South Asia Section, OTC

V. Kandaswamy, Chief  
Technical Co-operation Section  
(Asia, Europe and the Middle East)  
Centre for Housing, Building and Planning

Mr. Hans Gotzman's Mission Report (Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan)

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..... Transmitted herewith is Mr. Hans Gotzman's report covering his recent mission to Nepal, Bhutan, and Afghanistan.

The purpose of Mr. Gotzman's visit to Nepal was to review the status of two active and two pipeline CHBP projects and to assist in their further development and implementations

- 1) NEP/73/013 - Urban Planning
- 2) RAS/73/002 - Master Plan for the Development of Lumbini
- 3) Housing Corporation (pipeline)
- 4) Housing and Building Materials Research (pipeline)

The current status of each project was clarified and the type and schedule of further United Nations assistance were defined. Draft project documents were also prepared for the two pipeline projects. They are now being finalized. A full account of substantive issues is provided in the report.

The joint CHBP/ICAO mission to Bhutan (BHU/75/004) to assess tourism development possibilities with Government officials and complete short take-off and landing operation feasibility studies could, unfortunately, not be undertaken as scheduled. Travel permits to Bhutan were not issued by the Indian Government.

In the case of Afghanistan, Mr. Gotzman made a stop-over visit to review the current status of project AFG/72/002: Organization, Development and Promotion of Tourism; to assist in facilitating its further implementation in specific reference to the recruitment of experts and the finalization of the revised project document; to discuss the future and possible extension of the project and to identify further needs for technical assistance in the field of tourism with specific reference to initiation of two possible new projects: 1. a National tourism development plan, and 2. area development planning of the Bamiyan/Bande Amir region.



As a result of his mission and several meetings with both project staff, UNDP and Government officials, the job descriptions for the expert posts in Accounting and Hotel Management have been revised; new efforts to recruit five associate-level experts have been undertaken; the actual needs of the project for further technical assistance have been defined; and a foundation for the initiation of official Government requests for two new tourism planning and development projects has been laid.

NEPAL / BHUTAN / AFGHANISTAN MISSION REPORT

29 September - 24 October 1975

By

Hans-Jochen Gotzmann

UN/CIBP, New York



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UNDERSTAND INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAS RESERVATIONS AND

CONCERNED OFFICIALS HIMSELF GOING BBUTAN 10/10 TO =

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& cc: Mr. Kandaswamy  
cc: Mr. Kinniburg (UNDP)

R.K. Basu, Chief, PRPS, AMEB, OTC



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HANS GOTZMAN  
C/O UNDEVPRO  
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cc: Mr. Kandaswamy

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

ref. TE 210 (2) ICAO

TO:

Mr. Findley Burns, Jr.  
Director, Office of Technical Cooperation  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Date: 30 September 1975

FILE NO.: BHU/75/004

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: 3614

FROM:

for Carlos S. Vegega *C.S. Vegega*  
Officer-in-Charge  
Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

SUBJECT: BHU/75/004 - Exploratory Mission in the Fields of  
Tourism and Civil Aviation

We are writing with reference to our Resident Representative's letter of 3 September 1975 forwarding a copy of the signed Preparatory Assistance request for the above project. You will be aware that the Executing Agency is described as "United Nations and International Civil Aviation Organization", although the Agency field in the budget number is 01 which is the code for the United Nations. However, ICAO's contribution to this project is six man-months compared with one man-month by UN, and we therefore have changed the Executing Agency to "International Civil Aviation Organization in association with United Nations" and have changed the project number to BHU/75/004/A/01/15 accordingly. This makes no difference to the involvement of the UN in the project and we hope the change is acceptable.

We were pleased to learn that arrangements have been made to field the mission from 16 October 1975 and we look forward to learning of its findings in due course. ||

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*Mrs. Nemeth*

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OURLET 28 JULY AND CABLE 1006 REQUESTING APPROVAL PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE  
BUDGET FOR EXPLORATORY MISSION UN/ICAO SCHEDULED START ONE SEPTEMBER.  
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& cc: Mr. Gotzman (CHBP)

W. Iversen, Acting Chief, PRPS, AMEB, OTM



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*cc: Mr. Lazzarini (DAFO)  
for issuance PSD.*

3 September 1975

Dear Mr. Iversen,

*TE 311/1 BHUT  
X-Ref TE 210(2) ICAO*

Subject: BHU/75/004 - Exploratory Mission in the Fields of  
Tourism and Civil Aviation in Bhutan.

Further to our cable 764, we have since received confirmation of the Royal Government that they would like to have the above exploratory mission, even though they might not request assistance from UNDP in respect of the follow-up projects because of the financial constraints on the IPF for the current as well as the next programming cycle. They would explore possibilities of assistance for the major projects from sources other than UNDP.

.. In view of the above, I have approved the preparatory assistance budget, as authorised by my headquarters, and I attach an official copy of the same for your record.

As regards your comments on terms of reference mentioned in your letter of 28 July 1975, we believe that for the present the mission should concern itself mainly on identifying needs of technical assistance to develop tourism and civil aviation facilities in Bhutan. The feasibility of establishing STOL air services has been included in the mission's terms of reference since there exists in Paro a small airstrip which could be developed to provide landing facilities for small aircrafts. We feel that the more detailed study on potentialities for tourism should form part of the full-scale project which the mission may eventually propose on the basis of its discussions with the concerned officials of the Royal Government. In the light of these considerations, we agree with your view point that the provision made in the preparatory assistance document for a Technical Adviser would be enough.

We expect the mission to prepare two separate reports, one covering the possibilities of developing tourism to be prepared by your Technical Adviser and the other on developing civil aviation. Depending upon the mission's findings, two separate project documents will be prepared. The joint UNOTC/ICAO mission has been proposed since we thought that the two subjects are interrelated and require a co-ordinated approach.

Mr. Wilhelm Iversen  
Physical Resources Projects Section  
Asia and Middle East Branch  
UNOTC, New York

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We have sent a copy of this letter to ICAO so that they may appropriately brief the members of the mission.

We should appreciate it if you would co-ordinate with ICAO a mutually acceptable date for fielding the proposed mission and advise us about the same to enable us to inform the Royal Government accordingly.

You are probably aware that it takes about three weeks for us to obtain the innerline permit for the individuals going to Bhutan. We would therefore request you to send us the passport details, such as passport number, date and place of issue and its validity, of the OTC Technical Adviser at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Polgar', written over a diagonal line.

Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

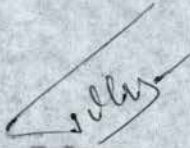


**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Request for Preparatory Assistance from the Royal Government of

**BHUTAN**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Exploratory Mission in the Fields of Tourism and Civil Aviation in Bhutan</b>	<b>Duration of preparatory assistance</b>	<b>Two months</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>BHU/75/004/A/01/01</b>	<b>Starting date of preparatory assistance</b>	<b>1 October 1975</b>
<b>Sector</b>	40 <b>International Trade and</b> 75 <b>Transport and Communications</b>		
<b>Sub-sector</b>	4032 <b>Insurance and Tourism Planning and</b> 7540 <b>Transport by Air</b>		
<b>Government Co-operating Agency</b>	<b>Department of Tourism Ministry of Finance</b>	<b>Executing Agency</b>	<b>United Nations and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</b>
<b>Date of submission</b>	<b>May 1975</b>		
<b>Government Contribution</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>UNDP Contribution</b>	<b>US\$ 21,750</b>

  
**Roger Polgar**  
**Resident Representative**  
**(on behalf of UNDP)**

**Approved**

**Date**

**3 September 1975**



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Country : BHUTAN  
Project Number : BHU/75/004/A/01/01  
Project Title : Exploratory Mission in the Fields of  
Tourism and Civil Aviation in Bhutan

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The purpose of the preparatory activity is to field a joint UNOTC/ICAO mission for a total period of two months consisting of a Technical Adviser in the field of Tourism from the United Nations Office of Technical Co-operation (UNOTC) and three experts in the fields of Short Take-Off and Landing Operations (STOL), Air Transport Economics and Civil Aviation Planning from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in order to undertake the following:

- 1) To discuss with the Royal Government officials their objectives, views and their needs for technical assistance in the fields of Tourism and Civil Aviation;
- 2) To study the feasibility of establishing STOL air services which would include:
  - a) the economical impact of air services covering, in particular, the field of tourism;
  - b) the economic and physical feasibilities for the establishment and development of a STOL air services system including air fields, communications/air navigation aid and other ground services;
  - c) the implications of those plans on capital investments and expenditures, in local and in foreign currency, on the forming of organizations to handle the different aspects of the air services system, and on the manpower development and training;
  - d) the specific fields or items where foreign technical assistance is required; and
- 3) To prepare a report on their findings and, if favourable, to develop a draft project proposal for further assistance.

The mission is expected to start its work from 1 October 1975.



Project Budget Covering UNDP Contribution  
(in U.S. Dollars)

Country : BHUTAN  
Project Number : BHU/75/004/A/01/01  
Project Title : Exploratory Mission in the Fields of  
Tourism and Civil Aviation in Bhutan

	m/m	<u>Total</u> Amount \$	m/m	<u>1975</u> Amount \$
10. <u>PROJECT PERSONNEL</u>				
11 <u>Experts</u>				
11.01 Technical Adviser (Tourism)	1	3,000	1	3,000
11.02 Expert in SPOL	2	6,000	2	6,000
11.03 Air Transport Economist	2	6,000	2	6,000
11.04 Expert (Civil Aviation Planning)	2	6,000	2	6,000
19 Component Total	7	21,000	7	21,000
59 Miscellaneous		750		750
99. GRAND TOTAL		21,750		21,750



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Dr.: J. Neumark  
cc: Mr. Kandaswamy  
cc: Mr. Zezjulin (DAFO)  
cc: Mr. Doerner (for Mr. Gonzales) AS

Mr. William Goodkind, Director  
Departmental Administration and Finance Office, ESA

29 July 1975

TE 311/1 BHUTAN

Mr. S. Gold, Senior Administrative Officer  
Departmental Administration and Finance Office

Nicolas Gleboff, Officer-in-Charge  
of the Office of the Director  
Office of Technical Co-operation, ESA

Request for official travel - Mr. Hans GOTZMAN

Ref. TE 210(2) ICAO

1. It would be appreciated if a travel authorization could be issued covering the following official travel:

Traveller

Name : Mr. Hans GOTZMAN Grade: Level 4  
Functional Title : Technical Adviser  
Division : Centre for Housing, Building and Planning

Itinerary

New York/Frankfurt/New Delhi/Bhutan/New Delhi/Kabul/Frankfurt/New York

Approximate departure date : 28 August 1975

Approximate return date : 13 October 1975

; Duration : Five weeks (not including travel time)

Estimated Costs of travel : Airfare - \$ 2,000

DSA : a) Bhutan  
(30 days at \$39) 1,170

b) Kabul  
(5 days at \$23) 115

Excess baggage 200

Miscellaneous 50

Travel expenses and DSA in Bhutan to be charged to project BHU/75/004,  
budget line 11.01. DSA in Kabul to be charged to project AFG/72/002.

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2. Purpose of travel:

Bhutan: To discuss with the Royal Government officials their objectives, views and needs for technical assistance in the field of tourism, prepare a report on the findings and, if the findings are favorable, to prepare a draft project document for UNDP assistance.

Kabul: To review the progress on the AFG/72/002 project.  
Note: No other expenses are involved in this visit, except to defray the cost of per diem for a period of five days.

3. I would be grateful if you would arrange for the subsistence allowance to be paid to Mr. Gotzman through the Resident Representative in India.



## UNITED NATIONS



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM INTERIEUR

TO: Mr. R.K. Basu, Chief  
A: Physical Resources Projects Section, AMEB, OTC

DATE: 24 July 1975

THROUGH:  
S/C DE:

REFERENCE:

FROM:  
DE:

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Vaidyanathan Kandaswamy, Chief  
Technical Co-operation Section (Asia, Europe and the Middle East)  
Center for Housing, Building and Planning

SUBJECT:  
OBJET:

Joint mission in the fields of Tourism and Civil Aviation  
Bhutan (UN OTC/ICAO)

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*Handwritten: Mrs. Neuma*  
*Handwritten: 12/27*

1. Please refer to your memorandum of 14 July 1975 forwarding a copy of the draft Preparatory Assistance document for the above mission for our review and requesting our comments concerning the contribution of the CHBP Technical Adviser in Tourism and the possibility of fielding a second expert in Physical Planning or Economics.
2. In reference to these issues, please refer to our memorandum of 5 June 1975 in which we outlined two possible alternatives for the conduct of the tourism development portion of the joint mission. (Paragraphs 2. and 5., copy attached).
- .....
3. The scope of the current Preparatory Assistance Document indicates that the first option, i.e. a preliminary reconnaissance mission in tourism, has been adopted. In response, we are prepared to send a Technical Adviser in Tourism for a period of four weeks starting 1 September 1975.
4. The terms of reference for this mission, as specified in the current Document, require the Technical Adviser to discuss tourism development objectives and needs with Government officials and to develop a draft project proposal for UNDP assistance in the field of tourism. Since the Technical Adviser is not expected to conduct a tourism development feasibility study and is himself trained in both physical planning and economics, we consider that (a) a one-month effort on his part is sufficient to satisfy the terms of reference for his mission and (b) that a second expert in either physical planning or economics is not necessary at this time.
5. The terms of reference for the ICAO portion of the mission do call for the completion of a feasibility study for Short Take-Off and Landing Operations and hence require the 6 man-months of effort over a two-month period as indicated in the proposed budget. The fact that the Tourism Adviser will be on site for only one month ought, however, not cause any difficulties in completing the joint mission successfully, for the results of his reconnaissance activities and the results of the SPOL feasibility study can be readily combined to complete either separate or joint final reports and draft project proposals.





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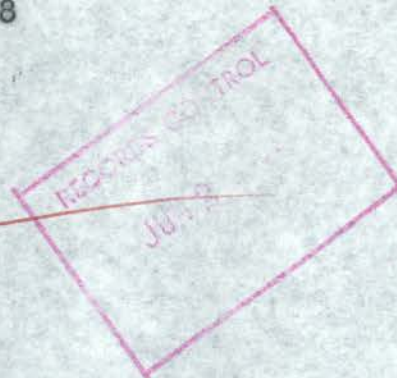
6. In the event (a) the Government wishes to have a second expert to address other matters in either physical planning or economics or (b) the scope of the tourism portion of the mission is expanded to include a full development feasibility study to correspond to the feasibility study being undertaken by ICAO, we would be prepared to assist in the fielding of additional experts as needed. In the case of an expanded tourism development project, the terms of reference and budget would, of course, have to be revised to reflect the expansion in the work programme as outlined in paragraphs 2, 5 and 6 of our previous memorandum of 5 June 1975.



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25 June 1975 J. Neumark *in* 2451-F 4898

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cc: Mr. Kandaswamy (CHBP)

R.K. Basu, Chief, PRPS, AMEB, OTC



Dr.: J. Neumark *m*  
cc: Mr. Kandaswamy (CHBP)

TE 311/1 BHUT

10 June 1975

VIA POUCH

Dear Mr. Polgar,

Subject: Exploratory Mission in the Field of  
Tourism in Bhutan

With reference to your letter of 20 May 1975 regarding the above-mentioned subject, we wish to inform you that we are prepared to schedule a visit of our Special Technical Adviser to start early September 1975 so that it would correspond with the date proposed by ICAO. The duration of this visit would be for a period of approximately three weeks.

The terms of reference of the Special Technical Adviser would be as follows:

- (a) To discuss with the Government officials their objectives, their views on the matter and their needs for technical assistance, and
- (b) To help them in the drafting of a project document for a detailed feasibility study.

It must be made clear to the Government, however, that a one or two-man mission visiting the country for a short time cannot generate, gather and analyze all the fundamental data required to arrive at well substantiated conclusions regarding the feasibilities and possibilities of tourism development in Bhutan. These data will certainly not be readily available as Bhutan is for the first time contemplating breaking ground in the field of tourism and some basic research must be done in various areas of expertise. Therefore, this should at best be considered as a preliminary reconnaissance mission.

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Mr. Roger Polgar  
UNDP Resident Representative  
in India  
21, Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
New Delhi, India



If, however, the Government indicate their preference to have a more detailed study on the potentialities for tourism, it is our view that such a study would be best carried out by a team of experts, which costs could amount to approximately \$53,000.<sup>1/</sup> Should the Government decide in favour of this last alternative, it would then be necessary to earmark this amount in the country programme as a minimum UNDP contribution.

We look forward to hearing from you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

R.K. Basu, Chief  
Physical Resources Projects Section  
Asia and Middle East Branch  
Office of Technical Co-operation

1/ The proposed team of experts would be composed as follows:

Economist Team Leader: 1 month in Bhutan, 0.5 month at home office;  
Marketing Expert: 1 month in the field, 0.25 month at home office;  
Physical Environment and Planning Expert: 1 month in Bhutan, 0.25  
month at home office;  
Financial and Cost Benefit Expert: 0.75 month in Bhutan, 0.25 month  
at home office.





TO: Mr. V.K. Basu, Chief  
A: Physical Resources Projects Section, AMEE, OTC

DATE: 5 June 1975

THROUGH:  
S/C DE:

REFERENCE:

FROM: Vaidyanathan Kandaswamy, Chief  
DE: Technical Co-operation Section (Asia, Europe and the Middle East)  
Center for Housing, Building and Planning

SUBJECT: Buthan - Feasibilities and Possibilities of Tourism Development  
OBJET:

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1. Please refer to Mr. N. Gleboff's memorandum of 23 May 1975 to Mr. P. Mwaluko concerning the request of the Government of Buthan for UNDP assistance in the field of tourism. We endorse the view, that before UNDP takes any decision or commitment in this matter, it would be advisable to field a one or two-man mission, to explore the feasibility and possibilities of tourism development and that, depending upon the mission's recommendations, a project document be prepared and submitted for the Government's consideration.
2. We propose to send our Special Technical Adviser to Buthan with the following terms of reference : (1) to discuss with the Government officials their objectives, their views on the matter and their needs for technical assistance and (2) to help them in the drafting of a project document for a detailed feasibility study. At the same time, it must be made clear that a one or two-man mission visiting the country for a short time cannot generate, gather and analyze all the fundamental data required to arrive at well substantiated conclusions regarding the feasibilities and possibilities of tourism development in Buthan. This data will certainly not be readily available as Buthan is for the first time contemplating breaking ground in the field of tourism and some basic research must be done in various areas of expertise. Therefore this should at best be considered a preliminary reconnaissance mission.
3. Because Buthan is a landlocked country in a mountainous region, with extremely difficult communications with the rest of the world as well as within her borders, Mr. Polgar finds it logical to envisage the development of tourism in conjunction with the development of civil aviation and proposes the fielding of a joint UN/OTC-ICAO or separate mission to look into the feasibility and possibilities of developing tourism in Buthan.
4. According to Mr. Polgar's letter of 20 May 1975 to Mr. K. Watts, ICAO has responded favorably to this proposal. We would be prepared to schedule the visit of our Special Technical Adviser to start early September 1975 so that it would correspond with the date proposed by ICAO. The duration of our adviser's stay in Buthan should amount to approximately three weeks.

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5. If however the Government would in the first instance itself like to have a more detailed report on the potentialities for tourism then such a report should be thoroughly supported by a full fledged feasibility study executed by a team of experts in economic, marketing, financial, physical and environmental studies in the field of tourism. This, from our point of view, would be a better way to handle the Government's request. We are at the same time aware of the sensitivity of Government to the fielding of a large number of experts and would leave the decision to the judgement of the Resident Representative.

6. Our cost estimate, if a team of experts is acceptable, is as follows :

- Economist Team Leader			
1	month in Buthan	}	1.5 m/m x \$ 6,000
0.5	" at home office		
			\$ 9,000
- Marketing Expert			
1	month in the field	}	1.25 m/m x \$ 6,000
0.25	" at home office		
			\$ 7,500
- Physical Environment and Planning Expert			
1	month in Buthan	}	1.25 m/m x \$ 6,000
0.25	" at home office		
			\$ 7,500
- Financial and Cost Benefit Expert			
0.75	month in Buthan	}	1.00 m/m x \$ 6,000
0.25	" at home office		
			\$ 6,000
<u>Total Fee</u>			<u>\$ 30,000</u>
- International transport			\$ 10,000
- Living Allowance 3.75 m/m x 30 days x \$ 40,-			\$ 4,500
- Report			\$ 5,000
- Backstopping			\$ 3,000
Sub-Total			\$ 22,500
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>			<u>\$ 52,500</u>

7. This amount should be earmarked in the country programme as a minimum UNDP contribution for technical assistance with CHBP's substantive support.



Dr.: J. Neumark *W*

Mr. V. Kandaswamy, Chief  
Technical Co-operation Section  
Asia, Europe and Middle East, CHBP

30 May 1975

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R.K. Basu, Chief  
Physical Resources Projects Section, AMEB, OTC

Exploratory Mission in the Field of Tourism in BHUTAN

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1. Attached please find copy of a letter dated 20 May 1975, together with its enclosure, from the Resident Representative in India, informing us that ICAO has agreed to field a two-man mission to Bhutan to explore the field of tourism and seeking our reactions regarding the fielding of a joint UNOTC/ICAO mission to Bhutan starting early September 1975. Since you received a similar letter from the Resident Representative's office earlier, we would appreciate your early advice in order to us to discuss with the Resident Representative how this mission could be co-ordinated with ICAO.
  2. We also would like to recommend that while our Adviser is in Asia he should visit Tonga, subject to the response from that Government which is awaited.



ENCLOSURE ATTACHED  
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Dear Mr. Watts,

Subject: Exploratory mission in the field of  
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process the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

Mr. Kenneth A. Watts  
Acting Director  
Office of Technical Co-operation  
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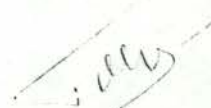
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18 May 1975

Dear Mr. Crooks,

During my visit to Bhutan in March 1975, the Royal Government officials requested the possibilities of UNCTAD assistance in the development of tourism. Due to the lack of information regarding this field, my reaction was that before UNCTAD takes any decision or commitment in this matter it would be advisable that first, a one or two-man mission should be fielded to Bhutan to explore the feasibility and possibilities of tourism development and depending upon the mission's recommendation, if favourable, we will be willing to prepare a project document for official submission by the Government.

Bhutan is a landlocked country with extremely difficult communication with the rest of the world. To illustrate the situation, the nearest airport from the border is Bagdogra (India), one hour flight from Calcutta and three hours by car from reaching the border town, and it takes six hours from this town to the capital, Thimphu by a road which does not permit heavy traffic. Therefore, the development of tourism and civil aviation for a remote and mountainous country like Bhutan, are very closely interrelated. I have also requested ICAO Headquarters if they could send an exploratory mission to see the possibilities regarding the development of a civil aviation network. ICAO's reaction is awaited.

I would appreciate to have your advice whether you could assist us in fielding a joint UNCTAD/ICAO or a separate mission to look into this matter. The duration of the mission will depend on your advice and availability of experts and therefore will be finalized later on.

Your early reply will enable me to take further action in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R.J. Crooks  
Director  
Office of Technical Co-operation  
United Nations, New York  
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Copy to:  
Assistant Secretary



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KW 22. MAY 1975  
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Yours sincerely,

Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

Mr. R.J. Crooks  
Director  
Office of Technical Co-operation  
United Nations, New York



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BHU/74/001

*TE 311/1 BHUT*

Dear Mr. Iversen,

Subject: BHU/74/001 - Drilling, Training and Mineral  
Exploration

Thank you for your comments as reflected in your letter of  
14 April 1975 regarding the above request.

We have just been advised by the Royal Government of Bhutan that  
processing of this project be held in abeyance until the UNDP/Specialized  
Agencies programming mission which is scheduled for late 1975.

Yours sincerely,

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*[Signature]*  
Roger Polgar  
Resident Representative

Mr. Wilhelm Iversen  
Acting Chief  
Physical Resources Projects Section  
Asia and Middle East Branch  
Office of Technical Co-operation  
United Nations, New York

cc: Mr. K.K. Tsien, RBAP, UNDP/New York



Dr: N. Sapelkin/do 728  
cc. Mr. Robson

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14 April 1975

TE 311/1 BHUTAN

Dear Mr. Polgar,

Subject: BHU 74/001 - Drilling, Training and Mineral Exploration

With reference to your letter of 27 January 1975 concerning the above proposed project, we have the following comments on the above subject. In framing this reply, we have consulted with Mr. Robertson.

Reference paragraph 5: The section "Institutional Framework" of the project document states in the first paragraph that there are no national (mining) professionals or mining institutions in the country. It also states, however, that seven nationals have been working with the Bhutan Circle in the technical capacity of drillers. It is a requirement under 'assignment of national staff' that four of these be provided by the Government. The project is oriented towards the further training of drillers, as well as further investigation of known deposits and with the aid of the GSI to primary exploration in a new area; this latter without counterpart mining professionals who are non-existent.

Reference paragraph 6: The starting up of some type of mining agency or institution is to be considered by the Government. The lack of an institution will not affect the functioning of the project. It is also not an objective at this time of the project. The words 'mining agency' should not have been capitalized, as it was not the intention to specifically name an organization.

We are of the opinion that the formation of an agency should not be a prerequisite at this time considering that one of the main objectives of the project is to give impulse to development of known resources as soon as possible. It would be disadvantageous to the country to delay the development of its gypsum and limestone deposits simply because it must wait for a mining unit to be formed. Alternatively, a mining institutional planner could be attached to the project as a revision to the present draft or at a later time after the project is initiated.

Mr. Roger Polgar  
UNDP Resident Representative in India  
21 Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
New Delhi-1, India

cc. Mr. Coomaraswamy, UNDP



Reference paragraph 7: It is the feasibility studies of gypsum and limestone that are a part of the immediate objectives; the justification of these studies is that they may be brought rapidly into production. The emphasis, with respect to immediacy, is on the feasibility studies rather than the production aspect.


Reference paragraph 8: We agree that it would be desirable to increase the number of fellowships in technical training related to the mining sector while retaining the one fellowship in geology in the hoped-for event that there will be a candidate.

Two fellowships that suggest themselves are motor mechanics and a technical level course at a mining school for secondary school graduates (combined with field mining practice).

Reference paragraph 9: We are somewhat at a loss to respond to this comment inasmuch as the mission report of Robertson and, specifically, in the draft project document it is mentioned that there are no national mining or geological professionals in the country (page 2, Institutional Framework, line 2). Further, on page 1 of the document under Justification for the Project, third paragraph, it is stated, "In spite of the lack of geologically trained professionals in the country, the Government of Bhutan desires that the mining sector should advance as rapidly as possible ...", and, again on page one, paragraph 4, "If Bhutan is required to wait until its professionals are fully trained ... years will pass before the mineral potential is determined."

We believe that the situation in Bhutan is exceptional and that therefore exceptions should be made to standard procedure - in this instance acceptance of a lack of counterpart professional personnel. As previously expressed, it is hoped that a university-trained graduate in whatever field may be persuaded to become interested in mining and make use of the fellowship provided.

Yours sincerely,

  
Wilhelm Iversen  
Acting Chief

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

G. R. Robson, Acting Chief  
Minerals Section  
Energy and Mineral Development Branch, CNRET

BHU 74/001 - Drilling, Training and Mineral Exploration

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We are of the opinion that the formation of an agency should not be a prerequisite at this time considering that one of the main objectives of the project is to give impulse to development of known resources as soon as possible. It would be disadvantageous to the country to delay the development of its gypsum and limestone deposits simply because it must wait for a mining unit to be formed. Alternatively, a mining institutional planner could be attached to the project as a revision to the present draft or at a later time after the project is initiated.

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3. Reference paragraph 7: It is the feasibility studies of gypsum and limestone that are a part of the immediate objectives; the justification of these studies is that they may be brought rapidly into production. The emphasis, with respect to immediacy, is on the feasibility studies rather than the production aspect.

4. Reference paragraph 8: We agree that it would be desirable to increase the number of fellowships in technical training related to the mining sector while retaining the one fellowship in geology in the hoped-for event that there will be a candidate.

Two fellowships that suggest themselves are motor mechanics and a technical level course at a mining school for secondary school graduates (combined with field mining practice).

5. Reference paragraph 9: We are somewhat at a loss to respond to this comment inasmuch as the mission report of Robertson and, specifically, in the draft project document it is mentioned that there are no national mining or geological professionals in the country (page 2, Institutional Framework, line 2). Further, on page 1 of the document under Justification for the Project, third paragraph, it is stated "In spite of the lack of geologically trained professionals in the country, the Government of Bhutan desires that the mining sector should advance as rapidly as possible ...", and, again on page one, paragraph 4, "If Bhutan is required to wait until its professionals are fully trained ... years will pass before the mineral potential is determined."

We believe that the situation in Bhutan is exceptional and that therefore exceptions should be made to standard procedure in this instance acceptance of a lack of counterpart professional personnel. As previously expressed, it is hoped that a university trained graduate in whatever field may be persuaded to become interested in mining and make use of the fellowship provided.



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BHU 74/001 - Drilling, Training and Mineral Exploration

With reference to our memorandum of 7 February 1975 concerning Mr. Polgar's letter dated 27 January 1975, I would be grateful in receiving your comments in the very near future.



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26 February 1975

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Dear Mr. Watson,

..... As suggested by you, I am enclosing herewith the Draft Terms of Reference for the Preparatory Assistance Mission to Bhutan for your information. After certain formalities are over, we will request our Technical Assistance Recruitment Service (TARS) to contact you officially for the assignment. In the meanwhile, please consider our communications as informal and without any commitment.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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BHUTAN: Slate Mining

1. Please refer to the letter of Mr. Roger Folger, UNDP Resident Representative in New Delhi, to Miss Albuquerque dated 27 January 1976 on the above subject.

2. The technical advisory mission proposed would only be fully effective if it were undertaken by a specialist consultant in stone resources. In this respect, we would draw your attention to the presence in Nepal of Mr. Asher Shadmon, Stone Technologist (NEP/74/009 Stone Development project).

3. Mr. Shadmon has carried out United Nations consultancy missions in stone resources development in a number of countries and would be able to provide sound advice to Bhutan in development of its slate deposits. This expert will be in Nepal until 15 March 1976, but is scheduled to return to Kathmandu for a further five-month assignment in the last quarter of 1976.

4. It is possible that Mr. Shadmon would be able to accommodate a one-month mission to Bhutan before his second assignment in Nepal. This would, of course, depend on funding being made available. In this respect, it is recommended that OTC consider the possibility of one man-month of consultant services being provided from the interregional advisory budget for 1976.

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1. With reference to Mr. D. Robertson's mission report, including a draft Project Document for the above-mentioned Project, please find ..... attached a copy of a letter dated 27 January 1975 from Mr. Polgar, Resident Representative, addressed to Mr. Tsien.
2. We would appreciate receiving your comments, especially to Paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Mr. Polgar's letter.