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Proposed Activity for Scott in Lashkar Gah

Following is a proposed Activity Schedule for Scott in Lashkar Gah for a one-two week visit beginning Monday, November 5, 1973.

1. Visit Khala] market to see what is happening there this year. Last year at this time the animal market was greatly expanded as the nomads began to arrive from summer pastures with buyers coming from Iran for sheep and camels. The camel market was unequalled in the past, according to local statements. A report would follow, for Dr. Hooker.
2. A brief resurvey of near-desert wells. I received a call today from Gul Gul the AID, ex-nomad, driver -- that the wells are now in the process of being occupied and like last year, there is an outbreak of some camel disease, killing some of the animals. This would be in follow-up on the rather long memo-report I recently submitted to Wedberg, to help build our body of knowledge of these most important groups in the range and livestock activity in the Valley.
3. Go over the air photos of Shamalan with Rudy to pull out those that will be of use to me in the irrigation ditch-Mirab survey I had hoped to do when we got the second coverage. I think I can still get a briefer but useful survey done some time this winter on water use and distribution in interviews with the Mirab(s) that control the main ditch into the water-short area of central Shamalan. The start is a close examination of the photos of the area. Rudy was not there on my last visit and no one else could find what I wanted.
4. Discussions with various HAVA officials whom I know to see how they see things developing these days. I have no confidence in our leadership there to give us, at least me, a clear picture of what is happening.
5. Mr. Meadows has stated on a number of occasions recently that he would like to sit with me for a period of time, on my next visit down, to discuss some questions of background in the Helmand.