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Dr. Lowry Taylor
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Dear Dr. Taylor:

I talked with Engineer Jawed Friday evening and he related his conversation with you this past week about projects and possible funding. Between Jawed and I, we can develop many useful projects in Helmand in short order that can relate to both support for the poppy ban and the results of the drought. We have several project proposals already prepared. I will include two proposals as an attachment to this communication:

1. Rehabilitation of 37 km. of the S-10.7 lateral (one of the primary sources of water for the Shamalan district).
2. Reconstruction of the Chan-i-Anjir footbridge.

Both of these proposals are in central Helmand. Work on the S-10.7 lateral could start in December when the canal system is closed down. The 3 km of the F-1 Outlet Drain (same project) could be started at any time since it is dry. The Chan-I-Anjir footbridge could also begin at any time.

Jawed and I have been visiting Helmand together about twice a year since 1997, observing, and discussing with both the Taliban and the farmers needed projects and activities. And we worked together, with MCI, on the Boghra Canal Rehabilitation Project during the winter of 1998-99.

In addition, Jawed has two Technical Training School proposals that he can forward from Peshawar. One is an expansion of a school in Ghazni that has been functioning for some years. The other is to complete a building (a roof), equip and provide start up funding for a technical school in Kandahar.

A secondary drain cleaning project using hand labor could be planned and put in the field quickly. Virtually all of these drains require cleaning in both Nad-I-Ali and Marja. This work would need to be done in the hot season, summer up to about December, since the labor would be working in shallow water most of the time. This project has been discussed with the chief water master of Nad-i-Ali on several occasions and he would be

the primary field organizer for his region. We could have a very quick start up with his involvement. The project would not be completed during the first work season of warm weather because of the size of the task. The budget would be a matter of size of work force times the number of days, plus supervisory staff. In 1998-99, our primary limitation was the size of the supervisory staff available. Effective hand labor is well supervised.

I proposed a vegetable seed project to Mr. Richard Adams of INM/Washington but there was no funding at the time. I proposed \$25,000 worth of seed: basic vegetables (including some winter vegetables for next season), peanut, melon and perhaps some cotton. This figure would not intend to make up for the loss of income from the loss of the poppy crop but would represent a gesture of support for the transition. It would get their attention and would be the basis for further dialogue. The markets for the produce could also be monitored. It may be a bit late now to get the vegetables planted this season but the action could proceed in any case. The gesture and the attention would still be registered. A seed supplier that I used in the past for MCI indicated that he could have that quantity of seed in Quetta within two weeks of receiving the order. I would be happy to send you a copy of the fax to Mr. Adams where I outlined how I would put such a project in the field, assuming that you would not allow the outline to be used by someone other than myself.

Finally, Engineer Jawed said that there might be a possibility of HAFO being funded directly for projects rather than being sub-contracted through an international NGO. He said that this might be possible if I were involved directly as project manager/monitor. This is something I have been suggesting to various donors for sometime, relative to Afghan NGOs. I would be very interested in working with HAFO and Eng. Jawed on this basis. I could be available to go into the field in a very short time. If I understood Jawed correctly, and there is a possibility of working directly with HAFO, please let me know.

I will be leaving for New York on Thursday but can be contacted at any time through my e-mail address, above or the numbers below.

Best wishes,

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