

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

هيئت انكشاف بين المملی اضلاع متحدة امریکا
کابل افغانستان

December 19, 1972

Excellency:

You will recall your recent discussion with Mr. Levintow regarding the advantages of using individual farmers or Khans lands in the North Shamalan area as demonstrations to show the economic advantages of land development and modern farming techniques.

We have located one plot adjacent to the S10.7 Lateral and headworks which would be suitable for a demonstration farming project. The farm is owned by Mr. Mohamed Din and contains approximately 19.5 acres of Class 2 and 3 lands. It is my understanding that Mr. Mohamed Din is willing to cooperate. The attached memorandum dated December 18, 1972, from Mr. Shankland gives the physical characteristics of the farm.

It is proposed to plant cotton on at least a part of the farm. I recommend that the cotton development be a joint effort among HAVA, HAVR and the oil mill. It may be possible to also plant spring wheat on a portion.

A proposed plan of principal actions is given below for your consideration:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
1. - Contact Farmer and get Agreement	HAVA, Knierin, Neary
2. - Farm Layout	HAVA, Donnelly
3. - Tractors	HAVA - 1 - Oil Mill - 2
4. - Fuel, Oil, Etc.	HAVR
5. - Tractor Operators	HAVA to furnish - HAVR to pay wages
6. - Surveys	HAVA crew, Haase
7. - Scraper	HAVR (Garwachi)
8. - Land Plans	HAVA (Garwachi)
9. - Border Disc	HAVA (Garwachi)
10. - Farm Ditcher	HAVA (Garwachi)
11. - Planter	HAVA (Garwachi)
12. - Miscellaneous Farming Equipment	HAVA (Garwachi)
13. - Leaching	Farmer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>
14. - Seeds	Oil Mill
15. - Fertilizer	Farmer
16. - Farming Advice	HAVA, Neary and Knierim
17. - AID Monitoring and Social Evaluation	5087 ?

The above has been discussed with Mr. Assifi. HAVA is used above pending your designation of the HAVA personnel that will be responsible for the various activities.

It is proposed to plant the cotton in rows suitable for mechanized farming. A two to three fold crop yield increase over present methods is anticipated.

We think the project to be very worthwhile and your concurrence in moving ahead will be appreciated.

Accept, Excellency, assurance of my continuing esteem.

Sincerely yours,

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