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2. I suggest the following membership for the committees:-

FARM SETTLEMENTS.

- (1) Dr. V.A. Oyenuga, Professor of Agriculture, Ife University - Chairman.
- (2) Dr. H.A. Oluwasanmi of University College Ibadan.
- (3) Mr. Gil, F.A.O. official on duty with our department of Agriculture.
- (4) Mr. D.O. Agbeja of the Cooperatives Division, Trade and Industry.
- (5) Mr. S.U. Chukujekwe of the Ministry of Economic Planning.

(The Secretary to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, from among his professional staff)

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT.

- (1) Chief C.O. Taiwo, Permanent Secretary, Agriculture - Chairman.
- (2) Mr. J.E. Imoukhuede, Permanent Secretary, Trade and Industry.
- (3) Mr. B.O. Aina, Secretary to the Finance Corporation.

(The Secretary to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, from among his administrative staff)

3. The terms of reference for the former committee might be as follows:-

Chief S.D. Adedokun
Chairman

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"To examine the farm settlements policy and programme and to recommend what amendments might be made therein in order to reduce the cost per settler and so enable the Government to bring the benefits of this revolution in agriculture to the reach of a great^{er} number of young people than is possible under the existing programme."

4. I put forward the suggestions above to serve as a basis of discussion at the proposed conference between yourself, the Hon. Minister of Economic Planning and Community Development, and myself. I am sending the minute in duplicate, so that you may be able to pass a copy to him.

SOE
(S.O. Adebo)

23/2/1962.

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K. I. V.

24/2/62.

Note

At the conference this morning between HNER/CD, HTTJ and HTANR, the Farm Settlements & Farm Institutes Committee was agreed to be enlarged and the terms of refce amended as in p. 404³/₄ 405, and the composition of the Agric. Credit committee amended as is also shown at p. 404³.

2. I decided subsequently, in consultation with Mr McFarr, the head of the adm. staff corps, to make Mr A. Adediji, Secretary of the latter committee. SOA 6/3/62

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- (2) J.C.F. Spiering, Director and General Manager, Nigerian Joint Agency Ltd (PMA) 1082, Lagos
- (3) (2) Dr. H.A. Oluwadami of University College Ibadan.
- (4) W.D. Enaboiyor, WND
- (5) (2) Mr. Gil, F.A.O. official on duty with our department of Agriculture.
- (6) (4) Mr. D.O. Agboja of the Cooperatives Division, Trade and Industry.
- (7) (5) Mr. S.U. Chukwajoku of the Ministry of Economic Planning.

(The Secretary to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, from among his professional staff)

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- (1) (1) Chief S.O. Adedeji, Chief Secy to the Govt - Chairman
- (2) (1) Chief C.O. Taiwo, Permanent Secretary, Agriculture - Chairman.
- (3) (2) Mr. J.E. Imoukhuede, Permanent Secretary, Trade and Industry.
- (4) (2) Mr. B.O. Aina, Secretary to the Finance Corporation.
- Secretary - N.A. Adedeji of the Administrative Staff Corps, Treasury
- (The Secretary to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary, Agriculture, from among his administrative staff)

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to farm settlements and farm institutes
and programme and to recommend what
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benefits of this revolution in agriculture
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SOA
(S.O. Adebayo)
23/2/1962.

Mr Afoladeji, *Via* Mr Odunlami *9/3/62*

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With refce to p. 404/405 and my note at
foot of p. 405², will you pl. speak at your earliest
convenience, so that we can settle the next steps
regarding the agric. credit committee? You will have
to open a file of your own for the inquiry - starting
it off with an *extract* of Y, p. 404³.

Action
taken.
9/3/62

2. Mr Odunlami shd get p. 404/405^{1/4} transferred
into Agric. Ministry policy file.

3. I expect HANAR to take the next steps
about formally constituting the committees.

SOA 6/3/62

H.S.

1. I submit as a minute addressed to PS MANR informing him, formally, of the agreements reached at the meeting you held with HMEP & CD, HMTI and HMANR on Tuesday, the 6th of March. Para 3 of the minute contains the draft terms of reference for the Agric. Credit Committee.

2. You will please initial the minute if approved.

Aade

10/3

ADERAYO ADEDEJI

Mr A.

Many thanks. I have initialed

See. 10/3/62

Mr Adunta

I shall be away to the Midwest from tomorrow, 11/3/62 to Wednesday, 14/3/62. After the original of pp 6 & 7 has been despatched, pl. K.I.V. the pages for further development and keep H.S. informed accordingly.

Aade

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ADERAYO ADEDEJI

Original sent to PSDANR.

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PSMANR,

At the conference held on Tuesday, 6th March, 1962 between HMBP/CD, HMTI, your Minister and myself, it was agreed that :-

- (a) the Farm Settlements Committee be enlarged to include, in addition to the five members suggested in my minute of 23/2/62 to HMNANR, Messrs. J.F.C. Spiering, Director and General Manager, Nigerian Joint Agency Ltd. (P.M.B. 1082, Apapa) and W. O. Enaboifor, Senior Unit Manager, W.N.D.C.
- (b) the terms of reference of the Committee should now be as follows :-

"To examine the policy and programme in regard to farm settlements and farm institutes and to recommend what amendments might be made therein in order to reduce the cost per settler and so enable the Government to bring the benefits of this revolution in agriculture to the reach of a greater number of young people than is possible under the existing programme."
- (c) I should be the Chairman of the Agricultural Credit Committee.

2. I decided subsequently in consultation with Mr. McGrath, head of the Administrative Staff Corps, to make Mr. A. Adedeji, Secretary to the Agricultural Credit Committee. The Composition of the Committee will now be as follows :-

- (1) Chief S. O. Adebo, Chief Secretary to the Government - Chairman.
- (2) Chief C. O. Taiwo, Permanent Secretary, Agriculture.
- (3) Mr. J. E. Imoukhuede, Permanent Secretary, Trade and Industry.
- (4) Mr. B. O. Aina, Secretary to the Finance Corporation.
- (5) Mr. A. Adedeji of the Administrative Staff Corps, Treasury - Secretary.

3. The following terms of reference are proposed for the Committee :-

"To produce a scheme for the transfer of the responsibilities for Agricultural Credit policy from the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the Ministry of

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Agriculture and Natural Resources and the removal of agricultural loan operations from the Western Region Finance Corporation to a new agency which will be under the control of the Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and to make recommendations as to how such a scheme might be implemented with the minimum possible dislocation to the current activities of the Finance Corporation."

4. I now expect you and HMANR to take the next steps about formally constituting both Committees.

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(S. O. Adebo)
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NOTES OF A DISCUSSION HELD BETWEEN CHIEF S.O.ADEBO,
H.S.&C.S.G. and MR. J.B. DAVIES, CHIEF AGRICULTURAL
ADVISER TO THE U.S. A.I.D., ON SATURDAY 24TH MARCH
1962.

Place: Chief Adebo's Office.

Time: 9 a.m.

Present:-

Chief S.O. Adebo, C.M.G.	-	H.S. & C.S.G. (Chairman)
Chief I.O. Dina, O.B.E.	-	Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.
Mr. J.B. Davies,	-	Chief Agricultural Adviser to the U.S. A.I.D. Lagos.
Mrs. T. Alakija,	-	Ag. Director of Recruit- ment and Training.

In attendance:

Mr. V.A. Oduntan.	-	A.S. Chief Secretary's Office. (Secretary)
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Chief Adebo welcomed Mr. J.B. Davies to the meeting and expressed the hope that the discussion would clarify some of the issues involved in the plans to give financial and technical aid to Western Nigeria and the University of Ife especially in the field of agriculture. He went on to stress that if the Treasury could be made aware of what was likely to be forthcoming in form of aid and technical assistance, it would help the Treasury and the Government of Western Nigeria to plan ahead and determine its priorities.

2. In reply, Mr. J.B. Davies disclosed that his Agency was primarily interested in projects that were likely to have immediate impact on the economic development of the country and so help in raising fairly sharply, the standard of living. The Agency would not be keen, for example, in giving aid now or in the immediate future to the proposed Institute of African Studies even though the usefulness of the institute was not in doubt. Consideration would however be given in the following financial year to giving some help to the proposed Institute of Public Administration. The U.S. A.I.D. would, broadly speaking, be willing to give financial and technical aid to the following ^{class} projects:-

- (i) Education
- (ii) Agriculture
- (iii) Industry
- (iv) Public Administration
- (v) Communications Media (including broad concepts of survey and planning).

X With regards to the University of Ife, he wanted it made clear to all concerned and especially to Professor Ajose, that aid would be provided for other projects other than agriculture. Chief Adebo promised to look into this and to discuss with Professor Ajose.

3. Mr. Davies then pointed out some of the difficulties his Agency had been experiencing with regard to housing some of its technicians who were involved in various types of research and investigations especially in the outstations. The problem had become so acute that U.S. A.I.D. was considering building and maintaining a number of low-cost houses in such places. In this respect, the cost of pre-fabricated houses, their advantages or disadvantages over concrete ones and their durability would be investigated. The houses would be Western Region's property and the cost of building and maintenance would be part of the aid to Western Nigeria under the U.S. A.I.D. scheme. The Western Nigeria Government would however be required to provide the land.

4. Chief Adebo saw no objection to the idea in principle. He would, however, suggest that the houses should be so designed that they could be made to serve ^{local} other purposes in future, and that Mr. Davies should clear the details of the scheme with the Treasury.

Y He would himself ask the Controller of Works Services, Mr. T.M. Aluko, about the durability and cost of prefabricated houses.

5. On the development of agriculture, Chief Adebo disclosed that Government had set up an Agricultural Credit Committee, following Hayes' Report, to make specific recommendations as to how best to operate the Agricultural Credit policy of the Government.

6. Mr. J.B. Davies expressed interest in the plan and assured the meeting of his Agency's readiness to provide financial and technical assistance. He would be prepared to provide long-term

loans for land and machinery as well as supply technical assistance. He felt very strongly that an agricultural credit committee with the right policy and suitable staff would serve a great need in the development of agriculture in Western Nigeria. To this end, he promised to make available to the Committee, two experts on agricultural credit. One would be available for consultation within a few days whilst the other should be available in April. These advisers would remain U.S. A.I.D. staff and their services would be a sort of direct assistance from U.S. A.I.D.'s office. The U.S. A.I.D. would also be responsible for their accommodation but the Western Nigeria Government would be asked to provide transport facilities. He felt certain that the advice of these officers would make it much easier to negotiate loan aid from U.S. A.I.D.

7. Chief Dina expressed his gratitude for this offer of assistance and promised that the Premier's Office would be informed of the arrangements.

8. Mr. J.B. Davies then referred to the difficulty of obtaining the required number of Western Nigerians on their training programmes especially in the field of agriculture. Chief Adebo explained that the limitations in number was probably due to the limitation in the funds available for training since the Government was usually responsible for passages as well as salaries in the case of serving officers. To increase the number, the D.R.T. was being asked to write to all the Agencies concerned (including U.S. A.I.D.) to increase their financial aid e.g. by paying for passages. The D.R.T. should also compile a list showing:—

- (i) the number of trainees sent from the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, within the past ^{3 years} ~~6 months~~ for training abroad,
- (ii) how many applications were sent in by the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and
- (iii) ~~and~~ how many were approved.

9. Mr. Davies announced that provided there was need for it, his Agency would give consideration to providing aid for the training of about 25 Western Nigerians annually in agriculture and Home

Economics in the United States. Trainees could be bonded to serve the Western Nigeria Government on the successful completion of their courses. His Agency would however require that an equal number of students would be sponsored by the Western Nigeria Government to study in Nigerian Institutions. A similar scheme was operating quite successfully in Eastern Nigeria.

10. Chief Adebo felt this was a most useful offer. He would ask the Ministries of Education and Agriculture and Natural Resources, in collaboration with the D.R.T., to look into it and work out the details. He then thanked Mr. J.B. Davies for sparing so much of his valuable time to discuss with him and his colleagues such very important issues. He was certain that with such cooperation and a keen desire to help so ably demonstrated by Mr. Davies, this Region would go a long way in solving some of its many problems. He expressed the hope that Mr. Davies would continue to show interest in the economic development of Western Nigeria, and promised that he and his colleagues would do everything in their power to see that the plans were competently executed.

11. The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.

H.S.

From p. 8. You may wish to take further action as at X (p. 9) and Y too? *See*

2. Copies of pp. 8-11 are being sent to Chief Dina, Mrs. Alakija, S.P.E.C., P.S.M.A. & N.R. and P.S.M.E. for their ^{confidential} information and necessary action.


V. A. ODUNTAN

A.S. 26/3/62

A.S.

Thanks for this accurate record. In the letter forwarding a copy to Chief Dina, please say that, if he does not mind, I would like to leave it to the Treasury to pursue all

H.S. 4/13.

CONFIDENTIAL.28th March, 2.

Permanent Secretary to the
Treasury,
The Treasury,
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U. S. A. I. D.

Chief Adebo has asked me to forward to you a copy of the notes of the discussion held with Mr. J.B. Davies, Chief Agricultural Adviser to the U.S.A.I.D. He would be glad if you would pursue all the items requiring further action.

2. Copies of the notes are being sent to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council and the Director of Recruitment and Training for their information and necessary action.


(V.A. Oduntan)
Assistant Secretary to
Head of the Service.

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28th March, 2.

Secretary to the Premier &
Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
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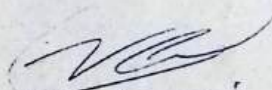
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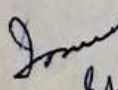
Sir / Madam

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I am directed by the Head of the Service and Chief
Secretary to the Government to forward herewith the attached
notes and to ask you to please get in touch with the
Permanent Secretary to the Treasury for any action you may
wish to take on the issues contained therein.


V.A. Oduntan
Assistant Secretary to
Head of the Service.

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