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Mr. Michael Lejeune
The International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 H St., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

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Subject: Grant No. AID/ta-G-1206
PIO/T No. 931-11-130-069-73-
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Dear Mr. Lejeune:

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "the Grantee"), hereby grants to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter referred to as "IBRD" and/or "the Grantee"), the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). These funds will be utilized by the Sub-Committee established by the Consultative Group on International Research (CGIAR) for the purpose of financing the planning activities necessary for the establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA).

This grant is made effective as of the date of this letter and shall remain in effect through December 31, 1975. Funds obligated hereunder are available for expenditures from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. Such funds will be deposited in the special bank account designated for the purpose of this grant upon your written

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20th DAY OF June '75
BY R.O. Mirindotab

acceptance of the terms set forth in this letter and its attachments.

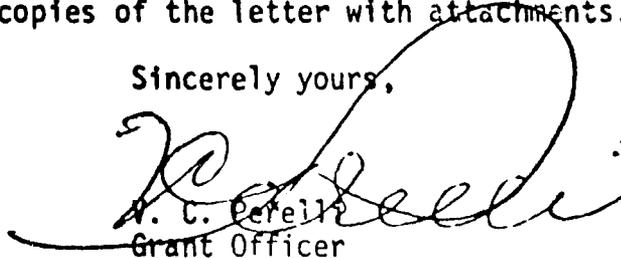
The funds contributed under this grant, along with contributions from other specified donors, will provide for the establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in accordance with the CGIAR Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment I, hereto).

This grant is made on condition that these funds will be limited to planning activities for the establishment of ICARDA rather than ICARDA's actual establishment per se; and that the funds will be administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment II hereto entitled "Preparatory Work for the Establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)".

Please sign the original and all copies of this letter in the space provided below to acknowledge your understanding of the conditions under which these funds have been granted. The original and five copies of this letter and accompanying attachments are to be returned to

my office. You may retain two copies of the letter with attachments.

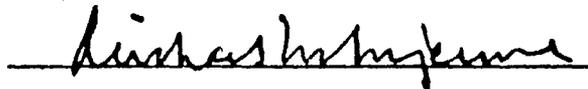
Sincerely yours,


W. C. Pfeiffer
Grant Officer
Technical Assistance Branch
Central Operations Division
Office of Contract Management

ATTACHMENTS:
As stated

ACCEPTED:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

BY: 

TITLE: Executive Secretary, CGIAR

DATE: May 30, 1975

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Draft Terms of Reference of the CGIAR Subcommittee for the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

(a) Exploring appropriate arrangements with host countries for the establishment of ICARDA and examining the welcome likely to be accorded to its operations by these and other countries and institutions of the Middle East region interested in its objectives;

(b) Until the appointment of an executing agent under item (c), the Subcommittee will:

i) prepare draft agreements and appropriate by-laws, or other documents necessary for the establishment and operation of ICARDA as an independent legal entity with the authority required to achieve its objectives;

ii) develop a draft constitution of ICARDA's Board of Trustees;

iii) identify suitable site(s) for the operation of ICARDA;

iv) employ such temporary consultants as necessary for the preparatory work;

v) initiate planning for the research program including estimates of annual research budgets; and

vi) initiate site and facility planning, including engaging architectural or other services necessary to the preparation of capital development budgets.

(c) Subject to the tailoring of programs to the level of financial support arranged through the CGIAR, and with the advice and concurrence of the Chairman of the CGIAR, the Subcommittee will appoint an executing

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agent who will, under the guidance of the Subcommittee, continue the tasks outlined in (b) and who will enter into the signing and registration of the documents necessary to establish and assure the continued operation of ICARDA as an independent legal entity, acquire suitable lands, and appoint a Project Operations Officer to carry out the initial phase of the development of experimental facilities, including laboratories, and the program of research work of the Center, until such time as the first Board of Trustees has been designated and takes charge of the Center.

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ATTACHMENT II

Preparatory Work for the Establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research In the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

1. The Consultative Group on International Research (CGIAR) has established an ad hoc sub-committee (the Sub-Committee) to carry out the task of establishing an International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) under the terms of reference in Attachment I hereto. The Sub-Committee, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Consultative Group, will appoint an Executing Agency with such functions as are described in Attachment I hereto. Until the Executing Agency shall be appointed, the Sub-Committee will carry out the tasks specified in paragraph (b) of Attachment I.
2. The Consultative Group has requested the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) to open, maintain and administer a special account (the Account) in which all the contributions from Donors shall be credited, and the proceeds of which would be withdrawn therefrom to finance the carrying out of the Project.
3. The Bank has agreed to the request described above, as follows:
 - (a) The Bank shall open and maintain the Account on its books, and shall credit thereto the proceeds of all the contributions referred to hereinabove.
 - (b) The Bank shall hold in trust the Account and all monies credited thereto, and shall keep them separate and apart from all other accounts and assets of the Bank.

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(c) Withdrawals from the Account shall be made on the basis of written withdrawal applications signed by, or on the authority of, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee until such time as the carrying out of the Project shall be entrusted to the Executing Agency, and thereafter, by an authorized representative of the Executing Agency.

(d) Withdrawals from the Account shall be made to finance expenditures for the carrying out of the Project. Until the carrying out of the Project shall be entrusted to the Executing Agency, such withdrawals shall be made on account of expenditures made or to be made for such purpose; thereafter, and except as the Bank and the Executing Agency shall otherwise agree, withdrawal applications shall be submitted every month on account of the expenditures incurred during the preceeding month.

(e) The Bank shall send to each of the Donors a quarterly report containing appropriate information with respect to disbursements of, and balances in, the Account.

(f) Any monies remaining in the Account upon completion of the Project shall be transferred by the Bank to ICARDA, if it shall have been established. Otherwise, such monies shall be repaid to the Donors, pro rata to the amount of their respective contributions.

4. In carrying out the Project, the chairman of the Sub-Committee, and, after the carrying out of the Project shall have been entrusted to the Executing Agency, the Executing Agency, shall:

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(a) use the proceeds of the contributions exclusively to finance expenditures required for the carrying out of the Project;

(b) furnish to the Bank such information as the Bank shall reasonably request concerning the expenditures of the monies withdrawn from the Account;

(c) not incur obligations against the Account beyond the amount of funds committed to the Account; and

(d) maintain the Chairman of the Consultative Group informed of the progress made in carrying out the Project, among other things by submitting to him quarterly written reports.

5. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee shall, after the execution of the Project shall have been entrusted to the Executing Agency, continue to furnish regular reports to the Chairman of the Consultative Group on the progress of the Project and, particularly, on his supervision thereof as specified in paragraph (c) of Attachment I hereto.

6. The special bank account mentioned in paragraph 2 above will be in the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York 10045 in the name of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) as account T. This account will be under the control of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

7. Payment of the sum granted hereunder will be made to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York 10045 on a lump sum basis to the name of International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) for deposit to account T.

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8. If the use of these Grant funds results in accrual of interest to the Grantee or to any other person to whom Grantee makes such funds available in carrying out the purposes of this Grant, Grantee shall refund to AID an amount equivalent to the amount of interest accrued.

9. The Grantee shall submit to the Grant Officer an annual financial statement certified by an independent public accountant. Without waiving hereby any privilege, immunity or exemption accruing to the Grantee under its Articles of Agreement (609/AT 1440) as amended (16VST 1942) by reason of the issuance of Executive Order 9751, the Grantee agrees to furnish relevant information to AID with respect to any questions arising as a result of the audit.

10. The report of independent audit shall be submitted to the Grantee and retained by him for a period of three years following the expiration of the Grant.

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Mr. Michael Lejeune
The International Bank for
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1818 H Street, N.W.
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Subject: Grant No. AID/ta-G-1279

Dear Mr. LeJeune:

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or "the Grantor"), hereby grants to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (hereinafter referred to as "IBRD" and/or "the Grantee"), the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000). These funds will be utilized by the Sub-Committee established by the Consultative Group on International Research (CGIAR) for the purpose of financing the planning activities necessary for the establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), and carrying out the ICARDA 1976 Program Activities as contained in Attachment I hereto.

This grant is made effective as of the date of this letter and shall remain in effect through December 31, 1976. Funds obligated hereunder are available for expenditures from January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976. Such funds will be deposited in the special bank account designated for the purpose of this grant upon your written acceptance of the terms set forth in this letter and its attachments.

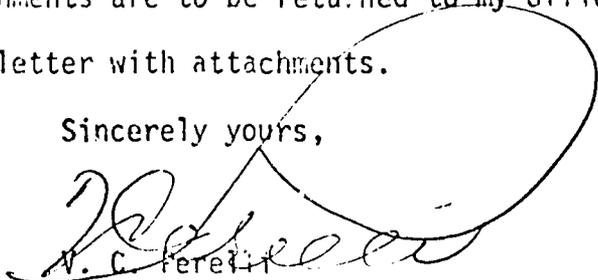
The funds contributed under this grant, along with contributions from other specified donors, will provide for the establishment of an International

Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in accordance with the CGIAR Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment II, hereto).

This grant is made on condition that these funds will be limited to the establishment of ICARDA and ICARDA's 1976 Program Activities contained in Attachment I hereto, and that the funds will be administered in accordance with the provisions of Attachment III hereto entitled "Preparatory Work for the Establishment of an International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)".

Please sign the original and all copies of this letter in the space provided below to acknowledge your understanding of the conditions under which these funds have been granted. The original and five copies of this letter and accompanying attachments are to be returned to my office. You may retain two copies of the letter with attachments.

Sincerely yours,



V. C. Ferrell
Grant Officer
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As stated

ACKNOWLEDGED:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

BY: 
Michael L. Lejeune

TITLE: Executive Secretary, CGIAR

DATE: June 10, 1976

PROPOSAL FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE DRY AREAS
(ICARDA)

January 1 - December 31, 1976

A. Introduction

The Technical Advisory Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research identified the semi-arid winter participation zone -- a region covering primarily countries of the Near East and North Africa -- as an important ecological area with specific crops and different agricultural problems not adequately catered for by the work of any existing international agricultural research center. It was further determined that a significant reinforcement of ongoing agricultural research and related training activities was needed in the region where the gap between supply and domestic production of grain and livestock is generally widening and where the productivity of natural resources is actually declining in some areas. The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas was thus established with the following main research objectives:

1. Improve the staple grains of the zone, i.e., wheat, barley, broadbeans and lentils; and possibly also the annual oilseeds and cotton.
2. Increase the productivity of soil and water resources through the development of improved management and conservation practices, and agro-climatological studies.
3. Develop better farming systems, both in irrigated and rainfed areas, with emphasis on crop-livestock integration, the replacement of annual fallow by fodder crops and rotation with cereals, and the general intensification of land use in arable areas.

B. ICARDA Activities: 1976

It is expected that in 1976, program activities will be carried out in or based on, Lebanon and Syria, but not at the high plateau station. These program activities can be described as follows:

1. Research

a. Crop Improvement

ICARDA will bear the worldwide responsibility for the improvement of certain important crops including barley, possibly durum wheat, and the food legumes faba beans (Vicia faba) and lentils. In cooperation with other international

agricultural research centers, including CIMMYT and ICRISAT, it will seek to select and adapt improved varieties of other important cereals and legumes, including wheat, triticale, sorghum, millet, maize and chickpea to the prevalent agro-climatic conditions in its region of responsibility.

During 1976 ICARDA will:

- 1) maintain the relevant germplasm collections which have been assembled from CIMMYT, ICRISAT and ALAD;
- 2) expand the germplasm collection through regional expeditions to collect and select new and previously unidentified genotypes;
- 3) establish cooperative cereal and legume breeding, selection and testing programs with other international centers and with appropriate national and regional agricultural research organizations.
- 4) start selection of cereal and legume varieties resistant to the prevailing pests and diseases and a related program of pre and post harvest plant protection.

b. Farming Systems

ICARDA will seek to improve the existing systems of crop and livestock management which are most common to its region of responsibility. The program will seek to select improved varieties of forage crops, including pasture legumes and cereals, and to adapt these to more productive crop and livestock systems. Several apparently promising combinations of forage sorghum and pasture legumes have been identified and will be intensively examined.

An in-depth study will be made of existing farming systems including the identification of the agro-climatic, economic, social and technological factors which appear to limit and constrain the attainment of higher levels of productivity.

c. Communications and Training

It is proposed, during 1976, that the first ICARDA Newsletter be published and distributed to present ICARDA's program, and the results from related research activities within the region. The Training Program will include courses for both visiting scientists and for research associates from the region who will subsequently cooperate with ICARDA in crop testing and improvement programs.

It is envisaged that several workshops will be organized: one on rust resistance in cereals (in cooperation with CIMMYT) one on barley improvement, and one on soil tillage practices, and one on standards and methods of evaluation of food legumes (in cooperation with ICRISAT).

d. Program Planning

The detailed planning of research programs and projects necessarily will be a basic activity of ICARDA's senior scientists and administrators in 1976. Consultants are likely to be necessary to assist in planning data processing and computer facilities, to undertake an agro-climatic survey of the region, and the development of experiment stations.

e. Capital Planning and Development

During 1976 one of the most important activities will be the planning of ICARDA's physical facilities in Lebanon and Syria, and the early planning of a high plateau station elsewhere. In Lebanon and Syria, site preparation will be started to permit the installation of utilities and the conduct of some field operations; and field machinery, research equipment and other types of equipment will be acquired. Permanent buildings will not likely be completed in 1976. Therefore use will be made of rented space, temporary structures, or facilities made available by existing organizations in the host countries.

Consultants will be needed for preliminary site and campus planning, site development, architectural design, building construction and related matters during 1976. Before the end of 1976, architects may be needed for the design of campuses and buildings in Syria and Lebanon and for other schematic designs. Some procurement of construction materials will be necessary.

It is assumed that work on the high plateau station will not be far advanced in 1976. Nevertheless, it is expected that work will proceed on site selection, and that some early site development and plans for buildings will be started. Consequently the advice of consultants and architects will be needed.

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