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Contacts Made While in Jordan

Monday, November 26, 1984

9:00 a.m. - Met with Undersecretary of Agriculture, Dr. Salem Al-Lawzi. Also attending this meeting were our cooperators in Jordan, Dr. Walid Abu Gharbieh, a nematologist; Mr. Nabil Katkhwdá, Director of Agricultural Research & Extension University of Jordan; and Dr. Hani Haddadin, Director of Agriculture, Jordan Valley. This meeting was more of a courtesy call, although the Undersecretary expressed considerable interest in our proposed research and said that he would rely heavily on the recommendations of others at the meeting, particularly Dr. Gharbieh.

10:30 a.m. - Met with Dr. Mahmoud Duwairi, Dean, School of Agriculture, University of Jordan, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Nazer, Head, Dept. of Plant Protection. We reviewed the purpose of our visit and again were assured of their interest and support.

1:00 p.m. - Lunch with several faculty and visitors.

2:30 p.m. - Met with newly-appointed nematologist, Dr. Hilmi Saleh; Mr. Saleh Judah, graduate student; and Miss Luma Banna, Research Technician. Dr. Noe discussed with the use of visual aids the proposed research on cropping systems research to be conducted in the Jordan Valley.

4:00 p.m. - Attended Departmental seminar.

Tuesday, November 27, 1984

8:30 a.m. - Dr. Gharbieh accompanied us to the U.S. Embassy where we met with Dr. W. R. Furtick, Rural Development Officer, USAID. Dr. Furtick reviewed for us the Washington State project now operating in the Jordan Valley and indicated his desire to see a nematology component of that project set into operation. He said our visit was rather timely since they were in the process of finalizing the budget for that project. He asked me to leave him a report of our visit to the Jordan Valley and this was done.

Wednesday, November 28, 1984

3:00 p.m. - Met with Dr. Abdul-Wahhag Al-Burullusi, Vice President for Scientific Affairs, University of Jordan. We had a general discussion about the purpose of our visit and how the University might be involved.

Thursday, November 29, 1984

Dr. Gharbieh accompanied us to the Jordan Valley where most of Jordan's agriculture is located. In the morning we had a meeting with Dr. Hani Haddadin, Director of Agriculture, Jordan Valley; Mr. Said Muffadi, Plant Pathologist; and Dr. Robert Harwood, Entomologist and Team Leader, Washington State USAID Project. Also present was Dr. Hilmi Saleh, recently appointed as a nematologist, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Jordan. At this meeting, Dr. Jim Noe presented, with the use of visual aids, a detailed plan of our research proposal on cropping systems research. There seemed to be genuine interest in our proposal since the Washington State project does not have a nematology component in its pest management project. The consensus of opinion was that the proposed cropping-systems research fits very well into the methodology and goals of the ongoing pest-management project. Dr. Harwood advised us of a recently completed nematological laboratory provided by the Netherlands government. There was also a feeling that the Netherlands government would equip the laboratory for nematological investigations. Some greenhouses have also been constructed.

After much discussion, Dr. Haddadin suggested that we prepare and submit to the Ministry of Agriculture a detailed proposal indicating funds needed. This has been prepared and sent to our cooperator, Dr. Walid Abu Gharbieh, for comments or modification. After receiving this back from Dr. Gharbieh, a final copy will be sent to the Minister with copies to appropriate officials of the University and USAID.

The afternoon was spent viewing agriculture in the Jordan Valley and returning to Amman.

Friday, November 30, 1984

Returned to Raleigh, North Carolina.

General Assessment of Trip

Dr. Noe and I view the trip as very successful and timely. We saw the key people involved and were encouraged by their interest and willingness to cooperate. The hiring of a second nematologist who will be stationed in the Jordan Valley and the new laboratory and greenhouses provided by the Netherlands government should enhance our efforts to initiate a cropping systems research project in the Jordan Valley. The presence of the Washington State project in the Valley and the lack of a nematology component should encourage the merging of our efforts.