

Funds, which is to me a clear sign of the progress that has been made. This is an auspicious start; but there is much work to be done and, in this work, as I stated, I hope we will have the benefit of both your advice and your experts. With that help, I believe we can continue to make progress toward the actual establishment of Special Funds for agriculture. We must base our appeals to donors and our future decisions on a clear, coherent, and well-documented program of action. We in the Bank shall bend our efforts to the preparation of such a program; in so doing, we shall be in constant touch with your Governments. My colleagues and I in the Bank count heavily on your understanding and goodwill, on your receptiveness to our thoughts, your critical analysis and valuable comments on our proposals, and, not least of all, upon your sustained support of our endeavors to be of service to you.

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