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Comments from meeting with ANC staff in Morogoro 86-05-26

Due to restrictions imposed by the Tanzanian government, I was unable to visit the Mazimbu farm and the Dakwa projects. However, together with Jan Essmer I met Mr. Tim Maseku, Director of Mazimbu and John Hansen, the farm manager, in Morogoro.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. Dairy training

11 dairy cows have been bought of which 8 are milking at present. 15 heifers in calf are waiting in Arusha to be brought to Mazimbu.

A dairy manager should be recruited as soon as possible in accordance with the job description in the ANC's request of the 3rd of february 1986. The Swedish Co-operative Centre (SCC) will be responsible for the recruitment of such a person. It was agreed that the staff of Mazimbu should be given the opportunity to take part on the selection of the best qualified applicant. Preparation should start immediately to enable 3 trainees from Mazimbu to be trained in sweden in milk production. The course will be arranged by SCC: It is very important that the trainees arrive in Sweden before 1st of August so they can take part in the production of fodder, particularly silage.

It was further suggested that two more trainees should be selected in Zambia\*. Those selected in Mazimbu are:

Dimikatsa Maketha

Dick Dlomo

Joyce Mohamed

Further particulars will be supplied by ANC through the SIDA-office in Dar es Salaam.

SIDA should proceed with the purchase of equipment for the milking parlour, which will be of 2x5 herring bone system all in accordance with previous mentioned request. The staff of Mazimbu reckons they will be able to install the equipment themselves, providing they are given detailed instructions and drawings.

2. Silos

An estimated production of 500-600 tons of sunflower (100) and maize (500) is expected at Mazimbu. Most of the produce will be used as cattle and pig feed. To increase the present storage capacity, which is about 200 tons, another 4 silos are needed, as per request. In the agreed minutes from the consultative talks held in May, a bakery is mentioned / 4.10.4). ANC are planning to import the wheat and store it in one of the silos at Mazimbu.

3. Irrigation system

In the request SIDA is also asked to fund an irrigation system in Mazimbu. That would also be used for supplying water for the pigery as well as the dairy later on. At present the water is driven in a watertank to the pigery every day, which is unsatisfactory.

4. Estimated cost:

Milking parlour	200.000 SEK
4 silos	600.000 SEK
Water supply/irrigation	400.000 SEK
Total	1.200.000 SEK



In the budget for 85/86 1.600.000 SEK is allocated for Mazimbu. It is proposed that the balance is used for any additional cost that may occur on the above mentioned items and/or spareparts for farm machinery. SIDA should start proceedings to purchase the above. The slaughter house mentioned in the request is not of immediate interest.

#### 5. Soil conservation

In Lill Lundgren's report from her visit in Dakawa and Mazimbu in September, she gives specific recommendations as how to deal with the soil erosion problems. None of her recommendations have so far been carried out due to different circumstances, one being lack of diesel for the tractors. The soil conservation unit in Nairobi will be in Tanzania some time in June and it would be of great value if a visit to Mazimbu could be arranged, as the erosion problems are getting more serious for every rainperiod. It must also be emphasized that soil conservation measures must be taken promptly, before the farm is seriously damaged. A visit to Mazimbu in January 1987, just before the planting season, in order to establish if correct measures has been taken, should be arranged.

#### 6. Agriculture training

Agriculture training in general was discussed and it was agreed that there is a great need of training. Mr. Maseko would give his comments on the papers on training presented to him.

Mr. Maseko brought up the question of introducing agriculture on the timetable in the secondary school. To be able to do that an agriculture instructor/teacher would have to be recruited from overseas. By introducing agriculture as a subject on the secondary school, the status of agriculture in general could be uplifted. At present agriculture has a very low status, particularly among the youths. This might be an aspect to be considered in the training programme.

#### 7. Dakawa

Only a sorghum crop has been planted this year (about 30 ha). A poor crop is expected due to waterlogging, although NORAD claims the drainage system is working satisfactory.

The road building is going according to plan.

Only 15 temporary houses have been erected so far, which means that some people are living in tents. Over 400 people are staying at Dakawa at present. There are problems with fresh water supply, as it is drawn from a river 14 km away.

A powerline will be built from a prison camp 6 km away to Dakawa. Hopefully there will be electricity in Dakawa by the end of the year. But there are some doubts, if the power supplied will be sufficient.

Norplan and Noragric are at present carrying out a "feasability study and detailed plan for agricultural development". The study is expected to be ready by June/July and SIDA will no doubt receive copies. This study is a result of the meetings that took place in the beginning of October in Dar es Salaam, between ANC, SIDA and NORAD/Norplan.

Enclosed copies of "the policy framework for the agricultural study".

- \* After discussions in Lusaka with Mr. Barney McKay two more working at Mazimbu should be included in the dairy training programme in Sweden. They are: Arthur Mogoai and Caiphus Mosue, both candidates are mentioned in the request of 3rd February 1986.

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