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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Visit of Pakistan Administrative Staff College Team

A 16-member team from PASC visited Gilgit on June 10, 1987 and were accommodated at Gilgit Serena Lodge.

A briefing was arranged at the AKRSP office on 11.6.1987 at which, in addition to the PASC team, representatives of the Dutch Embassy Mr. Balk and Miss Fatima Malik and Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, a noted International Journalist, and some MBA interns from the Lahore School of Management Studies were also present.

The screening of VIT and the post viewing update presented by the GM were very interestedly followed by all.

Appreciation was expressed of the methodology of respecting the sovereignty of the VOs and the primary of their recommendations for PPIs.

There was general amazement at the level of savings and repayments in the credit programme.

Feasibility of replication featured prominently in the discussions. Mr. Iqbal Ahmed's query about SSK's experience in varied situations as (1) government servant, (2) an international bureaucrat and now (3) as an international NGO bureaucrat was followed with much interest.

SSK replied that he never had it so good as now, however, bureaucrats in whatever capacity and status have tremendous opportunity and power when in government but require support of colleagues from other departments and superiors. His good fortune had been that this support had been forthcoming during his various tenures and fortunately continues to be so even when outside the government.

The fundamental need was to develop a consistent philosophy and to implement the same without regard to personal status and with genuine concern for the intended beneficiaries. The greater dispersal of such a policy could lead to more rapid development of other areas and in general an equally successful replication of the programme content. After the briefing, the team was taken to Hanuchal and Shahtote.