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Bovine Pleuro - Pneumonia

Investigation Application to b D A b

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M. S. Smith CDAC
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b. J.
b. D. F.
Veterinary

1. Dep. Gov. 723

15/12/58

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In cases stated requests that b.D.F. be asked to sanction reduction of period of experimental work from four years to three years.

Mr. T. W. Davies

This is very reasonable. Need it enter a formal reference to C.D.A. and Treasury? Or may we have your authority for approval?

T. W. Davies
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Mr. S. W. Smith

Would you see if there are any precedents please?

T. W. Davies 19/1

1. I can't trace a precedent.
2. I am not clear what the Gov. means in para 14. Does he mean to say that, because an experience offer has been obtained, the research work which it was estimated in the application to the b.D.F. (in four years) would be done, is now to be finished in three years. Also, I am not clear what is to happen at the end of three years experimental work. Will Kenya carry on and bear the cost from Kenya funds.

3. If the reply to either of these queries is in the affirmative then I see no necessity to refer to the base Treasury, unless, of course, you expect to anticipate any difficulty as regards the acceleration of issues from the base.

4. On the other hand, if the research programme has been cut down because, owing to the minimal salary paid to the Research officer, there is not sufficient money available to carry out the full scheme, then I think the question should be referred to the base before approval in general.

St. Faith
17/1/49

Treasury are of course suspicious of an acceleration of expenditure in a C.D. Scheme involving a considerable

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considerable sum and have, on occasion, enquired the reason for such acceleration. On the other hand they are not slow to be persuaded with time conditions except where such a condition is a vital part of the scheme. Where it is an advantage for the progress of the scheme to be expedited, as in the present case, Treasury would not I am sure raise any objection.

I am an old hand at this sort of game of wits and I do not see any objection to the Government's proposal assuming of course that the purpose of the scheme, despite its foreboding, will be fully achieved.

St. Faith

17/1/49

Mr. Freeston.

So far as I know a case like this has never arisen before, and I must say that I am inclined to agree with the view taken by Mr. Smith above. Furthermore it seems to me that it may be implied from paragraph 4^{no} that the results of the research over 3 years will not be so great as they would have been over 4 years (this seems to follow from the phrasing "information of practicable value will be obtained even if the period of the scheme is reduced").

I realise that it must be extremely difficult to evaluate the comparative usefulness of a 3 years or 4 years scheme, ^{but} it seems to me that from a layman's point of view a 3 years scheme must be prima facie of less value. Before deciding whether this scheme should be re-submitted to the Committee or not I would suggest that we should ask the Government for further information on the lines indicated in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Mr. Smith's minute above.

Freeston

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Mr. S.W. Smith
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Please let me see
the reply *AB*

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Mr. Costley-White. 17/1 - 20/1
Mr. Paskin. B.W. Davies Smith 26/1

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- Mr. A. J. Dawe.
- Sir H. Moore.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
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- Secretary of State.

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Downing Street.

31 January, 1939.

DRAFT.

KENYA.
NO: 65.

GOVERNOR.

(1)

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 723 of the 15th December, 1938, on the subject of the Colonial Development Fund grant for investigation into the disease of bovine pleuro-pneumonia.

Coming to a decision on
Before deciding whether or not I support your proposal that the Colonial Development Advisory Committee should be asked to authorise the curtailment of the period of the grant from four years to three, there are two points on which I would be grateful for further information.

FURTHER ACTION:

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2. In the last paragraph of your despatch you state that information of practical

practical value concerning the disease

Submitted by
X att.

~~It will be obtained even if the period of the scheme is reduced. It is ^{is} not clear~~

~~whether I should be right in understanding from this phrasing that the research work which it was~~

of the research programme originally contemplated would be achieved in four years
take
is now to be finished in three. The correct
position may, on the contrary, be that it is now
proposed to curtail the research programme originally
contemplated, because, owing to the Research Worker's
salary being greater than that expected when the
estimate was drawn up, there are now insufficient funds
available to carry out the full scheme.

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~~salary being greater than that expected when the~~

~~estimate was drawn up, there are now insufficient funds~~

~~available to carry out the full scheme.~~

Secondly, I should be glad to know whether

it is your intention that, on completion of the reduced

period of three years experimental work, the

investigations should be brought to an end, or

whether ^{the} your Government ^{is} would propose to make

available the funds ^{for the continuance of} required in order that the

investigations should be continued.

I have, etc.

(X)

It is however not clear whether the reduction by one year of the period of experimental work would involve the curtailment of the ~~same~~ research programme originally contemplated, or whether it is anticipated that it will now be possible to achieve the same result in three years.

(Signed) HALOIS M. McDONALD.



15 December 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to despatch No. 195 of the 4th March, 1937, in which Mr. Ormsby Gore (now Lord Harlech) intimated that a free grant of £6,580 from the Colonial Development Fund had been sanctioned to cover the cost of an etiological investigation of contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia, with special reference to factors affecting diagnosis and control. The serial number allotted to this scheme was 446.

2. The original estimates of expenditure included in the application were framed on the assumption that it would be possible to engage a special research officer for this work at a salary of £600 by £30 to £720 on a 36-48 months agreement with a normal tour of four years and the appropriate period of leave thereafter.

3. (a) Towards the end of 1937 it became clear that there was little likelihood of obtaining an officer on temporary appointment and it was decided to treat the post as one within the Colonial Veterinary Service and to recruit an officer for appointment to the pensionable establishment, as proposed in your predecessor's despatch No. 1106 of the 16th December, 1937.

(b) This was effected by the transfer of Mr. Purchase from Northern Rhodesia. This was a most suitable appointment since he had been engaged during the previous three years on pleuro-pneumonia research, but the extra expenditure involved by his appointment at a salary in excess of that contemplated/

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contemplated in respect of a temporary officer necessitates a recasting of the research scheme.

3 (c) Mr. Purchase's salary, together with pension contribution, housing allowance, passages and leave pay for a period of three years and eight months will amount to approximately £4,024 as against the estimated expenditure of £3,180 in respect of a temporary officer for a four year tour with six months leave thereafter.

(d) On the other hand there has been a slight saving in the capital expenditure since the travelling laboratory and its equipment was estimated to cost £1,100 but has in fact cost only £720.

(e) The expenditure in respect of the mobile laboratory and the special research officer for a period of three years and eight months amounts to £4,744 leaving a sum of £1,836 to cover the remaining recurrent charges which in the scheme as submitted were estimated to cost £600 per annum for four years. The grant would, therefore, be sufficient to provide for the experimental work contemplated for a term of three years, a period which equals Mr. Purchase's normal tour.

4. I am advised that information of practical value relating to the diagnosis and control of bovine pleuro-pneumonia will be obtained even if the period of the scheme is reduced, and in the circumstances I shall be glad if the Colonial Development Advisory Committee may be asked to agree to the reduction of the period of experimental work from four years to three years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. W. Wade

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