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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Walter W. Mode, Chief
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DATE: February 27, 1957

FROM: Albert A. Rosenfeld *aar*

SUBJECT: National Agricultural Credit Office

Ralph Miller has just forwarded to me a revised draft of the proposed arrete establishing the National Agricultural Credit Office. Several of our suggestions have been adopted.

1. Most important, the arrete now provides that the Board will act only on the policy level -- operations will be wholly the responsibility of the administrative staff.
2. The governing board has been enlarged from 4 to 5 members.
3. The new member will be from outside of the management staff of the office.
4. Bonuses will be paid only after consideration of losses.
5. Power to make some loans can be delegated to Provincial Committees.

This last is the only point which I propose to develop further with Mr. Lien. I still think that it would be desirable for loan-making powers, under careful supervision, to be delegated down to the community level. The arrete should at least carry provisions for possible delegation to this level in the future, and also to cooperatives which might take on the role of "wholesalers" of credit to their members.

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cc: Mr. Ralph Miller, USOM

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