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December 2, 1985

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: The Gambia - Overdue Financial Obligations to the Fund -
Report and Complaints Under Rule K-1 and Rule S-1, and
Notice of Failure to Settle Trust Fund Obligations

Attached for the information of Executive Directors is the text of a communication dated December 2, 1985 sent by the Honorable S. S. Sissay, Minister of Finance, The Gambia to the Deputy Managing Director.

Att: (1)

ATTACHMENT

RICHARD D. ERB
DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR
INTERFUND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CABLE OF 18TH NOVEMBER 1985 ON THE SUBJECT OF GAMBIA'S ARREARS OF OBLIGATIONS TO THE FUND. I SHOWED THE CABLE TO THE PRESIDENT AND DISCUSSED ITS CONTENTS FULLY WITH HIM. WE HAVE NOTED THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE COMPLAINT THAT WAS BEFORE IT FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS MEETING OF THE 8TH NOVEMBER.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WISH TO GIVE YOU THESE PERSONAL ASSURANCES:

- (I) THAT WE ARE VERY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER THIS UNFORTUNATE STATE OF OUR INDEBTEDNESS TO THE FUND AND WE ARE MAKING DETERMINED EFFORTS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS IN QUESTION,
- (II) THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE ANY PAYMENTS IN THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE ARREARS ACCUMULATED MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS A PERIOD (I.E. JUNE - NOVEMBER) WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE SEASONAL LOW FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, MORE PRECISELY FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE INFLOWS,
- (III) THAT YOUR PERSONAL APPEAL HAS REINFORCED OUR RESOLVE.
- (IV) FORTUNATELY, IN A MONTH OR TWO WE SHALL COMMENCE EXPORTING THIS YEAR'S PRODUCE AND WE SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF OUR OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS TO THE FUND IS ACCORDED PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.

MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT TIMES, WE DRAW CONSIDERABLE COMFORT FROM THE ENCOURAGEMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED FROM YOU AND YOUR STAFF.

WITH THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM.

SHERIFF S. SISAY
MINISTER OF FINANCE AND TRADE
BANJUL, THE GAMBIA

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