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Mr. Robert S. McNamara  
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Dear Mr. President,

I thank you very much for your letter of August 6, 1974 regarding the establishment of an Aid Group for Bangladesh and inviting Switzerland to participate in it. My country in fact takes an active interest in the economic development of Bangladesh.

However, we will not be able to apply for membership in the Aid Group, since, - as you now - our legislation requires parliamentary approval of each financial aid credit and therefore excludes periodical pledges. Yet we intend to participate in the work of a Consortium for Bangladesh as an observer in the same way we do in the Aid Groups for India and Pakistan.

We will be pleased to be provided with the announced report on the economy of Bangladesh and with further information on the first meeting of the Group. All correspondence on this subject should be addressed to me personally.

Sincerely

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