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Subject: Transport Study in
Northern Rhodesia

The World Bank has agreed to organize and help finance a study of Northern Rhodesia's transport requirements, including the priorities for the future expansion of the transport network. The total study costs are estimated at \$168,000; the Government of Northern Rhodesia has agreed to bear the local currency costs, and the Bank the foreign exchange costs.

Northern Rhodesia is to become independent in October 1964, and is preparing to launch a new economic development plan. There is an urgent need to determine how investment in the transport sector can best contribute to development in the rest of the economy.

The Bank is engaging the firm of Netherlands Engineering Consultants (NEDECO) as consultants for the study. The consultants will evaluate the likely costs and benefits for various transport projects now under consideration. They will review the existing economic organization of transport and the state of competition among different modes of transport, in order to advise the Government on policies for licensing, regulation and taxation of transport. In the end, the consultants will propose a program for public investment in transport over the next five years and present a broad perspective of the way in which the transport network should develop over the succeeding five years.

The study is to commence this month, and will be completed by the end of 1964.