

staff, and furthermore it has seriously undermined their morale and motivation for productive work.

5. The division of power in the hierarchy of the Department is confused and affected by political factors. Directors of district offices (all Arabs) are accountable not only to the Officer-in-Charge at the Military Headquarters, but also to local Military Governors. Decisions on proposed projects and activities are scrutinized with Israel's political and economic policies. To make things more difficult for directors of district offices, Israeli advisers are authorized to take part in all administrative and technical decisions, often in much more than an advisory capacity.

An administrative machinery like that described above for the West Bank Department of Agriculture is not only professionally emasculated but also vulnerable to corruption. The implications of that unhealthy situation on the prospects of reactivating agricultural development in the West Bank are obviously grave and render this assignment increasingly difficult. The development of agriculture can be difficult enough when fostered by a paternal national authority. But, such an assignment is rendered immensely more difficult when it has to be achieved in the face of an occupation force which has little or no interest in seeing agriculture help people adhere to their land.

Department of Agriculture

A summary of budget for 1981/82

	Shekels (millions)	Jordan Dinars [*] (thousands)
1. <u>Headquarters and district offices</u>		
Salaries for Israelis and locals	19.670	393.4
Research stations and forestry	0.860	17.2
Veterinary services and materials	1.440	28.8
Extension and training	0.150	3.0
Maintenance of machinery	0.200	4.0
Agricultural fair	0.220	4.4
Less sales of produce	1.000	20.0
Less charges for veterinary services	0.616	12.3
Total	20.924	418.5
2. <u>Administration</u>		
Office expenses	0.220	4.4
Office rent and maintenance	0.510	10.2
Post and telephones	0.300	6.0
Transportation and car allowances	6.813	136.3
Total	7.843	156.9
Grand total	28.767	575.4

Source: Letter no 1/11601, dated Sept 14, 1981 - signed by Chief Staff in the Department of Agriculture at the Military Headquarters.

* Conversion was made at the average exchange of I.S. 50 per Dinar.