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ANERA'S Project proposals for Fiscal Year 1979, and official  
response by February 1982.

| Project Title  | Amount of aid<br>US \$ | Official<br>response |
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| 1. Halhul Agriculture Cooperative's Agricultural Services Project  | 150,000                | Rejected             |
| 2. Dura Agriculture Cooperative's Agricultural Services Project  | 150,000                | Suspended            |
| 3. Nablus Region Agriculture Cooperative's Agricultural Services Project   | 250,000                | Approved             |
| 4. Hebron District Mechanized Agricultural Services Cooperatives Project   | 100,000                | Approved             |
| 5. Ein Simya (Ramallah District) Olives Press Cooperative's Oil Grading, Quality Control and Tinning/Bottling for Export Project | 150,000                | Approved             |
| 6. Jenin Regional Marketing Cooperative  | 150,000                | Suspended            |
| 7. Jericho Marketing Cooperative's Vegetable Seedling Nursery Project  | 100,000                | Rejected             |
| 8. Hebron/Bethlehem Cooperative Plant Nursery Project  | 150,000                | Approved             |
| 9. Hebron District Union of Village Electrification Cooperatives' Electrification for Light Industry Project                     | 250,000                | Approved             |
| 10. Nablus Region Village Electrification Cooperative "Union" Electrification for Light Industry Project                         | 250,000                | Rejected             |
| 11. Dura Municipal Electrification for light industries project.   | 100,000                | Rejected             |
| 12. Gaza Municipal Rainwater Conservation Project  | 250,000                | Approved             |
| 13. Gaza Municipal Self-Help Neighbourhood Project   | 100,000                | Approved             |
| 14. Jalazone Bakery Cooperative Project  | 45,000                 | Suspended            |
| 15. Targumia Cooperative Revolving Fund for Land Reclamation   | 100,000                | Approved             |
| 16. Nablus Regional Agricultural Cooperative's Revolving Loan Fund for Land Reclamation Project                                  | 100,000                | Rejected             |
| 17. Ramallah Municipal Vocational Training Institute Project   | 125,000                | Rejected             |
| 18. Hebron University Graduates' Union Polytechnic Project   | 125,000                | Approved             |
| 19. Hebron Patients' Friend Society District Hospital Project  | 300,000                | Rejected             |

Source: ANERA'S office in East Jerusalem.

they are constantly battling against proposed cuts in their funds. Besides, the prices of goods are liable to so much drastic and rapid changes that previous cost estimates and feasibility analyses may become inapplicable and require a costly and time-consuming revision. In some cases, it is even possible that the underlying political, economic and social setting may change during the lengthy processing period, so much so that the validity of the whole project may become in question.

e. Political ramifications

Undoubtedly, the functioning of voluntary agencies is underlied by complex political motives, more clearly so that most of them are openly affiliated to the US State Department.

Successive American governments have sustained intense interest in West Bank politics since the beginning of Israeli occupation. Although American presidents have been only a little reserved in their support of Israel, the State Department, on the other hand, has always been keen on cultivating a stronger foothold among residents of the occupied territories. The Department's objective is, clearly enough, to develop a maximum local leverage as a potential investment in future politics. If and when the time comes, and a Palestinian state is established, the United States is anxious to be able to influence it. To achieve that purpose, American policy has taken several concrete steps. At the political level there have been frequent "private" signals suggesting implicit support for establishing a Palestinian state. This was openly expressed in such reports as that of Brookings Institution team (headed by the