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Dear Mr. Black,

I would like first to thank you on behalf of the Government of the Sudan for the continued personal interest which you and your staff have always shown in the economic development of this Country. I wish also on this occasion to thank you for your efforts to bring about a settlement over the water problems between our Country and United Arab Republic. These efforts have been of great value in stimulating both parties to reach an agreement.

The agreement reached is, I am pleased to say, a comprehensive one and provides adequate arrangements for the use of the Nile Waters between the two countries. It also provides for the settlement of other riparian interests if and when they arise. An English translation of the text of the Agreement is enclosed. Agreement has also been reached which will make it possible for the Sudan to provide water for Managil Extension to the end of irrigation season in March.

My Government is now anxious to start negotiations with the Bank at a very early date. I have reported the discussions I had with you and your staff recently in Washington to my Government. During these discussions you have indicated that the Bank would provide all the foreign exchange required for Managil and Roseires, and would also help in exploring possibilities of providing some of the local counterpart from other sources. I mentioned during these discussions that I have had the opportunity of raising the problem of assistance over local currency with the Governments of United States of America, United Kingdom and Federal Republic of Germany. Since my return to Khartoum further approaches have been made to these Governments through their Ambassadors in Khartoum. In addition we have also approached both the French and Italian Governments. We shall no doubt hear in the near future the reactions of these Governments.

We would therefore appreciate it if it is possible to arrange for early discussions with the Bank staff. My Government would be most happy to welcome your representatives to Khartoum at any time you wish if this is considered convenient and appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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