NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS

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Michigan State University has a contract with the Agency for International Development (formerly ICA), and the Government of Nationalist China for working with the Colleges of Agriculture in National Taiwan University, Taipei, and Chung Hsing University, Taichung. One of the five positions for advisers is in the field
of agricultural education. Dr. Donald Neaders is currently on a two-year assignment
to Chung Hsing University to advise the College of Agriculture on administrative and
curriculum problems, and to advise the relatively new (three classes of graduates)
Department of Agricultural Education.

The Department of Agricultural Education has approximately 150 students
enrolled in a four-year program. The areas of the departmental program which are
receiving major emphasis by the adviser for strengthening are pre-service (curriculum
revision and improved student teaching), in-service (development of teaching materials
and policies for systematic distribution of bulletins and other aids), and research.

A major research project is underway with financial assistance from Ford
Foundation Funds granted to Michigan State University for research on International
Programs. A study is being made of a sample of the graduates of Taiwan Vocational
Agriculture Schools for the years 1950, 1955, and 1959. The project will yield
valuable information relative to the V-A School program as well as provide a means
of training the agricultural education staff in research methodology.