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II. NEWS

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***IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT FOR NEPAL**

The Cornell Irrigation Studies Group will be cooperating with Louis Berger International and East Consult (P) Ltd., Kathmandu, in the implementation of a USAID-funded Irrigation Management Project in Nepal beginning fall 1986. The project will assist the Department of Irrigation, Hydrology and Meterology of HMG to develop a Systems Management Division and an Irrigation Management Centre (the latter to be in a Terai location) over a five-year period. A program of research on farmer-managed irrigation systems will be supported under the project as well as special studies on a wide range of irrigation management-related subjects, including property rights, resource mobilization and management, indigenous technologies, etc.

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