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Mr. John C. Rothberg
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Office of Multilateral Coordination and
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Bureau for Latin America
Agency for International Development
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20523

RE: Uruguay 75/06 - Revolving Loan Fund
for Community Farms,
AID/LA-G-1101

Dear Mr. Rothberg:

Attached please find Progress Report No. 4 on the CRS/USAID Project for Uruguay.

The text that came in to us from Uruguay is barely legible, so we have re-typed it for your convenience. The last page, the financial report, is legible, so we are attaching the original on that.

The project is going very well indeed and, in fact, the second \$50,000 has already been contracted for. Catholic Relief Services has already advanced \$25,000 so that planting can go forward according to schedule.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Robert L. Charlebois
Special Assistant

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Enclosure:
Progress Report No. 4

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PROGRESS REPORT NO. 4

April 1 to June 30, 1976

1. REFERENCE SECTION

CRS Project No.: Uruguay 75/06
Amount: US \$50,000
Title of Project: Community Farms
Country in which project is located: Uruguay
Funding Agency Code: U.S. Government Account 42-231-026

2. EXPENDITURES

	<u>PESOS</u>	<u>CONV.</u>	<u>US\$ DOLLARS</u>	
Project No. 8 (C.A.J. "El Dinamo")	61.18	3.40	17.99	Sur.
Project No. 9 (Hogar de Ancianos de San Jose)	20.39	3.40	5.99	
Project No. 1 (2o. stage) (Catholic Scouts)	2,172.35	3.40	638.92	
Project No. 15 (2.o stage) (C.C. "La Chirqueja")	325.24	3.55	91.61	
Project No. 17 (Tala de Corrales)	3,000.00	3.55	845.07	
Project No. 18 (Apicultores Pador Tajés)	2,173.74	3.55	612.32	
Project No. 19 (Tracoop)	330.91	3.55	93.21	
Stock for winter projects	8,066.37	3.55	2,272.21	

3. PROGRESS OF PROJECT

(a) CHRONOLOGICAL INFORMATION

April 1 - Contacts with the School of Nutrition and Dietetics to provide technical assistance in alimentary aspects to the producers wives. Notes to the Ministry of Housing and Social Promotion and the University School of Social Work to get contacts with marginated groups.

3. PROGRESS OF PROJECT (cont'd)

(a) CHRONOLOGICAL INFORMATION

- April 5 - The "Paso del Banado" community group pays its credit.
- 6 - The Steering Committee, considering the devaluation of the peso, decides to acquire a stock of fertilizers, pesticides and fumigators to avoid the consequences of the inflation.
Project No. 18 (Parador Tajés) - Beekeepers - is approved.
- 22- The decisions taken in the Evaluation Meeting (March 24) are analyzed with an AID Officer to implement its execution.
- 23- Contact with U.T.U. to get more technical assistance to the on-going and future projects.
- 30- The Catholic Scouts community group pays its credit.
- May 2 - Projects No. 17 (Tala de Corrales) and No. 19 (Tracoop) are approved. The Steering Committee decides to give support to the CALFORU's Onion Plan involucrating 4 community groups.
- 11- Evaluation meeting with the Toledo Chico community group.
- 12- Visit to a marginated area near Montevideo (Barrio Lecoq) where there are good possibilities to organize a community group.
- 25- Draft of a report to AID proposing administrative modifications and a project of individual cards of each participant.
- 26- Visit to another marginated area within Montevideo with medical personnel of the Ministry of Public Health.
- June 1 - The Steering Committee proposes to AID some administrative changes to improve the management of the whole project.
- 2 - The Administrator writes an article on the gains achieved by the project.
- 10- Evaluation meeting with the Barrancas Coloradas and the Parador Tajés groups.

3. PROGRESS OF PROJECT (cont'd)

(a) CHRONOLOGICAL INFORMATION

June 18- Evaluation meeting with the Villa Rodriguez community group.

April/June- All the on-going projects are visited at least twice by an agronomist and the Administrator.

(b) PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Field trips (with promotional and/or supervisory purposes) to:

Department of Canelones	Barrancas Coloradas - 3
	Bolivar
	Carrasco del Sauce - 2
	Empalme Olmos
	La Pedrera
	Las Brujas - 2
	Los Cerrillos
	Pando - 2
	Paso de los Difuntos
	Paso del Bote - 2
	Parador Tajos - 3
	San Jacinto
Department of Florida	Fray Marcos
	25 de agosto
	25 de mayo
Department of Montevideo	Cuchilla Pereira
	Lecoq - 2
	Melilla - 3
	Villa Prosperidad
Department of Rocha	Aguas Dulces
	Castillos
	Cerro de los Rocha
	Vuelta del Palmar
Department of San Jose	Rincon de Albano - 3
	Rodriguez - 3
	San Jose - 2
	Tala de Corrales - 3
Department of Tacuarembó	Peralta
	Tambores

Personal interviews: with civil and military authorities:

National level - 8 with rural producer.
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3. PROGRESS OF PROJECT (cont'd)

(b) PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

	local levels	- 8
	with leaders of private agencies	-13
	with U.S. Embassy's functionaries	- 3
Meetings with:	Agrarian cooperatives	- 4
	Local active groups	- 2
	Durazno Beeraising Bank	- 1
	Technicians of the University (to approach marginated communities)	- 2

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Meetings of the steering committee	- 4
Evaluation and other meetings with the participating groups	- 7
Planning meetings with the technicians of M.J.A.	-19
	CALFORU -14
	CARITAS - 8
Draft of: reports (of several kinds)	-12
new contracts	- 5
orders to retire inputs	
monthly visiting plans	
roll of dates of payment	
analysis of the inversions per season	
individual cards for each participant	
memo to AID proposing administrative improves	
article on the gains of the program	

Correspondence
Records of the Steering Committee

(d) QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS

Number of projects approved: 5
Total of inversions: N\$ 8,066.37 US\$ 2,272.21

3. PROGRESS OF PROJECT (cont'd)

(d) QUANTITATIVE ASPECTS

Items approved:

Kind	No. of projects	Total Hec
Oats	2	11
Alfalfa	2	10
Garlic	2	4½
Onion	1	1½
Green Vegetables	1	1
Bee-raising	1	-

Number of persons and families integrating the community groups:

	Persons	Families	Total Hect
Project No.1(2o.stage)	90	4	20
" " 15(" ")	40	10	2
" " 17	24	6	3
" " 18	16	4	-
" " 19	32	8	3

Characteristics of the community groups:

	No. of the groups	No. of persons	Total Hect
Communities	2	130	22
Formed by a service agency	1	24	3
Spontaneously formed	2	48	3

4. EVALUATION

Autumn is not the season for agriculture in Uruguay, so we took advantage of this period to implement the decisions approved in the Evaluation Meeting of March 24th. We initiated contacts with the Ministry of Housing and Social Promotion and the University School of Social Work to get contacts with marginated communities; with the Technological University (U.T.U.) to get more technical assistance in probable new areas; and with the School of Nutrition and Dietetics to get technical assistance in alimentary aspects.

On the other side, we approached more closely to CALFORU's exportation plans to avoid the serious difficulties of commercialization faced by the producers that planted in spring and summer. For that reason during this period we only approved projects of garlic, onions and foraging plants.

The Steering Committee also decided to approve a bee-raising project extending the payment period to three years. This is a new experience but in any case, it may not take more than 5% of the disposable funds because of this long period of repayment. In the near future, we decided to support CALFORU's onion experimental plan for exportation. It will include 4 communities involving about 360 families

4. EVALUATION

The approach to marginated communities is already underway and it will receive the sollicitudes after a previous community development work done by social workers, medical doctors, nutritionists and agronomists.

The evaluations meetings made with the summer groups demonstrated once again the excellent harvests picked up by the farmers but the market difficulties continue being a serious obstacle to the plain success of the program.

