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SUBJECT - **NONCAPITAL PROJECT PAPER (PROP)**

REFERENCE - Project Title: **Development of Institutions of Higher Education**

Project Number: **596-11-660-012-2**

Activity Title: **FUPAC General Secretariat**

Submission Date:

U. S. Obligation Span: **1970 - 73**

Gross Life-of-project Financial Requirements:

U. S. Dollars	\$ 80,000
U. S. Owned Currency	
Cooperating Country Cash Contribution	27,500

A. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The overall purpose of this activity is to improve and standardize curricula and administrative operations of CA/P private (non-national) universities and post-secondary schools by assisting in the establishment of FUPAC General Secretariat. The activity will result in a strengthening of CA/P university education in general, the more accessible transfer of students to schools of specialized study, and the further development of specialized regional schools aimed at meeting

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current and future CA/P human resource needs.

Specifically, this activity will create, assist and finance during its initial period of operations a General Secretariat of FUPAC, the Federation of Private Universities of CA/P, which was organized in 1966 by four CA/P universities and St. John's College, Belize. The General Secretariat will seek to achieve the aims set forth by FUPAC (see Setting section below) and to bring at least five more CA/P private universities and institutions of higher learning into active participation in FUPAC.

NONCAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING (OBLIGATIONS IN \$000)

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							Agencies	US Ag.		US Ag.	
Prior through Act. FY 69											
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All Subs Total Life	88		88								88

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Fiscal Years	AID-controlled	Other Cash	Other	Food for Freedom Commodities 6/		
	Local Currency U. S. Country- owned owned	Contribution Cooperating Country	Funds (\$ Equiv)	Metric Tons (000)	CCC Value \$ Freight (\$000)	World Market Price (\$000)
Prior through Act. FY- <u>69</u>						
Oper FY <u>70</u>		0.5				
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B + 1 FY <u>72</u>		1.5				
B + 2 FY <u>73</u>		19.5				
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B. ACTIVITY SETTING

FUPAC was created in Managua on August 6, 1966, with the integration of the following private universities: Universidad Santa María La Antigua, Panama; Universidad Centroamericana, Nicaragua; Universidad José Simeón Cañas, El Salvador; Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala, and St. John's College, Belize.

The aims of the Federation are:

- "a) To group together the efforts of the members to ensure constant progress in the administrative and educational fields, according to the most modern and efficient techniques used in university matters;
- b) To suggest working plans and curricula to provide better coordination of various activities; to exchange experiences and projects in an attempt to secure the greatest possible regional unity in university matters;
- c) To try to help all the members of the Federation to win or maintain their complete autonomy;
- d) To obtain technical assistance and international support to assist in improving the level of both teaching and research in each university of the Federation;
- e) To concern itself, decisively, with the educational, social, moral and economic development of the region;
- f) To accept grants, legacies or subventions; to make contracts and agreements, provided that the obligations subscribed do not impair the autonomy of the Federation or its members;
- g) To promote the admission of the members into the existing international organizations. "

The number of students enrolled in the 5 member universities of FUPAC in 1969 was 6,432. It is expected that during the next ten years the student enrollment in these universities will increase substantially.

Based upon projections of the planning offices of the five member universities, it is expected that in 1979, the number of students enrolled will be approximately 15,000.

In addition, it is anticipated that other private universities and higher education institutions will join FUPAC, thereby increasing this enrollment figure to approximately 20,000 students by 1979. A well organized and operating Secretariat would help FUPAC attain its aims which would in turn provide a better education for many of the future leaders of Central America and also help reduce possible waste of economic and human resources by coordinating the efforts of all its members. This coordination would help prevent institutions from duplicating costly educational programs and facilities, and lead towards the development of regional schools with specialties aimed at meeting existing and future human resources needs.

The overall goal of the ROCAP Development of Institutions of Higher Education project continues to be the development of post secondary institutions to meet current and future human resources needs of the CA/P region, on a regional basis. Past, present and future project activities stress the development of specialized regional schools (such as those in Sanitary Engineering and Veterinary Medicine at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala) and the strengthening of the several universities in specific disciplines (agricultural sciences, for example). To date, activities have been carried out only in conjunction with national universities through the medium of CSUCA, the Consejo Superior Universitario Centroamericano.

It is expected that FUPAC will play a role similar to that of CSUCA in developing its member universities. It is also hoped that this project paper will be revised in the future to reflect a merger of CSUCA and FUPAC as a single strong regional federation of post-secondary schools.

C. STRATEGY

The intent of the five members of the FUPAC to effect qualitative improvements in curricula and administrative operations is clearly stated in the aims of the organization stated above in the Setting section. Discussions in FUPAC meetings and in presentations to ROCAP indicate a readiness and desire to proceed.

The first step is to establish a General Secretariat which will undertake to publish a common catalog, statistical bulletins, and a periodic news bulletin. When these functions are well in hand the General Secretariat will undertake an evaluation of the region's system of private higher education, and will then undertake coordination of the continuing process of upgrading the curricula and administrative operations of its members.

The initial obstacle in starting the process is financial. Despite their evidenced good intentions the members of FUPAC are unable to make more than a token contribution to the General Secretariat. ROCAP deems the Secretariat essential and believes that FUPAC membership will have grown sufficiently and that the Secretariat will have proven of sufficient worth to begin to draw a substantial portion of its budget from increased membership subscriptions and from other sources within a four-year period.

It is ROCAP's considered intent to provide nearly full support of the Secretariat's budget for its creation and the first three years of its operation, and reduced support over the succeeding year, and technical guidance throughout the entire four year period.

D. PLANNED TARGETS

The basic objective of this activity is to accelerate and continue standardization and improvement in the curricula and administration of the CA/P region's private institutions of higher education, and in meeting the region's human resources needs through the establishment of a General Secretariat.

The specific immediate targets are (1) the establishment of the FUPAC General Secretariat, and (2) the functioning of this Secretariat in publishing a common catalog and statistical and periodical news bulletins. Subsequent targets are (1) the continuing evaluation and standardization of member institution curricula and administration and (2) budgetary self-sufficiency of the Secretariat.

E. COURSE OF ACTION

1. Upon signing a project agreement with ROCAP, FUPAC will undertake to establish the General Secretariat with its head-

quarters at the Universidad Rafael Landivar in Guatemala City.

2. Within 60 days of its establishment the General Secretariat will submit for ROCAP approval a workplan incorporating a schedule and outlines for the preparation and publication of the common catalog and the statistical and periodical bulletins. From this point forward, FUPAC will provide ROCAP with quarterly reports on the progress of the General Secretariat.

3. FUPAC will prepare within one year written plans for the expansion of membership and the increase of membership subscriptions and budgetary support of the General Secretariat from other sources. The General Secretariat will be expected to obtain a substantial portion of its operating budget as a result of these activities, beginning in its fourth year of operation.

4. ROCAP will provide financial assistance necessary for establishment and the first three years operation of the General Secretariat, and reduced support for the succeeding year. Technical assistance in the form of counseling and managerial guidance will be provided over the four year life of this activity.

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