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SUBJECT: LA REGIONAL PROJECT PROP - EXPERIMENTATION IN LOWER
EDUCATION UNIT COST

REF: AIDTO CIR A-65

1. MISSION PLANS 3 SUB-PROJECTS IN EDUCATION WHICH HAVE BEEN FULLY COORDINATED WITH GOP AND MATCH HOST GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES. ALL PROJECTS AIM, INTER ALIA, AT REDUCING EDUCATION COSTS AND IMPROVING PROJECT EVALUATION: A. RURAL ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - TARGETED E.G. AT REDUCING EDUCATION WASTAGE. THE HIGH DROP-OUT AND REPEAT RATES ARE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF HIGH COST PER GRADUATE. B. EDUCATION SECTOR PLANNING - TARGETED AT IMPROVING MOE PROGRAMMING, RESOURCE USE, AND FEEDBACK TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS. SUBJECT REGIONAL PROJECT APPEARS CLOSELY RELATED. MISSION'S FY 74 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EDUCATION SECTOR ASSESSMENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE COST-BENEFIT COMPONENTS. TIMELY CONSULTANT SERVICES DURING THIS STUDY MIGHT BE OF BENEFIT. C. BASIC AGRICULTURE/ NON-FORMAL EDUCATION - TARGETED AT LOWERING EDUCATION UNIT COSTS AND OFFERING EDUCATION TO DROP-OUTS AND NON-LITERATE RURAL ADULTS. PROJECT HAS BEEN SELECTED BY AID/W AS PILOT PROJECT FOR ACCELERATED PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. PROJECT WILL BE EXPERIMENTAL IN THAT VARIOUS TYPES OF INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES, INSTRUCTORS, COURSES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE TESTED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE LOW COST METHODS OF INSTRUCTION. MISSION REITERATES INTEREST IN CONSULTANT SERVICES TO MOE. (SEE ASUNCI 3335 PAR. 17).

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2. AT THIS TIME IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PARAGUAY MIGHT SEND TO FLORIDA. MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON COURSE CONTENT BEFORE MISSION AND MOE CAN IDENTIFY CANDIDATES FOR TRAINING. BY FY 1974 PARAGUAY SHOULD HAVE CANDIDATE FOR FSU COURSES AND SEVERAL FOR LA COUNTRY WORKSHOPS.

3. A WORKSHOP IN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE FOR PARAGUAYAN TEACHERS AS A FOLLOW-ON TO LEADERSHIP MOTIVATION AND INFORMATION WORKSHOP PLANNED WITH ASSISTANCE OF MSU. IS THIS WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF SU PROFESSIONAL TEAM?

4. IF PROP DIES NOT INCLUDE NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AS PART OF THE PROJECT, USAID/P WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING RESEARCH IN THIS AREA AND DEVELOPMENT OF NON-LITERACY ORIENTED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR RURAL CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

5. REF AIRGRAM DATED JAN. 25, 74 RECEIVED FEB. 1-74 WITH RESPONSE DUE FEB. 5-74, ALLOWING ONLY TWO WORK DAYS.
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