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SUBJ: FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY EXPERIMENTATION TO LOWER UNIT  
COST CONTRACT

THIS IS TO FILL YOU IN ON THE STATUS OF THE CONTRACT, ESPECIALLY AS IT EFFECTS RICHARD DURSTINE. A BIT OF BACKGROUND IS NECESSARY BEFORE GOING INTO CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

OVER A YEAR AGO, THE PROP WHICH COVERED THIS CONTRACT EXPIRED AND A WAIVER OF A NEW PROP WAS OBTAINED SUBJECT TO MORE EXPERIENCE AND AN APPRAISAL OF THE PROJECT. IN THE DAP REVIEW THIS FALL VARIOUS POINTS WERE MADE INCLUDING THE NEED TO COORDINATE PLANS WITH TAB ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PROGRAMS OF 2110 INSTITUTIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE PAR WAS COMPLETED; AND A DRAFT PROP CIRCULATED TO THE FIELD FOR RESPONSE, WHICH WAS GENERALLY QUITE FAVORABLE. IN EARLY MARCH, THE CONTRACT WAS AMENDED SO AS TO END ON MAY 31 INSTEAD OF MARCH 31 TO ALLOW FOR ANY DELAYS IN PROP, PIO/T OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. A DAEC MEETING ON THE PROP WAS CALLED AT THE END OF LAST MONTH. THE DECISION WAS TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROP UNTIL SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS COULD BE DEVELOPED RELATING THESE ACTIVITIES TO

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EDUCATION IN 2110 PROGRAMS. BILL CHARLESON OF TA/EHR DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF BETTER UTILIZING 2110 INSTITUTIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEW MONEY MIGHT BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. HE SAID HE HAD FISCAL 1974 MONEY THAT COULD BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WAS ANXIOUS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF COORDINATION OR NETWORKING BETWEEN FSU AND BERKELEY AND/OR OTHER 2110 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. IN THE DAEC MEETING IT WAS SPECIFIED THAT SOME INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WITH FSU MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

THE DEPTH OF THE MISSIONS' POSITIVE REACTION TO THIS PROJECT WAS QUESTIONED SINCE WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING CANDIDATES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE RESPONSE OF SEVERAL MISSIONS THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES DIRECTLY IF NECESSARY WAS POINTED OUT. IT WAS DIRECTED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS IN THE CASE OF DURSTINE'S SERVICES IN BRAZIL (UNDER THE SECTOR LOANS OR OTHERWISE) BE EXPLORED WITH THE BRAZIL MISSION.

LAST WEEK (MARCH 25-26) CHARLESON WENT TO BERKELEY TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING SOME SORT OF NETWORK WITH THEM. ANOTHER MEETING IN BERKELEY BETWEEN THEIR PEOPLE, STANFORD 2110 REPRESENTATIVES, CHARLESON, DAN ROGERS, SOMEONE FROM THE ASIA BUREAU, AND PROBABLY JAMES CHANDLER (HEAD OF TA/EHR) IS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15. IN ADDITION, SID GRANT AND ROBERT MORGAN WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 9TH TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES.

AS CAN BE SEEN, INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ARE IN PROCESS. WHAT WILL RESULT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THE TIMING OF ANY RESULTANT ACTIVITIES IS EVEN MORE MOOT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE DO WANT TO GET YOUR REACTIONS AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MISSION OR THE BRAZILIANS PICKING UP DICK DURSTINE'S CONTRACT. SINCE THERE IS A STRONG DEMAND FOR HIS SERVICES IN OTHER MISSIONS, THIS IS NOT OUR FIRST CHOICE. WE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT OR SOMETHING APPROXIMATING IT CAN BE CONTINUED. NEVERTHELESS, IN AS MUCH FAIRNESS TO HIM AS IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE PRESENT DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, OTHER POSSIBILITIES MUST BE EXPLORED.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEM. RUSH

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