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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

1. PROJECT NO. PIO/T 931-11-599-065	2. PAR FOR PERIOD 1-1-75 TO 12-31-75	3. COUNTRY USA	4. PAR SERIAL NO.
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PROJECT TITLE
 National Library of Medicine (DHEW/NLM) Technical Support

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6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 74 Ends FY 75	7. DATE LATEST PHOP 4-24-75	8. DATE LATEST PIP	9. DATE PRIOR PAR 7-1-75
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$109,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ 60,000	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ continuity projec
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.
National Library of Medicine, Dept. of H. E. and W.	RSSA

I. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID/W	HOST		
	TA/H		Based on a continuing review of this activity by TA/H during the past year, it is recommended that the life of this project be extended for a period of three additional years through FY 78.	

D. REPLANNING REQUIRES	<input type="checkbox"/> PROP	<input type="checkbox"/> PIP	<input type="checkbox"/> PRO AG	<input type="checkbox"/> PIP T	<input type="checkbox"/> PIP/C	<input type="checkbox"/> PIP P	E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW
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As part of the review noted on page one, all USAID Missions were queried for their advice as to the importance and effectiveness of services available from The National Library of Medicine and their anticipated usage of the library in the next few years.

A sampling of missions responses follows:

a. USAID/NLM services available to USAID Missions appears to contain several elements which could aid in strengthening local national scientific documentation centers.

b. USAID/San Jose.....information provided in ref. circ. re. services available to missions and medical institutions in AID countries extremely helpful.

c. USAID/ISLAMBAD.....please send catalogue of available films

d. USAID/KATHMANDU.....USAID has contacted relevant institutions and met with substantial enthusiasm regarding utilization of services available through the NLM.

e. USAID/SANTO DOMINGO.....pleased to learn of the new agreement with the NLM to provide services to AID Missions and local institutions. This relationship is certain to prove extremely useful.....

Based on these commentaries and on our on-going survey of utilization of the library, we have concluded that the project serves an extremely important function in the Agency's execution of the Health Mandate.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

THRU: ES

FROM: AA/PPC, Philip Birnbaum 

Problem: Your approval is requested of the attached Project Paper, National Library of Medicine Technical Support, which continues financing the Resources Support Services Agreement (RSSA) with the National Library of Medicine (NLM/HEW) for three years from FY 1976 through FY 1978 and increases the total cost from \$109,000 for two years to \$315,000 for five years.

Discussion: The National Library of Medicine has provided field support in health and medical communications to AID Missions, relevant institutions and individuals in LDCs for over twenty years. Prior to FY 1974, the Agency's support of NLM was provided under the terms of a Participating Agency Support Agreement (PASA) administered by SER/CM/PAS. The TA Bureau assumed management and funding of this project in July 1973. This Project Paper has been prepared to implement Agency policy that RSSA's should be covered by normal project documentation. However, processing of the PP has been delayed because other higher priority activities have required the attention of the TAB staff concerned.

The NLM collects, indexes and stores scientific literature in the fields of medicine and biology from all over the world. Principal international services provided through the RSSA with NLM are inter-library loans, reference searches and subscriptions to NLM publications. The reference and literature searches are conducted through a computer-based information storage and retrieval system. MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis Retrieval System) and MEDLINE printouts are the products of this type of information services. Thus NLM is able to make available to AID in Washington and the field and to LDC medical and scientific institutions and health centers the following services:

1. The Index Medicus publications which include statements on elements of health, both research and practice, and covers broad topics such as nutrition, population, communicable disease;

2. The Abridged Index Medicus which is issued monthly and covers all fields of preventive and curative medicine; and

3. A current catalog subscription and an audiovisual film loans service for AID-assisted countries.

The number of requests for NLM services received from AID-supported LDCs reached almost 21,000 during FY 1975.

In July 1975 as a part of the annual evaluation of the project, the Missions were queried for their views on the importance and effectiveness of NLM services and their anticipated usage of the library over the new few years. The Mission responses indicated not only strong support and increasing demand for NLM services, but also foresaw use of its materials, particularly audio-visuals and films in centers specializing in health care/paramedical training and courses for auxiliary nurses and midwives.

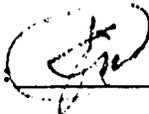
The proposed funding levels of \$56,000 for FY 1976, \$15,000 for the TQ and \$65,000 for FY 1977 are included in the Activity Data Sheets "Health Planning" p.39, FY 1976 IPB, and p. 43, FY 1977 IPB. (These amounts are supplemented by PHA/POP at the approximate level of \$15,000 per year). TAB has already provided \$56,000 for FY 1976 funding of the RSSA with the NLM due to the delay in processing the PP.

Utilization and Evaluation: The standard TA Bureau policy calls for approval of field support projects for a three year period after review and favorable recommendation by the Research and Development Committee. Although the burden of proof at the end of the three year period rests with the proponents of an extension, a termination date normally is not assigned to the project unless/until a three year review determines that it should be phased out. This procedure highlights that this is a "level of effort" activity which use is largely determined by external regional bureaus' and TAB's need rather than one with outputs specified in advance.

In addition to the three year review, an annual appraisal of the activity is made by a committee including technical representatives of the regional bureaus which ascertains whether the contract continues to be relevant, if the level of funding corresponds to demands and if advice provided has been both relevant and utilized by the regional bureaus, Mission and LDCs.

Recommendation: That you approve the National Library of Medicine Technical Support PP for three years from FY 1976 through FY 1978 for a total funding level of \$206,000 for this period.

Attachment: PP - National Library of Medicine
Technical Support

Approved: 

Disapproved: _____

Date: 5/15/76

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Clearances:

AA/TA:CFarrar  Date: 5/10/76
GC:CLGladson  Date: 5/14/76
GC/TF&HA:ARichstein  Date: 5/14/76
PPC/DPRE:AHandly  Date: 5/17/76