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FROM - AID/Washington

SUBJECT - Pest Management and Related Environmental Factors Project

REFERENCE -

AID/W and the University of California have recently signed a contract (AID/csd-3296) to provide technical assistance in the field of pesticides and pest management in an effort to maximize food production in the developing countries consistent with environmental quality maintenance or improvement and ecological conditions. The contractor will assist AID/W in the identification of problems that exist in the field, determine a set of priorities that exist among the problems and develop a role for the U.S. to assist in the resolution of those problems. The contractor will review A.I.D.'s role in procurement and use of pesticides in the foreign assistance program, and will make recommendations with regard to the Agency's performance in that role.

Over the past six months considerable planning by AID/W, USDA and a group of university protection specialists has gone into the development of this coordinated program. As one part of this overall program it is proposed to have multi-disciplinary pest management study teams collaborate with in-country personnel in establishing priorities for pest management problems of major importance in selected LDCs and in determining the feasibility of implementing cooperative pest management assistance programs. The study teams will be organized as a joint activity of the Universities of California, Cornell and North Carolina State. Study teams will not visit a country without concurrence of the appropriate Regional Bureau and USAID.

As a result of this pest management program, it is anticipated that priority problems will be identified and a comprehensive, long-term

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strategy will be developed for providing U.S. assistance in control problems, research, extension and training in pest management, consistent with the goal of assisting the further development of local country institutions in this critical area. In all surveys, maximum participation of in-country scientists or other personnel familiar with local crops and problems, will be sought. The survey team will work with and through USAID Mission in the selected countries to assure a collaborative effort. The study team would include among its considerations: (1) an analysis of the problems in pest control, potential environmental deterioration, chemical pesticide residues, etc., (2) recommendations for problem priorities, (3) recommendations for research, training and management programs, (4) an indication of the interest of the country USAID Missions, indigenous institutions (ministry, university or other) and individual professional personnel participating in a collaborative pest management project, (5) an evaluation of local resource capabilities, (6) where possible, identification of capable people who would fit into project activities or as participant training trainees, (7) an analysis, as far as possible, of the potential contribution of the pest management project to USAID and country goals, and (8) identification of needed "institution-building" and scope of need. In addition, each study team will be cognizant of the AID/W commitments under M.C. 1612.10.3, and will explore these issues in the course of each country study.

The study team will look at selected countries in each of the geographical areas. The specific countries to be studied will be selected in consultation with the concerned Regional Bureaus.

Additional details on study teams for specific regions will follow.

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1. The Mission and the GOB are interested in utilizing the short-term services of a U.S. university contractor as proposed in refer.
2. At the moment, USAID is pre-occupied with other matters thus November seems to be an opportune time for the team to visit Brazil. For the initial visit, two to three weeks should be sufficient. This would provide time for the team to examine the pesticide industry in Brazil, the kinds of products being manufactured locally as well as imported, legislation and the role of GOB agencies in regulating the manufacture and use of pesticides.
3. Some preliminary work has been done in Brazil, particularly at the University of Sao Paulo, on biological control of certain pests, and this may be of interest to the team.
4. It may also be useful to make a quick survey of pesticides sold in Brazil and identify less toxic alternative ingredients, product substitutions or other control measures.
5. The Ministry of Agriculture has agreed to provide counterparts, overland transportation, make contacts, arrange meetings, etc.
6. The proposed team should also plan on some in-country air travel, at IA/AGF expense, to facilitate travel from Brasilia to Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and possibly other points in Brazil.

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7. The Mission has no particular recommendation for the U.S. team composition.

8. Agricultural development is a Mission and GOB ~~primary~~ priority in which pest control programs are an important part. The Brazilian pest control industry seems to be following the U.S. and European models and now may be an opportune time to examine alternative products and control measures.

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REFERENCE . AIDTO Circular A-1660

1. USAID/Nicaragua and the Government of Nicaragua share the concern of the Office of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Bureau for Technical Assistance (TA/AGF) in the field of pest management and environmental protection.
2. During the period 1967 to 1969 the USAID provided technical assistance to the GON in the development of an integrated insect control program through a USDA PASA. Some very outstanding progress was made, however, due to U.S. sensitivities regarding work on cotton a decision was reached to discontinue this phase of the USAID assistance program. The GON then obtained technical assistance through FAO, of the United Nations, to continue its work in this area. Cotton serves as a primary host of several of the economic pests of basic food crops and unless our assistance can encompass a control program which would include work on cotton, one of the principal export crops of the country, it is most likely that the GON would prefer to continue to obtain technical assistance in this area through a multilateral agency.
3. If a pest control program can be developed, without specific crop restrictions, it is believed that the GON would endorse the program and support it with local resources. The minimum which we could expect would include local transportation for the visiting team and assignment of one entomologist to work with them as counterpart. An AID participant will be returning from the U.S. this month where he has completed work for a B.S. degree in entomology with

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emphasis on biological control of insect pests.

4. The relationship of the proposed PROP to two existing regional contracts in pest management is not clear, i.e., the contract with Colorado State University for control of invertebrate pests and the contract with Oregon State University for the control of weed pests, both of which appear to be important components of any overall pest management and related environmental protection program.

5. Assuming that services under this proposed project will be centrally financed this Mission would be interested in a team made up of specialists in weed control, rodent and bird control, integrated insect pest control and livestock pest control to perform the inventory indicated in Phase I (c) and periodic technical assistance as emergency situations develop. A two week period during late November or early December would be an appropriate time to conduct the inventory.

6. Some of the major pest control problems of the country include leaf cutting insects, virus vector insects, rodent and ~~bird~~ bird damage to grain crops, control of livestock pests, and control of weed pests in the major economic crops. All of these have a direct bearing on national efforts to increase agricultural productivity, and measures employed to combat these pests may have environmental protection implications.

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FROM - AID/Washington

SUBJECT - Pest Management and Related Environmental Protection Project

REFERENCE - AIDTO CIRC-A-1786

This is a follow-up letter to the airgram (No. 1786) sent August 25, 1971 regarding the Pest Management and Related Environmental Protection Project. The airgram noted that additional details on study teams for specific regions were forthcoming.

The study team for the NESA Region is being organized by the University of California - Berkeley, and is composed tentatively of the following persons:

- Dr. Albert L. Scharen, USDA, Plant Pathologist
- Dr. William F. Mai, Cornell University, Nematologist
- Dr. C. S. Koehler, Univ. of California (Berkeley), Entomologist.
- A weed scientist

These men have had agriculture experience in LDC's and several are knowledgeable of cropping conditions, scientists, and pest problems in at least part of the NESA Region. They are proposing a single study trip beginning in mid or late February, 1972. It is anticipated that the survey would begin in Turkey and then proceed in turn to Iran, Afghanistan, West Pakistan, India and Nepal. They plan to consult with Mission Personnel on their arrival and then to interview key persons, both nationals and expatriates, who are knowledgeable of pest and pesticide problems, in agricultural ministries, universities, research institutions, foundation programs, and industry. The exact itinerary is not available but approximately one week would be spent in each country visited. All costs associated with the proposed visit would be paid under the University of California Contract.

Dr. Koehler, the team leader, is prepared to make contacts with in-country

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persons as soon as we have some indication from you that you approve of the team visiting your country to make the kind of survey noted in the airmgram dated August 25, 1971. The team will welcome whatever assistance you can give them, but they are prepared to make most of their own arrangements and to handle all the details of the proposed trip, if necessary. Although the visit would be brief, it is hoped that they can (1) explain to you in some detail the objectives of the overall project and its proposed operation, (2) discuss actual and potential problems relating to pest management, crop protection, and pesticide usages (3) explore with you in at least a preliminary way the development of priority rankings for all of these problems, (4) discuss possible procedures for applying existing or forth-coming resources toward their solution, and (5) explore possible needs for future backstopping of USAIDs in areas of pest management, crop protection, or pesticide usage. Technical assistance backstopping assignments are limited to 30 days under the contract.

We would be pleased to have your reaction to this proposed study team visit and your suggestions as to whether or how it should be modified to conform with existing condition there. A clearance reply is requested, positive or negative, at your earliest convenience.

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