

PD-AAC-906-A1

? 02/2/73 9310936 (7)

To: Jack Koteen, Director, Office of Development Administration, USAID 3p
From: Albert Waterston, Project Director, Agricultural Sector Implementation Project, GAI (AID Contract Number AID/csd 3630)
Date: October 1, 1973
Subject: Quarterly Report for the Period Ending September 30, 1973

I. Project Progress

1502

A. Manual Draft

Work has continued on writing and revising the manual draft section on "Stocktaking and Diagnostic Survey". In addition, a draft of the next section "Resource Allocation and Target Setting" is nearly complete.

B. Research and Advisory Assistance

We have made a number of new contacts during this period with international, domestic and academic institutions working in the agricultural or rural development fields, for example, at the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, the Latin American Planning Center at Michigan State University, the Latin American Agribusiness Development Corporation and others. This not only gives us an opportunity to test ideas and techniques on professionals in various fields but has also provided us with highly useful documentation. We are very encouraged by the continued interest we receive about the Project. The IDB has discussed with us, for instance, the possibility of our giving seminars for their senior management and lectures or seminars on specific findings of the project to their staff.

C. Acceleration of Work Program

Because of the wide interest in this Project in agricultural planning and development in general, and at the urging of AID, we have considered the possibility of accelerating the later phases of the Project by assisting one or two lesser developed countries in conducting a stocktaking and diagnostic survey, based on the manual draft, and with the idea of making this the beginning of a full agricultural planning program for the country. This possibility has been discussed with AID, and a draft proposal was submitted to AID on August 23, 1973.

D. Training Institutions

Looking ahead to the next phases of the Project and the possibility of selecting a country for a stocktaking and diagnostic survey, we have begun to consider the problems of finding an appropriate institution for conducting the training called for. Attached is a discussion outline on some of our thoughts and the issues involved. We will also be discussing this with AID soon.

E. Staffing

The Project had two staff additions during this period. Mr. John Wilson joined us as Project Associate on July 1, 1973. He has been working on the manual, preparing the section on "Resource Allocation and Target Setting", as well as participating in our meetings and other project activities. Ms. Carolyn Dicks joined us September 5, 1973 for three-fifth time work as secretary and research assistant.

II.

Objectives for the Coming Period

During this period we will continue our work primarily on the manual and the necessary supporting research. However, we will also continue discussions with AID and others concerning matters of interest to the Project. In addition, both the Project Director and the Project Associate will be attending short management training courses during this period.

Attachments as cited in I.,D.