

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

PROJECT DATA

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FY 1971

TABLE III

PROJECT TITLE Special Multilateral Fund (Education, Science & Technology)	ACTIVITY General and Miscellaneous	FUNDS TA	
	PRIOR REFERENCE FY 70 L.A. P.D.B. page 173	INITIAL OBLIGATION FY: 1968	SCHEDULED FINAL OBLIGATION FY: continuing
PROJECT NUMBER 598-15-995-475			

Project Target and Course of Action: The Inter-American Cultural Council in 1968 initiated comprehensive multilateral programs in education and science and technology intended to provide innovative and original approaches to some of the difficult problems facing Latin America in the coming decade. The programs consist of projects which have been developed by U.S. & L.A. scientists and educators in close coordination with representatives of the member states and the OAS Secretariat. Through the mobilization of a broad range of international resources these programs seek to strengthen and improve the Latin American institutions.

Progress to Date: Program objectives, criteria, general content and an organization plan were adopted at the Fifth meeting of the Cultural Council held at Maracay, Venezuela in February 1968. A seven member executive committee was established with a U.S. member and inter-American committees in education and science were organized to coordinate the development and guidance of the Regional Education and Regional Science and Technology Development Programs. The Cultural Council met again at Fort of Spain in June, 1969, to review progress made to date as well as to approve a basic FY 1970 budget of \$13 million. The Executive Committee met in Washington in September, 1969 and January, 1970,

to review the administration of the Programs. The Committee is scheduled to meet again in March to study the new program budget prepared by the OAS Secretariat which proposes a budget level of approximately \$13.7 million for FY 1971. This will be submitted by the Executive Committee to the Inter-American Council on Education, Science and Culture (which replaces the Cultural Council under the revised OAS Charter) at an extraordinary session now scheduled for April 1970.

Since the programs began actual operation in March 1969, some 35 Latin American universities and technical institutions have been selected as "centers of excellence" in various fields of science and education and are being assisted through the provision of research specialists and professors, advanced training for staff members, assistance to the revision and modernization of curriculum and developing plans for future growth. It is expected that these institutions will draw students and researchers from the various L.A. countries and this will have a multi-country effect.

Program Content: The Regional Science and Technology Development Program concentrates on multinational training and research projects conducted by Latin America's most advanced scientific and technological institutions such as

U.S. DOLLAR COSTS (In Thousands)				Cost Components	OBLIGATIONS						PRINCIPAL CONTRACTORS/AGENCIES
	Obligations	Expenditures	Unliquidated		Estimated FY 1970			Proposed FY 1971			
					Direct AID	Contract Other Agency	Total	Direct AID	Contract Other Agency	Total	
Through 6/30/69	6,900	6,900	-								OAS
Estimated FY 70	4,800	2,300									
Estimated through 6/30/70	1,700	9,200	2,500								
		Future Year Obligations	Estimated Total Cost								
Proposed FY 71	7,500	continuing		4800	4800		7500	7500			
				<b>Total Obligations</b>	4800	4800		7500	7500		

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Special Multilateral Fund (Education, Science & Technology)	598-15-995-475
<p>the University of Buenos Aires and the University of Sao Paulo. The program is aimed at strengthening existing institutions by providing advanced training for professors, researchers and scientists and encouraging the application of research techniques and new technologies to development problems. The \$6.9 million OAS budget for FY 1971 for the science program is concentrated as follows: basic sciences (\$2.3 million); applied sciences (\$1.3 million); technological research (\$2.1 million); scientific planning (\$.4 million); and applied technology and supporting studies and analysis and nuclear energy (\$.8 million). The program includes projects in mathematics, physics, chemistry, genetics, natural resources, engineering and metallurgy. Applied technology concentrates on problems of metallurgy, how to increase Latin America's capacity to process and utilize local raw materials and on food technology -- a key element in the promotion of the needed agricultural revolution.</p> <p>The OAS budget for the Regional Education Development Program for FY 1971 totals \$4.4 million and is centered in the areas of: educational planning and administration (\$1.2 million); adoption of education to development requirements (\$1.5 million); technical education (\$.5 million); educational research (\$.5 million); educational technology (\$.4 million), and basic studies and supporting activities (\$.3 million). The projects included in the program provide for the training of specialists in education, the use of new techniques, including educational television, and a wide range of multinational activities in research, experimentation and innovation.</p> <p>In addition, other items covering both Programs include \$.5 million of general supporting action and a \$1.8 million item representing approximately a 15% overhead charge for OAS Secretariat backstopping.</p>	<p>U.S. Contributions: The FY 1971 request of \$7.5 million is required to meet the U.S. Government's share of the FY 1971 program budget.</p>



**GRANT ACTIVITY SUMMARY**  
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

**TABLE V**

COUNTRY: INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

Project Title	Project Number	FY of Initial Obligation	FY of Scheduled Final Obligation	Through FY 1973			Estimated FY 1974			Proposed Program FY 1975	Future Year Obligations	Estimated Total Cost	
				Obligations	Expenditures	Unliquidated Obligation 6/30/73	Obligations	Expenditures	Unliquidated Obligation 6/30/74				
<u>SELECTED COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS</u>													
Special Development Assistance Fund	* 598-15-995-435	1965	cont.	43,228	43,228	-	5,911	5,911	-	5,980	cont.	cont.	
Special Multilateral Fund for Education, Science and Technology	* 598-15-995-475	1968	cont.	28,198	28,198	-	8,881	8,881	-	10,900	cont.	cont.	
Inter-American Export Promotion Center	* 598-15-495-476	1966	cont.	2,934	2,934	-	467	467	-	770	cont.	cont.	
				<b>Total . . . . .</b>				15,259	15,259	-	17,650		

\*Detailed project narrative--See Table III.



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November 6, 1973

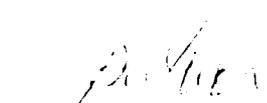
Dear Mr. Kleine:

At the Fourth Meeting of CIECC, held in Mar del Plata, the United States offered a special contribution of up to \$56,000 to support a project on Development of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Systems of Information. This support was to be for graduate level training in the United States for engineers and economists in documentation and information systems and was subject to further elaboration of the graduate level training component of this project and to adequate provision from other sources of funds to assure its technical and developmental integrity.

I am pleased to advise you that a plan of operations has been developed for this project in which the graduate training element has been elaborated, and that the funding available for this project, if the amount of the proposed United States special contribution is included, will be adequate to insure project integrity. Copies of an Aide-Memoire on the progress of this project and of the plan of operations are enclosed for your information.

The preparation of this project has now reached the stage where the input of the United States special contribution is needed in order to make necessary commitments and assure smooth execution. We would appreciate, therefore, that your Government consider making the special contribution at this time.

Sincerely yours,

  
Stuart Portner  
Assistant Secretary for Management

Mr. Herman Kleine  
Deputy U.S. Coordinator,  
Alliance for Progress  
Agency for International Development  
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure



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The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America and has the honor to transmit, for forwarding to the addressee, a letter directed to Mr. Herman Kleine, Deputy U.S. Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress, concerning the United States payment to the project on Development of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Systems of Information.

November 8, 1973

**Aide-Memoire on Progress Report on the  
Multinational Project on National Systems of Libraries  
and Documentation**

September 28, 1973

To complement the special contribution of the United States Government to the Multinational Project on National Systems of Libraries and Documentation, funds to the amount of \$30,000 have been assigned by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Therefore, the attached "Plan de Operaciones" has been drafted to put the project into effect.

At present level of funding, it will be possible to train two teams of three persons in the 16-months course. A detailed request has been received from Bolivia to train a team to create a university library network which can serve as a basis also for a national scientific information system. A letter of inquiry has been received also from Fondo Colombiano de Investigaciones Científicas y Proyectos Especiales (COLCIENCIAS) in Colombia, which first proposed such a training facility, stating their interest in the project. Replies have been sent in both instances to advise that they present their requests formally through

The Inter-American Committee on Education also expressed an interest in participating in the project, and it has been suggested to the Department of Educational Affairs that it consider the feasibility of making \$50,000 available for the training of a team either on a national or regional basis for Central American Universities. Requests have been received under Plan Nacional de Cooperación Técnica (PNCT) for technical assistance for their university libraries from both Panama, which now has two universities, and Costa Rica whose national university has created multiple campuses. To them it was suggested that the team be trained not only in information services based on printed and audio-visual materials but in the development of data bases for other information required by universities and needed for inter-university information systems.

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Once again a draft proposal for financing a Multinational Project on Scientific Libraries and Documentation for biennium 1974/76, to include funds for another team of three, was submitted to the Department of Scientific Affairs to be administered by the Technical Unit of Library and Archives Development, as is the school and university library project. This team might be from the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean in response to the request which has been received from the Caribbean Research Institute of Trinidad.

By planning for national teams in Colombia and Bolivia whose expertise can be used in other countries of the Convenio "Andrés Bello" and national or regional teams in Central America and the Caribbean, most of the countries except the largest ones will be able to avail themselves of those trained in the new technologies of information transfer through regional programs. Mexico and other countries have indicated an interest in national teams at their own expense. Information on the course will be sent to other countries in the event they wish to send additional teams from their own resources.

Although it may be necessary to submit the proposal of the course to the Council from FEMCLICC/Education and Science to the next meeting of Comité Interamericano de Educación (CIE) and Comité Interamericano de Ciencia y Tecnología (CiCyT) respectively, there is now assurance that the course can be given at least at a minimum level.

For practical reasons agreement has been reached with the University of Denver to postpone the initiation of the course until the trimester beginning in June 1975 allowing the final fifth trimester to be given in June 1975. This trimester will be offered in the nature of a workshop to give participants practical experience in the development of such information mechanisms as union catalogs of books and union lists of serials, in centralized cataloging and in the electronic transmission of information.

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In the meantime, it is anticipated that the Unit of the Library and Archives Development Program of the Department of Cultural Affairs, will be able to work with Denver in the development of the special study program for each student based on his academic background and experience so that the teams will be able to function efficiently when they return to their countries.

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It is further hoped that technical assistance can be provided by the OAS after the training period to the countries which desire it for the implementation of national information systems and subsystems.

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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
REGIONAL PROGRAM OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Plan of Operations  
Fiscal 1973/74

Nov. 1973

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT

Area of Concentration: Library Development

Project Title: Multinational Project to Develop National Library and Documentation Systems: Course on National Library and Documentation Systems for Development

Country: United States

Institution Responsible: Graduate School of Librarianship, University of Denver

Address: University Park  
Denver, Colorado 80210

Telephone: (303) 753-3268

Director: Margarete Knox Goggin, Dean

Telephone: (303) 771-1742

Account No.:

2. GENERAL PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

a. Stimulate unified national planning for library and documentation systems in Latin America in the fields of economics, the social sciences and humanities, as well as science and technology, on which national information systems and subsystems for development purposes can be based.

b. Train information managers capable of developing the various aspects of library and documentation systems which form the library infrastructure necessary for the organization and transmission of information to meet the demands and needs of national users and the expressed interests of the countries.

c. Promote, through the training of the aforementioned specialists, the acceptance and application of universal library standards so as to make compatible the different information systems especially in regard to automated bibliography.

d. Make use of electronic technology as applied to documentation, as well as the bibliographic data banks developed in other parts of the world in order to solve the problems of information services in the countries of Latin America, and train personnel capable of drafting programs and developing projects to create similar capacities in the region.

e. Foster the creation of national documentation and information centers in fields important to the region's development that, with the support of library systems or networks, can serve as specialized regional centers.

3. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT THE PREVIOUS YEAR. N/A. (For additional information, see appendix)

4. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR 1973/74

a. Plan and organize a course on National Library, Documentation and Information Systems for Development to train information managers using the teaching staff of the University of Denver and specialists of other entities, such as the Denver Research Institute and the Rocky Mountain Bibliographic Center. The course will be given in 5 quarters of 11 weeks each.

b. Train a team of 3 specialists from each country in the techniques and technology of information management. Each team will be made up of (1) a librarian or documentalist; (2) an expert in a field related to electronic technology, to provide services in library automation and information transfer; and (3) a subject specialist in a discipline or field of particular interest to the country. A minimum of 6 fellowships will be offered for teams from 2 countries, selected from requests received to complement other activities of the Regional Programs for Educational, Scientific and Technological, and Cultural Development. An increase in the number of fellowship students will be sought through contributions from other training programs to make maximum use of the course.

The possibility of accepting additional fellowship students to extend the capacities of the national teams will be considered if additional funds become available. In the 5th quarter a seminar or workshop will be conducted on the procedures necessary to create certain mechanisms of information such as union lists of serials, centralized services for cataloging books, and the compilation of union catalogs of books taking full advantage of electronic technology. It is expected that additional specialists will be admitted in the 5th quarter provided they meet the requirements and that funds are available.

5. GENERAL STRATEGY FOR 1974/75

As a first step: identify the countries that have expressed their interest in organizing national information systems and that have the human resources qualified for advanced training, which have the capacity in the future to convert their national centers into regional centers for advanced training and technical assistance to the other countries; evaluate the requests presented by the Member States in relation to the Multinational Project.

The preparation of personnel in teams of 3 persons will facilitate the more rapid development of such systems upon their return to their countries by creating in each member an appreciation of the significance of the roles of the others and an understanding of the collaboration that the other two members can provide.

The course will offer an individualized study-plan for each student and further collaboration and evaluation will be provided through weekly meetings with tutors selected specifically for the Latin American students.

It is expected that personnel will be trained at an advanced level so that the fellowship students can serve as leaders in a movement toward greater effectiveness of libraries and documentation centers as modes of national and regional

information systems that will be compatible among themselves to derive optimum benefit of the available resources.

It will also be possible to develop a plan of studies that can continue to be offered in the United States or transferred in time to Latin America, even perhaps with some of the same professors.

In order to begin the first quarter in June 1974, the OAS will work closely with the University of Denver in planning the course to maximize the transfer of library technology to the needs and realities of Latin America, to evaluate the problems that confront the librarians and documentalists there as well as the subject specialists who require improved access to information of all kinds.

## 6. ACTIVITIES, DATES AND COSTS

Following is a list of the different kinds of activities that can be carried out, from which those appropriate to each specific project are selected:

- 6.1. Technical Assistance
- 6.2. Training
  - International courses and seminars
  - National courses and seminars
  - Staff development
- 6.3. Study laboratories
- 6.4. Study fellowships
- 6.5. Exchange Fellowship
- 6.6. Technical and coordinating conferences
- 6.7. Study and research
- 6.8. Production of educational materials
- 6.9. Other activities

ACTIVITIES	Fechas	Costo
<p>6.2. TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multinational courses and seminars. Six fellowship students for 16 months at the University of Denver (tuition, subsistence, books, travel)</li> <li>Contract with the University of Denver for individual attention to study plans and advisory services to students</li> <li>Documentation and special teaching materials</li> <li>Evaluation of the course and miscel.</li> </ul>	<p>June 1974- Aug. 1975</p> <p>June 1974- Aug. 1975</p> <p>N.D. given</p> <p>Jan.-April 1975</p>	<p>\$ 72,000</p> <p>11,900</p> <p>No cost given</p> <p>1,400</p>
<p>6.3. WORKSHOPS</p> <p>In the 5th quarter of the course a workshop will be planned for both fellowship students of the course and for other fellows for whom additional funding would have to be sought</p>		

7. BUDGET DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY AND QUARTERS

	FISCAL 1973/74				FISCAL 1974/75				TOTAL
	1st q.	2nd q.	3rd q.	4th q.	1st q.	2nd q.	3rd q.	4th q.	
02 Contracts									
03 Fellowships				72,000					72,000
04 Travel									
05 Documents									
06 Equipment and supplies			700						700
08 Performance contracts and grants				6,900			5,000		11,900
09 Other costs		700					700		1,400
TOTALS		700	700	78,900			5,700		86,000

8. JUSTIFICATION OF COSTS BY CATEGORY

03 Fellowships

-6 fellowships of 16 months

Tuition, 6 x 4,500 \$27,000

Subsistence, 6 x 413 x 16 40,000

Books and insurance, 6 x 200 1,200

Travel, 6 x 200 3,600

Possible subsistence adjustment 200

\$72,000

06 Equipment and supplies

Documentation and special teaching materials 700

08 Performance contracts and grants

With the University for individual attention, including:

Director, preparation of study plan and general supervision 2,600

2,600

09 Other costs

Evaluation of the course, contingencies	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
		\$86,000

9. ACTIVITIES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR THAT CONTINUE UNDER OBLIGATED FUNDS

Does not apply

10. ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESENT BUDGET THAT WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FOLLOWING YEAR

The Project will last a total of 16 months through August 1975

11. COUNTRY SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT

TYPE	DETAIL	SPECIFIC ENTRY IN THE BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTION	APPROXIMATE COST
Local	Space assigned to the project: _____ m <sup>2</sup>		\$56,000 contribution from the Government
Technical Personnel	Man/months assigned to the project: _____ m/m		
Equipment & Library	Number of volumes _____ Number of volumes to be acquired in the fiscal year _____		
Administrative Personnel	Man/months of administrative personnel assigned to the project _____ m/m		
Service and maintenance costs	Specially for the project (travel within the country, fellowships to nationals, etc.)		
			TOTAL \$56.

12. Subject to the compliance of the Member State with Article 29 of the Resolution of Maracay and the availability of funds for which approval is sought as set out in the Plan of Operation as set out in the foregoing statement and the respective procedure.

13. The approval of the Plan of Operation and the subsequent release of funds is operative until June 30, 1974, the date on which the fiscal year ends (1973/74).

14. Presented for approval:

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DIRECTOR, Regional Program for Educational  
and Cultural Development

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Date

Approved:

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Executive Secretary for Education, Science,  
and Culture

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Date

15. Observations of the Executive Secretariat.

**NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF LIBRARIES AND DOCUMENTATION:**

**Summary Report from the OAS**

To make maximum use of the human, bibliographic, and financial resources of the Member States, as well as of advanced library technology, the OAS has promoted the creation of national library and documentation systems and the mechanisms of information essential to put those systems into effect. In 1973 the OAS published a report entitled La Infraestructura bibliotecológica de los sistemas nacionales de información prepared as a basic document for CACTAL in its study of information mechanisms.

The experience of the OAS in providing technical assistance in national planning for library and documentation services demonstrates the interrelation between the institutions, the mechanisms, and the media of communication of information, as well as other supporting factors. Despite the existence of thousands of libraries in Latin America, the mechanisms of information do not exist, nor many of the supporting factors necessary for the interconnection among the different institutions of information -- that is principally, among libraries, documentation centers, and archival institutions. All of the libraries of the world are burdened by the rapid growth of knowledge and of interdisciplinary relationships, the publications explosion, the rapid developments in the technology of information transferral and of the media of communication, without mentioning the population explosion that makes even more critical the improvement of libraries providing services to students.

At the Meeting of Experts on Projects LILIBU and CATACEN (REPLICA) sponsored by the OAS in February 1973, the creation of various mechanisms of information was studied, especially -- in regard to the procedures necessary to provide centralized services for the selection of books appropriate for university libraries, in centralized cataloging, and in the automating of libraries and bibliography. On the basis of the conclusions of the meeting the first step has been taken to design a multilingual computer format MACHAL (Machine Readable Cataloging for Latin America) according to universal standards for the transmission of bibliographic information, which will be utilized in developing the aforementioned mechanisms.



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17th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20006

December 19, 1973

Dear Sir:

A new Multinational Project for Development of National Library and Documentation Systems will begin in June 1974 with a Multinational Course on National Library and Documentation Systems for Development as an activity of the Regional Program for Cultural Development.

A contribution of \$56,000 from the United States and \$30,000 from the Special Fund for Culture has made it possible to give a special course of five semester quarters (16 months) at the University of Denver, Colorado, to train national or regional teams of three persons each in the development of national or regional information systems.

National information systems is meant the grouping of university and special libraries into networks or systems and the development of centralized services and other information mechanisms in the various Government agencies, if they do not already exist. Advances in technology make possible the study of the techniques of establishing national and regional systems on a mutually compatible basis that allow improved exchange of information on different aspects of national life and facilitates the transfer of technology between countries.

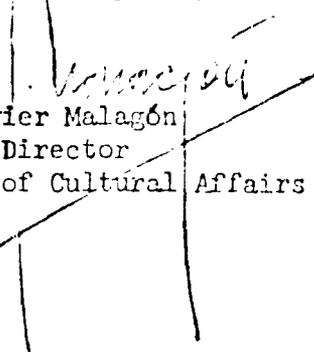
Although OAS funds at this time are sufficient only for teams from Colombia and Bolivia, whose requests for this type of training were submitted before this project was planned, it is hoped that other countries will fund national teams of their own. Teams must include a minimum of three persons of different specialities described in the attached Plan of Operations. A group of countries could collaborate to send a regional team, thus reducing the cost for each country to a minimum. A team of three persons will require \$36,000. Additional persons to the team will cost \$12,000 each.

The possibility also exists for a country to obtain funding for its team through a "participant training grant", which may be requested officially by the country from the AID Mission of its United States Embassy.

Other documents are attached that provide additional information on the Course, its basic principle of training teams instead of giving separate scholarships, with the planning of a program of studies for each person according to his preparation and experience, and on the requirements required of candidates to participate in the teams.

Countries that wish to participate in the course, paying the cost of their teams, are invited to inform the Subsecretariat for Education, Science and Culture before February 1, 1974. The date for presentation of the candidates to the OAS is March 1, pending acceptance by the Graduate School of Librarianship of the University of Denver (University Park, Denver, Colorado 80200).

Respectfully yours,

  
Javier Malagón  
Director

Department of Cultural Affairs



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The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States presents its compliments to this Permanent Mission and has the honor of enclosing, for your information, a copy of the documentation sent to your distinguished Government's Liaison Agencies to the Regional Programs for Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Development, regarding the Course on National Library and Documentation Systems for Development, which will begin June 1974 at the University of Denver, Colorado.

January , 1974

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PLEDGE STATEMENT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION  
FOURTH MEETING OF CIECC  
MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA, DECEMBER 14-20, 1972

The United States pledges: subject to availability of funds, to match in the ratio of 66/34 up to a total amount of 66% of the approved budget, but not exceeding \$8.9 million, the payments received from other members during fiscal year 1973/74 against their pledges for that and previous years toward the Special Multilateral Fund of the Regional Education and Regional Science and Technology Development Programs.

The United States proposes to make two payments of \$3.0 million; each payment to be made when contributions of other members have matched the last previous U.S. payment at a 66/34 ratio. Thereafter, the United States will make payments in increments of \$500,000, and finally \$400,000, when each previous United States payment has been matched by the contributions of other members through June 30, 1974, at the 66/34 ratio and not exceeding a total United States contribution of \$8.9 million.

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The United States also proposes, subject to the availability of funds, to make a special contribution of up to \$56,000 to support the project, "Development of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Systems of Information," of the Cultural Fund.



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His Excellency  
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Secretary General  
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Dear Mr. Secretary General:

In response to Dr. Portner's letter of November 6, 1973, I am pleased to confirm the United States Government's offer to make available a special contribution of \$56,000 for an OAS project on Development of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Systems of Information. During the Fourth Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture in Mar del Plata in December 1972, the United States included in its pledge for the FY 1974 program of the Special Multilateral Fund the following statement:

"The United States also proposes, subject to the availability of funds, to make a special contribution of up to \$56,000 to support the project, 'Development of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Systems of Information', of the Cultural Fund."

The project will train multidisciplinary teams as part of an institution-building effort in an area highly important for development, specifically the development of national and regional systems and subsystems for information management and dissemination to users. I am glad that we are able to help initiate this project.

It is my understanding that, as in the case of all U.S. special contributions, the OAS will provide periodic financial and progress reports on the project.

If the foregoing is acceptable to you, please return a signed copy of this letter so that we may proceed with arrangements for the transfer of funds for our special contribution.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature: Herman Kleine]*

Herman Kleine  
Deputy U.S. Coordinator

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: November 29, 1973