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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

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1. PROJECT NO. 931-11-130-143

2. PAR REPORT PERIOD: 7/1/75 TO 3/31/76

3. COUNTRY

4. PAR SERIAL NO.

5. PROJECT TITLE

Livestock Production in the Tropics Through Improved Animal Breeding and Science Control

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY 72 Ends FY 77

7. DATE LATEST PROG

8. DATE LATEST PIP

9. DATE PRIOR PAR

10. U.S. FUNDING

a. Cumulative Obligation Through Prior FY: \$ 500,000

b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$

c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ 500,000

11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Continuator, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)

a. NAME

b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL. AG. NO.

Texas A&M University

213 (d) Grant - 650-3675

Texas A&M University is a member of a consortium of Universities (Purdue, Florida, and Tuskegee Institute) who are developing greater capability in animal agriculture.

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

A. ACTION NO.			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAID	AID #	NO.		
			<p>1. <u>General</u></p> <p>Objective of this Grant is to increase the capacity and competence of Texas A&M University to assist AID, other donor agencies and LDCs in analysis of animal production and disease control in developing countries.</p> <p>This Grant is one of four (Tuskegee Institute, Purdue University, University of Florida) that was reviewed in April 1976. This review (comprehensive) was conducted in accordance with Handbook "Att, APRZC, HB13" dated October 1974.</p> <p>This Grant is equally divided between the Department of Animal Science and The Institute of Tropical Veterinary Medicine. The steps taken to achieve the objective of this Grant were:</p>	
		X	a. identify major tropical animal diseases and design prevention programs to control such diseases.	June 1977
		X	b. conduct research and training activities for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of tropical animal diseases.	June 1977
		X	c. develop a library and collect pathologic specimens, organisms relating to exotic (tropical, semi-tropical animal diseases).	June 1977
		X	d. design animal breeding systems that will increase production of animal products (design and develop production models).	July 1977

13. REPLANNING NECESSARY

REVISED OR NEW: PRCP PIP PRO AG PIG/T PIG/C PIG/P

14. DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE: Ned S. Raun 6/10/76

MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE: Leon F. Hesser

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- X e. conduct research and training activities relating to breeding systems, herd management systems and husbandry practices that permit expression of genetic capability of native and improved breeds in tropical/semi-tropical environments.

June 1977

NARRATIVE

Texas A&M's Grant is one of four that "would explore the livestock industry from a total systems viewpoint, on the assumption that fragmented attacks on a complex problem (nutrition, breeding, disease control, or credit have been inadequate.¹

The observations of the Review Team were:

1. That the concept of a systems analysis involving all disciplines was not fully understood or perhaps accepted at certain administrative levels or by the Veterinary Institute.
2. That the Veterinary Institute was well versed in veterinary medicine but had some difficulty in perceiving how that discipline fits in relation to the consortium.
3. That animal scientists have strong interest and ability in the systems approach.
4. That administrative officials accept but do not favor consortium concept.
5. That there has been considerable involvement of members of faculty in grant supported and research activities supported by A.I.D.

GRANT POTENTIALITIES FOR LDCs

The Review Team found that Texas A&M staff associated with this Grant are developing information and acquiring experience in animal production systems and diseases problems that will increase staff and institutional capability. The experience in Guyana has enhanced the staffs capability to work with production problems and better appreciate the meaning of a systems approach to animal agriculture.

¹Extracted from original grant document signed by Administrator John Hananah.

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GENERAL MANAGEMENT/OTHER PROBLEM

The Review Team observed that there were delays in communication between the University/AID/Consortium and a lack of centralized authority and leadership within the consortium arrangement between the four universities.

The Review Team also noted that regional bureaus were excluded from planning consortium activities except on occidental, historical, or individual basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

AID/ Summary of the recommendations made by the Review Team to TAB are:

- X a. Mount a continuing effort to inform regional bureaus, AID Mission, donor agencies of universities capability to design, plan implement animal agriculture programs.
- X b. Determine mechanisms and formulas for universities to maintain staff (response capability to requests for services) on stand-by basis. 6/77
- X c. Establish contractual guidelines that assure consideration of consortium in the participation of contracts. 12/76
- X d. Take steps to utilize consortium's capacity during pre-project phase to review, plan and design animal agriculture programs. 12/76
- X e. Direct final year of Grants toward proximate needs in LDCs. 7/76
- X f. Only consider extension of Grants to permit judicious use of original grant funds. 12/76