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1. ICAITI Fuelwood Project Evaluation was delivered to us in September. The report has given us insight into ICAITI's problem areas, and efforts are now in progress to correct them. The evaluators, who are grass roots, appropriate technology specialists, concentrated on the Lorena stoves and biogas technologies and their dissemination into the villages and low income homes. Adequate coverage was not given to ICAITI's progress in the industrial area, the project's institutional building, the training of ICAITI's technical staff, and ICAITI's ability to take a foreign technology and apply it to a Central American environment.

During the next quarter, we will concentrate in correcting the problem areas, but also reinforce and publicize the success stories.

2. ICAITI's Fuelwood Project: All projects are, in general, on schedule. In most of the technologies the people are trained, the technology has been prototyped and tested, and dissemination has started. This quarter will be the time when ICAITI and ROCAP redefine program goals and objectives, and establish proper monitoring systems in order to enter into a strong dissemination program. National counterpart abilities and desire to assist should be reviewed, and new counterparts sought necessary. The program should be modified, and new realistic goals established. Consideration should be given to hiring individuals who are strong in rural extension programming and implementation.

3. RIEE Program: The agreements were signed by ICAITI and SIECA on September 23 and September 27 respectively. Both institutions are working on their conditions precedent. During the latter part of October, both entities will send

representatives to Panama to make the necessary agreements between SIECA and Panama. We expect that ICAITI will have completed their conditions precedent by November 12, 1982.

ROCAP staff is assisting ICAITI in drafting the U.S. consultants R.F.P. which should be ready by October 27, 1982.