

memorandum

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DATE: December 19, 1978

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Mr. J. Vasile

SUBJECT: Telecom Project - Implementation Policy

TO: Mr. Richard Martinez

REF: Martinez/Vasile Memo dated December 18, 1978

This memorandum supplements the reference memo to provide information on further developments of the Telecom Project implementation proposals by the RTT during Dec. 18-19, 1978.

1. A telephone conference between P. Katz/J. Vasile on 12/18/79 resulted in concurrence on the following:
 - a) P. Katz approves Teletype Switching Terminal technique to implement 5 Teletype circuits with 7 Siemens Teleprinters in country. Katz will follow up with Siemens, Cherry Hill, N. J. on price and delivery.
 - b) P. Katz delegates to DEA Bogota decision on Vasile proposal substitute Convertacom for Mobile Transceiver installations.
 - c) Vasile agreed to P. Katz request cable telecom commodities list with reduced quantities reflecting utilization of commodities already in country and cost of teletype Switching terminal within Pro-Ag funding.
 - d) P. Katz informed Telecom Technical personnel programmed to provide two additional technicians.
2. DEA/NAU Conference 12/19/78
 - a) Meeting attended by Clay Allison, Acting NAU Chief, David Burnett, DEA Chief, and J. Vasile, RTT. The following agreements were reached:
 - (1) Convertacom Units will be substituted for Mobile Transceivers.
 - (2) In country commodities will be delivered to OAG on loan.
 - (3) NAU will order crystals promptly to adapt loaned equipment to OAG frequencies.



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3. Meeting with the Ambassador Diego Asencio

a) RIT proposed Telecom project implementation with commodities available in country and immediate supplementary procurement as follows:

- (1) Three teletype circuits with priorities determined by OAG within next few weeks.
- (2) Procurement of Siemens Teletype Terminal EMX.
- (3) Lease of Siemens Manual Teletype Switching Terminal from Siemens, Bogotá on placement of purchase order for EMX-1010.
- (4) Installation of two additional teletype circuits on lease of Siemens Manual terminal.
- (5) Transfer of telecom commodities in country to OAG on loan basis.
- (6) Procurement of Crystals to adapt commodities of five (5) preceding to OAG frequencies.
- (7) Cable request for GSA procurement of balance of commodities required to fill Pro-Ag telecom commodities commitment. Substitute Convertacom for Mobile UHF transceivers as agreed by OAG, DEA and NAU.
- (8) Begin installations in Bogotá, 5 cities and vehicles on receipt of Crystals and commodities on order.

b) The inadequacy of the present OAG headquarters for Telecom center operations was reviewed and Embassy request to OAG to seek adequate quarters was recommended.

c) The requirement for at least four telecom technicians on the OAG staff was presented. The OAG request for a letter from Embassy stating this requirement was stated.

d) U. S. specialized training of two telecom technicians by Motorola in repair of HT, Micor and Micom equipment was recommended.

- e) The Ambassador concurred in the project implementation proposal and agreed to the administrative support requested for suitable telecom headquarters, telecom technical staff requirements, and proposed telecom technician training in the U.S.
4. Meeting with Dr. Enrique Alvarez, OAG Telecom Chief
- a) In this meeting Dr. Alvarez was informed of the project implementation plans discussed in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above.
 - b) At the same time several test equipment items were delivered to him "on loan" for testing teletype and radio equipment already in service or in process of installation.
 - c) Dr. Alvarez concurred in the project implementation plans and agreed to promote their orderly and timely execution. He stated that highly qualified technicians for both radio and antenna construction were available in Bogotá and he was highly appreciative of Embassy support to create an institutional capability in these areas.
5. RIT again expresses sincere appreciation for the cooperation and support he received from all Embassy and AGO representatives in the efforts to establish priorities, set policy and integrate means for project implementation.