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TRIP REPORT

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SUMMARY: INTSORMIL has been discussing a formal agreement with I.N.I.A. (the Mexican National Agricultural Research Institute) for more than 2 years. This trip was made for the primary purpose of moving this agreement toward finalization. This was accomplished, and we hope that the agreement can be signed in mid-April. An incidental, but important second objective was to finalize organizational and business arrangements for a short course to be conducted at CIMMYT, April 10-16, 1983.

ITINERARY:

February 27 - Left Lincoln 2:00 P.M., arrived Mexico City about 10:00 P.M. Met by Vartan Guiragossian, transported to CIMMYT where housed in Guest House.

February 28 - at CIMMYT. Discussions with a number of CIMMYT staff and Vartan re the INTSORMIL-funded short course.

March 1 - Discussions with senior INIA staff in Mexico City. Discussion with Dr. Robert Havener, CIMMYT Director-General.

March 2 - Left Mexico City 9:30 A.M., arrived Lincoln 9:05 P.M.

CHIEF PERSONS CONTACTED:

I.N.I.A.

Dr. Jesus MONCADO de la Fuente - Director General
Dr. Rodolfo MORENO Dahme - Deputy Director, Technical Assistance Support
Dr. Alfonso CRISPIN - Deputy Director, Training and Development
Dr. Javier CERVANTES - Technical Secretary
Ing. Eduardo LIMON - Department of Agreements
Lic. Marcos GUERRA - Department of Agreements

CIMMYT

Dr. Robert Havener - Director-General
Dr. Robert Osler - Deputy Director General, Administration
Dr. Ernest Sprague - Director, Maize Program
Dr. R. L. Paliwal - Deputy Director, Maize Program
Dr. Donald Winklemann - Director, Economics Program
Dr. Vartan Guiragossian - (ICRISAT) Sorghum Breeder

SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS:

1. With I.N.I.A.

After more than two years of discussion, a working agreement satisfactory to both I.N.I.A. and INTSORMIL has been drafted. The Director-General of I.N.I.A. has not yet received permission to sign the agreement; INTSORMIL will be ready to sign it as soon as Dr. MONCADO is ready, providing that an agreed English version of the text is ready (the present draft is in Spanish only). We hope to finalize this by mid-April.

One item that was discussed at some length was Mexican participation in the proposed INTSORMIL Western Hemisphere working germ plasm operation. One or more possible sites in Mexico would be useful to this operation. I.N.I.A. officials agreed to give further thought to this.

2. With CIMMYT

The arrangements for the planned "Sorghum Breeding Workshop for Latin America" are nearing completion. This workshop, funded principally by INTSORMIL, will be held at El Batan and Poza Rica, April 10-16, 1983. This will be the third annual workshop on sorghum held at CIMMYT, and continuation on an annual basis is expected.

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