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PURPOSE: To carry forward linkage plans with various agencies in the Philippines, and to check these arrangements with USAID/Manila.

ITINERARY: August 20-21 - Travel from Lincoln via San Francisco and Hong Kong to Manila and Los Baños.

August 22 - Conferences at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

August 23 - Conferences at the Institute of Plant Breeding, University of the Philippines/Los Baños (IPB/UPLB) and the Philippine Council of Agricultural and Resources Research and Development (PCARRD).

August 24 - Travel from Los Baños to Manila, recovery of lost luggage, and conference with officers of USAID/Manila.

August 25 - Return to home base via San Francisco and Omaha.

CHIEF PERSONS CONTACTED: IRRI - Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Director General  
Dr. Dennis Greenland, Deputy Director General  
Dr. L. R. Oldeman, Visiting Scientist, Multiple Cropping

IPB - Dr. Ricardo Lantican, Director  
Dr. Gomez, Sorghum Research

PCARRD - Dr. Ramon Valmayor, Director General  
Dr. Dely Gapsin, Director, Crops Research

Party from CIMMYT - Led by Dr. E.W. Sprague, Director, Maize Research

USAID/Manila - Dr. Ed Rice, Research Officer  
Mr. Douglas Clark, Deputy Agricultural Development Officer

DETAILS: INTSORMIL has since early 1981 had memoranda of understanding with PCARRD and IRRI providing for cooperative activities in sorghum research. The major focus is on problems related to the possible role of sorghum in wetland rice cropping systems in Southeast Asia.

During 1982-83, an INTSORMIL scientist (Dr. Jerry Maranville, Nebraska) was stationed at IPB, cooperating with the sorghum research team there and the multiple cropping researchers at IRRI.

The major research thrusts were on stand establishment and performance under moisture stress. A line-source irrigation system was purchased by INTSORMIL and installed at IPB.

In mid-1983, Dr. Sammy Dalmacio, IPB coordinator of sorghum research, visited the U.S. with INTSORMIL funding, spending the majority of his time at Texas A&M and Nebraska. (Dr. Dalmacio was attending a conference in Australia at the time of my visit.).

All concerned are pleased with the results of collaborative work to date. No INTSORMIL scientist has been available for work in the Philippines for 1983-84, nor is one likely to be available in 1984-85. It therefore has been decided to proceed with collaboration on a short visitation basis, using correspondence and limited financial support to continue research already underway.

For 1983-84, INTSORMIL proposes to allocate about \$13,000 to the Philippine project, part of which will be used for travel of the INTSORMIL country coordinator (Dr. Maranville) to the Philippines. The remainder will be transferred through PCARRD to support costs of research assistants, essential equipment and operating costs of a collaborative project on moisture stress.

For 1984-85, INTSORMIL has tentatively allocated \$ 25,000 for work in the Philippines. Specific work plans have of course not yet been drawn, but it is likely that the bulk of these funds will be transferred to PCARRD for allocation to approved projects.

PCARRD officials have given assurance that fund transfers can be handled expeditiously and in a manner fitting approved work plans. INTSORMIL therefore intends to proceed as soon as possible with the allocation of 1983-84 funds.

In addition to work in place at IPB and IRRI, contacts have been developed in other areas of the Philippines, notably at Visayas College of Agriculture (Central Philippines) and the University of Southern Mindanao (extreme south). In the future, through the coordination of PCARRD, collaborative research programs are likely to be put in place at those two institutions.

USAID/Manila was informed of these discussions and plans, which met with general agreement.

The next travel planned under this program is to cooperate with the Peanut CRSP in bringing Director-General Valmayor of PCARRD to the U.S. for visits to major CRSP research institutions. This visit is tentatively planned for October - November 1983.

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