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Mr. Keith E. Schuette, President
National Republican Institute for
International Affairs
601 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 615
Washington, D.C. 20004

Subject: Grant No. 597-0003.13

Dear Mr. Schuette:

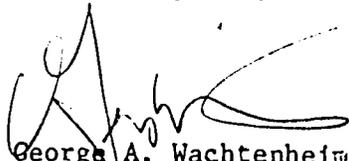
Pursuant to the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the Agency for International Development (hereinafter referred to as "A.I.D." or the "Grantor") hereby grants to the National Republican Institute for International Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "NRIIA" or the "Grantee") the sum of \$70,000 to set up an election observers program in Honduras during the National Elections scheduled for November 26, 1989. This program is more fully described in Attachment 2, entitled "Program Description" of this grant.

This grant is effective and obligation is made as of the date of this letter and shall apply to commitments made by the grantee in furtherance of program objectives during the period beginning October 15, 1989 and ending December 31, 1989.

This grant is made to the NRIIA on the condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in Attachment I, entitled the "Schedule", Attachment II, entitled "Program Description", and Attachment III, entitled "Standard Provisions", which have been agreed to by your organization.

Please sign the original and each copy of this letter to acknowledge your receipt of the grant, and return the original and all but one copy to the Grant Officer.

Sincerely yours,



George A. Wachtenheim
Acting Mission Director
USAID/Honduras

Attachments:

1. Schedule
2. Program Description
3. Standard Provisions

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Acknowledged:

The National Republican Institute for International Affairs

By:



Title:

PRESIDENT, NRITA

Date:

14 OCT 1989

Fiscal Data

Appropriation Symbols:

Budget Plan Codes: LES990-25522-KG14

Project No. 597-0003.13

Total Estimated Amount: \$70,000

Total Obligated Amount: \$70,000

IRS Employee Identification No. 52-1340-267

Schedule

A. Purpose of Grant:

The purpose of this Grant is to field a team of qualified observers from the U.S. and from allied and democratic countries around the world to observe the November 26, 1989 elections in the republic of Honduras. The Grantee will research, plan, and execute the advance and observation components of this program, and carry out primary responsibilities for development and dissemination of a report of the findings made during the elections.

B. Period of Grant:

1. The effective date of this Grant is the date of its signature and the expiration date is January 15, 1990.

2. Funds obligated hereunder are available for expenditures associated with fielding an advance team from October 15, 1989 and for program expenditures from the date of signature to January 15, 1990 as shown in the Grant budget below.

C. Amount of Grant and Payment:

1. A.I.D. hereby obligates the sum of \$70,000 for the purposes of this Grant.

2. Payment will be made to the Grantee in accordance with the procedures set forth in Attachment 3 - Additional Standard Provision 2 entitled "Periodic Advance".

D. Financial Plan:

The following is the Grant Budget. Revisions to this budget shall be made in accordance with the Standard Provision of this Grant, entitled "Revision of Grant Budget."

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE
 FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
 HONDURAS ELECTION OBSERVATION
 NOVEMBER 26, 1989

LINE ITEM	BUDGET
I. SALARIES	\$9,000
II. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	504
III. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	43,165
A. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	\$28,200
B. DOMESTIC TRAVEL	
ELECTIONS: CAR & DRIVER	1,600
C. PER DIEM	13,095
D. DEPARTURE TAX	270
IV. COMMUNICATIONS	5,600
V. CONTRACTUAL	10,040
VI. OTHER DIRECT COSTS	1,691
VII. SUPPORT GRANTS	0
TOTAL NRILA BUDGET	<u>\$70,000</u>

E. Reports:

A written report in English and Spanish will be provided to the TNE and the A.I.D. Grant Officer within thirty days of the observer mission. A preliminary written report will be submitted in five (5) copies to the A.I.D. Grant Officer no later than ten (10) days following completion of the mission.

F. Mandatory Standard Provisions and Optional Standard Provisions:

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is Attachment 3 composed of Mandatory Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Grantees and the Optional Standard Provisions for U.S. Nongovernmental Grantees. Of the provisions contained in Attachment 3, the following provisions marked by "x" are applicable under this Grant.

Attachment II

Program Description

HONDURAS ELECTION OBSERVATION

A. Summary

On November 26, 1989 Honduras will hold presidential and legislative elections. The National Republican Institute for International Affairs (NRIIA) will conduct a 20 - 25 member multinational, bipartisan election observation effort using participants from selected countries which will have the following objectives:

- 1) To provide an accurate and timely assessment of the preparations for, and conduct of the national elections in Honduras;
- 2) To provide increased international support for the fragile democratic process in Honduras;
- 3) To strengthen regional perceptions that free and open democratic elections are critical to national stability;
- 4) To provide a measure against which other regional elections might be judged; and
- 5) To create opportunities for regional political leaders, particularly from Central America to observe what is expected to be a peaceful and fair national election.

B. Nature of Activities

The fielding of an international observer mission composed of election experts and representatives of democratic countries from around the world provides the opportunity to advance the cause of Honduran democratic development. The multinational composition of the mission will demonstrate that the international community is aware of and supports the continued democratic processes at work in Honduras.

An advance team will visit Honduras to make the necessary logistical arrangements for the observer effort and coordination with the National Electoral Tribunal. An electoral procedures study which will serve as a preparatory document for the participants in the mission will also be done at this time.

The observer mission will arrive in Honduras prior to the November 26, 1989 election date to meet with government and election officials, candidates, civic leaders, and other Hondurans involved in the election process.

The mission will then divide into teams to observe the process in different cities and regions on election day. These teams will arrive on site at least one day before the election for orientation and further briefings. The balloting and the preliminaries of the counting will then be observed. The teams will regroup in Tegucigalpa for debriefings and a statement on what was observed will be issued prior to departure in a timely fashion. A formal written report of the mission's findings will be produced in English and Spanish within 30 days after the elections.

C. Grantee

NRHIA will be the grantee for this observer mission. Extensive bipartisan election observation projects by this institute in the Philippines, Haiti, and most recently in the last Panamanian elections, have created an internationally recognized reputation for impartiality and professionalism in the analysis of this fundamental democratic practice.

In arranging this delegation, the Institute will draw on a well-established network of allied democratic countries and election experts which will allow a solid high level technical team to conduct this election observation.

D. Anticipated Outcomes

The Honduran Election Observation will:

1. demonstrate international support for an electoral process which allows the people of Honduras to freely express their preferences;
2. provide international exposure and moral and political support to groups that will monitor the voting and counting process;
3. provide an unbiased, professional assessment of the fairness, validity, and integrity of the election process;
4. reinforce the network of internationally active democratic parties from across the political spectrum through the observation of the Honduran elections; and
5. serve to raise international awareness about Central American election management standards for equity and representativeness in a functioning Central American democracy.

Previous missions have shown that the presence of an international observation team helped to deter misconduct in the electoral process and voters had a stronger sense of security and confidence regarding their participation in the election.

As with other observer missions, the delegation shall: refuse to take a partisan position on the campaign; refrain from associations with any partisan groups; seek the views represented by all those participating in the process; be guided by impartial standards; avoid interference in the electoral process; maintain an independent and impartial posture so as to provide an unbiased assessment of the proceedings; and abide by all local laws pertaining to foreign visitors.

E. Description of Activities

Location: Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, and other regional population centers of electoral significance.

What will be done: A team of qualified observers from the U.S. and from other democratic countries around the world will be chosen to observe the November 26, 1989 elections. The NRIIA will organize and coordinate the advance and observation components of this program, and be responsible for the creation and dissemination of a report of the findings.

Participants: Staff and leadership of NRIIA, and selected representatives from the network of democratic countries from around the world with a special emphasis on observers from the Western Hemisphere. The Honduran National Elections Tribunal will select eight of the international observers in consultation with NRIIA. The NRIIA will be responsible for the selection of the remaining participants to ensure a balanced bipartisan representation.

How: A specific support grant originating from the Agency for International Development to be made to NRIIA.

When: The advance team is scheduled to travel to Honduras in the middle of October to prepare pre-election analyses and to begin logistical arrangements. Staff will leave for Honduras before the arrival of the main group of observers to make logistical arrangements, act as liaison with the National Electoral Tribunal and other groups important to this effort. Certain members will stay through the completion of significant aspects of the counting of the vote to ensure a comprehensive report.

F. Evaluations

The project will be administered and monitored to the standards of the Institute for liaison and reporting. Following the observation mission a full written report on the findings will be prepared by the Institute.