

memorandum

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ATTN OF: Miguelina Soto, PEO/Program Assistant

SUBJECT: Project Completion Report - OPG No. 517-0164-Housing Appropriate Technology

TO: The Files *4ED*

Mr. Robert F. Barnes, Chief, Private Enterprise Division

On March 23, 1983 USAID/DR signed a Grant Agreement with CARE for the amount of US\$478,000. This agreement was amended four times ending with total funding of US\$488,000 and a PACD of December 31, 1987.

The purpose of the Project was to upgrade the housing of the rural poor through application of appropriate technology.

The goal of the project was to help the Centro de Tecnologia Apropiada para la Vivienda Popular (CETAVIP) to develop, acquire and disseminate appropriate technologies for housing improvements through various channels such as seminars, training courses, establishment of a library and publication of bulletins. This program was designed to benefit professionals, the artisans working on rural housing and many of the rural poor who would achieve better housing as a result of the knowledge gained through this project by the designers and builders of rural housing.

Two evaluations were carried out during the life of project. The first evaluation was prepared by Lee Baker and Santiago Moreno from PADCO, Inc., in October 1984. They provided a description of the Program's progress and included a number of recommendations for improving the diffusion component in its second year.

The second and last evaluation was prepared by Patricia Klobus Edwards and Milagros Nanita from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University, in January 1986. They analyzed in particular the performance of the diffusion activity and provided suggestions to guide CETAVIP staff in fulfilling its potential.

On September 28, 1987 CARE's accountant visited the Controller's Office to review the procedures for submission of the final report and expenditures for the project's accounting closeout. They agreed that CARE would submit a final voucher as soon as their books were closed and that the Controller's Office would reimburse them the negative "cash on hand" balance they ended with and recover the outstanding advance in Controller's records.

On January 1988 an outstanding advance in the amount of US\$5,824.65 resulting from exchange rate fluctuation was recovered through a journal voucher, thereby clearing out any remaining balances.