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GENERAL OBJECTIVES

At the request of the National Commission for Administration of the Fund for Economic Development (CAFADE), I was asked to come to Argentina for one year - from August 1961 to August 1962 - to assist in the development of a nation-wide agricultural information program. This assignment had a direct relationship to the goals of CAFADE's "Operation Beef Program" for which USAID/Argentina provides technical backstopping.

CAFADE's goal involves an improvement in beef production and related activities through "application of more modern and rational techniques." To that end, CAFADE promotes interest in these new techniques and works with such institutions as the Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia Agropecuaria (INTA), the Argentine Government's agricultural research and extension agency.

INTA has a national headquarters in Buenos Aires, a large national research center with 10 institutes at Castelar near Buenos Aires, and 45 Experiment Stations and 94 Extension Agencies located in various areas of the country. My work was connected principally with INTA. The general objective was to assist in the development of a program to disseminate the results of research at the Experiment Stations to farmers and others who could use them and to help improve INTA's internal communications. It was finally recognized that agricultural progress is directly related to the value of the research conducted and its communication to farmers and allied industries.

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