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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR,
BUREAU FOR EUROPE AND NEAR EAST

FROM: ENE/PDP, Scott Smith
ENE/EUR, Robert Nachtrieb

SUBJECT: Social Process/Cultural Pluralism Project (180-0021)
Authorization Amendment #1

Issue: To amend the original Project Authorization dated March 22, 1991, by allocating \$50,000 to USIA to implement a minority participant training program and allowing USIA to reprogram funds between project components. No change in total authorized funding is required.

Background: The project provides commodities, technical assistance, and support for educational activities to support and institutionalize the democratic process in Central and Eastern Europe. The three project components are Educational Reform (\$2,000,000), Books for Democracy (\$2,000,000), and Civic Education/Minority Issues (\$1,250,000). You authorized the project on March 22, 1991, based on the "Green Copy Project Memorandum--Social Process and Cultural Pluralism in Central and Eastern Europe, March 13, 1991." The original Authorization is included under Tab A.

On April 3, 1991, you signed an Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) with the United States Information Agency (USIA) which approved the transfer of \$4,000,000 for the implementation of the Educational Reform and Books for Democracy components. At this time, the IAA is being amended to increase the transfer to \$4,050,000 and to add "Participant Training" to the list of activities to be performed under the Educational Reform component. The Civic Education/Minority Issues component will be carried out by A.I.D. directly through limited competitive grants and cooperative agreements. The original IAA and the proposed amendment to it are included under Tab B.

Annex A to the IAA is being changed to reflect minor programmatic and funding changes. These changes are discussed below. The original and replacement Annex A are included under Tab C.

Discussion:

Educational Reform (USIA)

1. USIA is requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from the Civic Education/Minority Issues component to implement a special minority Participant Training program. The \$50,000 would be used to provide travel, and living expense funding to ethnic minority students and scholars who have already received tuition scholarships to attend U.S. universities and colleges. The program is consistent with A.I.D.'s program to highlight ethnic minority issues.

2. Originally, USIA allocated approximately \$600,000 for Summer Institutes which, because of delays, could not be implemented this year. See the replacement Annex A to the original IAA at Tab C. Rather than wait until next summer to initiate a new Summer Institutes program, USIA would like to reprogram this \$600,000 as follows:

- \$200,000 for a new Participant Training program (\$100,000 for Bulgarian students and \$50,000 each for Hungarian and Czechoslovak students);
- \$100,000 for Academic Specialists to assist in curriculum reform at the American University in Bulgaria, to complement a \$600,000 start-up grant from A.I.D.'s Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA); and
- \$300,000 for an increase in Academic Lecturers and Specialists, a program which meets the goals of the original Summer Institutes and which has received an excellent response thus far.

Under Tab D is background material from USIA providing the rationale for adding a new Participant Training component to this project.

Books for Democracy. (USIA)

No changes to the Books for Democracy program are being requested.

Civic Education/Minority Issues. (A.I.D.)

The transfer of \$50,000 from this A.I.D.-administered project to USIA is justified on the grounds that minority issues will be the main focus of the special minority Participant Training program.

There will be no change to any other implementing details of the Authorization.

Recommendation: That, by indicating your approval below, you amend the authorization dated March 22, 1991, in the following ways:

- Approve the transfer of \$50,000 to USIA, which will increase funding of the Educational Reform component from \$2,000,000 to \$2,050,000 and decrease funding of the Civic Education/Minority Issues component from \$1,250,000 to \$1,200,000;
- Approve the amended Inter-Agency Agreement as attached;
- Approve all other programmatic and funding changes as reflected by the new replacement Annex A.

Approved: *Dwight Merum*

Disapproved: _____

Date: *8/13/91*

~~Attachments:~~

- ~~A. Original Authorization~~
- ~~B. Original Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) with USIA
Draft Amendment to the IAA~~
- ~~C. Original Annex A: Educational Reform
Draft Replacement Annex A: Educational Reform.~~

Clearances:

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