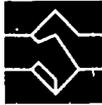


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Slovakia
**REPORTING
PERIOD:** April 1, 1993 - June 30, 1993
FISCAL YEAR: 1992

Dear Dr. Hyman:

This constitutes our quarterly progress report for the quarter ending June 30, 1993. We are reporting on both grants, identified above, in a single report.

BACKGROUND:

I. ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

Implementation: In this our fifth quarterly report, we have made ten grants ranging from \$1,200 to \$24,150 and totalling \$89,093. Grants made during this quarter cover the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

A) Social Process and Cultural Pluralism Project
EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00

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Albania:

\$5,000, Albanian Helsinki Committee

Tirane, Albania

Contact: Kujtim Cashku

To support the travel and per diem costs of three Albanian human rights activists at the NGO Forum of the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, in June 1993. The three participants are Professor Arben Puto and Professor Kristo Frasherri, members of the Albanian Helsinki Committee, and Ms. Diana Culi, who chairs an NGO called the Independent Women's Forum. The group's focus will be to concentrate on problems concerning: Albanians in Kosovo; the Greek minority in southern Albania; recent Balkan trends of ethnic violence and religious intolerance; and the protection of women's rights; and to meet, interact with and learn from the many experienced human rights activists in Vienna who have dealt with many of the issues facing Albanians today.

NB: The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights met every evening with the East Central European local Helsinki Committees to brief and debrief them on the Conference's daily issues and strategies. An East Central European regional group was formed to share strategies and programs and to promote the work of NGOs in implementing human rights standards, and when necessary, challenge international and governmental institutions to uphold them.

Bulgaria:

\$4,850, Institute for Social and Environmental Research

Sofia, Bulgaria

Contact: Dimitrina Petrova

To support the travel and per diem costs of six Bulgarian human rights activists at the NGO Forum preceding the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993. The six participants are Pravda Spassova, Yonko Grozev and Emil Cohen of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, Zdravka Kalaydjieva of the Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights Group, Savelina Danova of the Human Rights Project, and Stefan Grozdev, a judge in the Sofia regional court. The group's focus will be to participate in the general debate on improving access of NGOs to the UN's human rights mechanisms and bodies and in the adoption of the final document of the NGO Forum and in establishing contacts with other NGOs from East Central Europe for future cooperation. More specifically and in different working groups, Emil Cohen will present a report on the protection of minorities in Bulgaria and will identify the obstacles in implementation of minority rights; Zdravka Kalaydjieva and Stefan Grozdev will work on the relationship between U.N. human rights policy and the role of NGOs from the East Central European perspective; Savelina Danova will present the work of the Human Rights Project which monitors human rights abuses in the Roma community and provides legal defense to Roma

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victims; Pravda Spassova and Yonko Grozev will review and assess human rights progress in Bulgaria, identify obstacles and ways in which they can be overcome, prepare a statement of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee evaluating the overall effectiveness of U.N. human rights standards and mechanisms and make recommendations.

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\$8,644, Human Rights Project
Sofia, Bulgaria
Contact: Dimitrina Petrova

To support the costs of expanding the staff and outreach of the Human Rights Project, a Roma protection and legal defense program, including establishing branches in Stara Zagora and Shumen and to adjust project costs for inflation. The expansion grows out of the escalation of violence against Roma over the last six months and the subsequent increase in case workload and monitoring activities.

\$10,000, Elena Marushiakova
Sofia, Bulgaria
Contact: Elena Marushiakova

To support a study tour to the U.S. for Dr. Elena Marushiakova and Dr. Vesselin Popov, Bulgaria's leading ethnographers and public policy analysts on the Roma, to look at how American Gypsies are organized, how they (and other minorities) have used the law, given the strong tradition of non-interaction with non-Gypsies, to preserve their rights, and how they resolve conflict among themselves.

Czech Republic:

No grants made this quarter.

Hungary:

\$24,150, Pro Minoritate Foundation
Budapest, Hungary
Contact: Miklos Meszoly

To support a three-day meeting, "The Making of Liberal Societies" in Romania for 80 regional senior centrist/liberal political leaders and other influential actors, to search for common ground across party lines on three issues: the national and ethnic question and how it endangers political and economic stability;

subregional, regional and European integration of East Central European countries; and the lack of democratic tradition in the region. It is co-sponsored by Liga Pro Europa, the Pro Minoritate Foundation, and the Civitas Foundation.

Poland:

No grants made this quarter.

Romania:

\$5,100, Romanian Helsinki Committee/APADOR-CH
Bucharest, Romania
Contact: Renate Gavrilas-Weber

To support travel and per diem costs of four Romanian human rights activists, Gabriel Andreescu, co-president of APADOR-CH; Renate Gavrilas-Weber, vice president of APADOR-CH; Eugen Vasiliu, director in the Ministry of Culture (former state secretary in Ministry of Culture) and a lawyer and member of the executive committee of the Civic Alliance Party; and Remus Opris, Member of Parliament, the National Peasant Party, to participate in the NGO Forum and beginning sessions of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights from June 9 - 17, 1993.

The participants will present the overall human rights situation of Romania with a special emphasis on problems of nationalism; meet with other NGOs from Eastern Europe to (a) analyze the situation of minorities in southeastern Europe and to draw up a plan for future activities and (b) to compare the issues and level of Central and East European countries on legislation affecting rights and (c) to set up an information exchange mechanism/network for Balkan countries on these issues.

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\$2,974, Romanian Helsinki Committee/APADOR-CH
Bucharest, Romania
Contact: Renate Gavrilas-Weber

To support travel, per diem and course costs of Ms. Manuela Stefanescu's participation in the annual advanced certification course on human rights at the International Institute of Human Rights' summer program in Strasbourg on July 2-30, 1993. Ms. Stefanescu is a vice president of the Romanian Helsinki Committee and a senior human rights activist. For non-lawyers doing rights work in Romania, participation in these Strasbourg courses

provides an imprimatur of "expertise" to home-country authorities.

\$23,863, Romanian Helsinki Committee/APADOR-CH
Bucharest, Romania
Contact: Renate Gavrilas-Weber

To provide partial general support for one year starting July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994 for APADOR-CH to consolidate and institutionalize its diverse human rights projects and to pay the salaries on a full-time basis for a core group of human rights activists. The German Marshall Fund has covered the rest of the general support costs for a two year period, totalling \$82,929.

\$1,200, The League for the Defence of Human Rights (LADO)
Bucharest, Romania
Contact: Nicolae Stefanescu-Draganesti

To support train and related travel costs for Mr. Dan Radu Stanescu and Mrs. Lucia Humeniuc, LADO program officers, to participate in the annual beginning course on human rights at the International Institute of Human Rights' summer program in Strasbourg on July 2-30, 1993.

Slovakia:

No grants made this quarter.

Region:

No grants made this quarter.

B) Political Process Project
EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00

Albania:

No grants made this quarter.

Bulgaria:

No grants made this quarter.

Czech Republic:

No grants made this quarter.

Hungary:

No grants made this quarter.

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Poland:

No grants made this quarter.

Romania:

\$3,312, Center for Independent Journalism
Prague, Czech Republic
Contact: Jim Greenfield

To support the costs of two Romanian news journalists from SOTI TV in Bucharest, Ms. Andrea Esca and Mr. Razvan Nicolescu, in a three-week radio training course designed to provide a broader base of news training, including both theory and practical work for TV journalists from the region. The course was designed by Ned Colt, the Center's resident T.V. trainer and conducted by Steve Milne, a London-based "60 Minutes" producer, Sandy Socolow, a New York producer of the CBS Nightly News under Walter Cronkite, two German cameramen and others. The participants produced a number of programs of various lengths. Other funders include the Ford Foundation and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany.

Slovakia:

No grants made this quarter.

Region:

No grants made this quarter.

II. ACTIVITIES PLANNED

On-going proposal review and development.

III. ISSUES, PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We believe AID should be aware of the following comments concerning a problem in Albania made by one of our sub-grantees, The Human Rights Project of Utica College of Syracuse University. This project provides continuous consultation by human rights lawyers Ted Zang and Ted Orlin to local human rights NGOs in Albania and Bulgaria. It states that "The Albanian government continues to squander the opportunity to implement human rights norms and to build a human rights culture. The human rights community there remains fractured and depends largely on the efforts of a few individuals. One of these individuals, Kujtim Cashku, returned from a stay in the United States in early May, and is just beginning to become active again in human rights." Cashku is a principal actor in the leadership of the Albanian Helsinki Committee which receives funding under this program.

The grant to the Salzburg Seminar, reported in the last quarter, included the following participants: Dr. Rolanda Dhimitri,

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania and member of the Albanian Forum of Women; Dr. Gabriela Kilianova, Research Fellow, SAS Institute of Ethnology, Bratislava, Slovak Republic; Dr. Klara Samkova, Lawyer and Director of the Foundation for the Improvement of the Status of Gypsies, Prague, The Czech Republic; Mr. Hisamedin Feraj, Chair, History of Philosophy Department, University of Tirane, Albania; and Ms. Kapka Ivanova Panayotova, Union of Disabled People, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Unfortunately, Ms. Panayotova was not granted a visa to enter Austria and the seminar was unable to identify a replacement in time for either session. The Seminar contacted us recently stating, "the Austrian government has become very strict about granting visas to some individuals entering the country from some Eastern European countries."

IV. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPECTED

A September trip to Bulgaria and Albania is likely.

V. ACCRUED EXPENDITURES

Grants made this quarter by country:

<u>Country</u>	<u>EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00</u>	<u>EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00</u>
Albania	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Bulgaria	\$ 23,494	\$ 0
Czech Rep.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Hungary	\$ 24,150	\$ 0
Poland	\$ 0	\$ 0
Romania	\$ 33,137	\$ 3,312
Slovakia	\$ 0	\$ 0
Region	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$ 85,781	\$ 3,312

Grants made by country to date:

<u>Country</u>	<u>EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00</u>	<u>EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00</u>
Albania	\$ 35,574	\$ 8,800
Bulgaria	\$135,609	\$ 0
Czech Rep.	\$ 41,368	\$ 0
Hungary	\$ 48,100	\$ 0
Poland	\$ 16,032	\$ 48,500
Romania	\$ 42,037	\$ 25,267
Slovakia	\$ 13,685	\$ 0
Region	\$ 11,000	\$ 0
Total	\$343,405	\$ 82,567

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Program management expenses for this quarter:

<u>Country</u>	<u>EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00</u>	<u>EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00</u>
Albania	\$ 370	\$ 0
Bulgaria	\$ 98	\$ 0
Czech Rep.	\$ 25	\$ 2
Hungary	\$ 10	\$ 0
Poland	\$ 22	\$ 12
Romania	\$ 571	\$ 140
Slovakia	\$ 25	\$ 0
Total	\$ 1,120	\$ 154

Program management expenses to date:

<u>Country</u>	<u>EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00</u>	<u>EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00</u>
Albania	\$ 2,021	\$ 346
Bulgaria	\$ 1,578	\$ 223
Czech Rep.	\$ 183	\$ 125
Hungary	\$ 41	\$ 31
Poland	\$ 37	\$ 36
Romania	\$ 646	\$ 198
Slovakia	\$ 25	\$ 0
Total	\$ 4,531	\$ 959

Sincerely,

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