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Subject: Grant No: EUR-0002-g-2049-00
Quarterly Report on Project Activity
From July 1 to September 30, 1993

Reference Contract Section E.1, attached please find three copies of IIE's report of quarterly activity and financial reporting documentation covering the period July 1 to September 30, 1993.

Attachments - as stated

QUARTERLY REPORT OF PROJECT ACTIVITY
NORTH AMERICAN CONSORTIUM FOR FREE MARKET STUDY PROGRAM
AID EUR-0002-g-2049-00

July 1 - September 30, 1993

The following is a report on project activity during the quarter July 1-September 30, 1993. As per contract section E.1, the report covers achievements to date, plans for future activities (next quarter), and implementation problems which need to be addressed. A financial report, project inception to date, is also included.

Achievements During the Reporting Period (July 1-September 30, 1993)

- The 14 participants on this grant successfully completed their academic programs and internships and returned home.
- Since this grant was extended through December 31, 1994, to enable IIE to offer the final two awards, two students arrived in August to begin their programs. Ms. Ewa Czyzewska of Poland, and Ms. Inocencia Bonova of Slovakia were notified of receipt of award to study in the U.S. Procedures to bring them to the U.S. were begun. This includes grant notification to in-country AID missions and PIET offices; receipt of medical clearance form; completion of Conditions of Training form; interview with PIET offices in the field; and issuance of IAP-66A forms. IIE registered students for HAC health insurance coverage and made travel arrangements.
- IIE submitted final/signed university contracts detailing cost sharing provided by schools.

The current breakdown of students on this grant is: 1 student from Poland and 1 student from Slovakia.

As at September 30, a total of \$314,127 had been expended on the project.

Plans for Future Activities (October 1-December 31, 1993)

- Students will take mid-term and final exams.
 - Students will submit a copy of their resume to IIE and will begin their search for potential internship placements.
 - Submission to INS of AID IAP-66a forms with additional documentation and check.
 - IIE staff will make campus visits to meet with university officials and students to ensure that the program is fulfilling the goals of both the school and the students.
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Implementation Problems

Due to a delay in securing official notification of the new grant to IIE, there was also a delay in identifying the two grantees designated on this program. As a result, there was no time to issue an AID IAP-66A form. AID authorized IIE to provide the students with its own IAP-66 to secure a J-1 visa under IIE's sponsorship on the condition that the grantees transfer visa sponsorship once they arrived in the U.S. IIE sent each student an IAP-66 and will instruct them on the procedures to transfer sponsorship to AID.

IIE was also unaware of the AID regulation that participants had to fulfill an English language requirement. Although Ms. Czyzewska and Ms. Bonova fulfilled this language requirement, there was some confusion and miscommunication between AID, PIET, IIE and the students.