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<b>GRANTEE:</b>	The German Marshall Fund of the United States
<b>REF:</b>	Grant No. EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00 Grant No. EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00
<b>COUNTRIES:</b>	Albania, Bulgaria, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia
<b>REPORTING PERIOD:</b>	January 1, 1994 - March 31, 1994
<b>FISCAL YEAR:</b>	1992

Dear Dr. Hyman:

This constitutes our quarterly progress report for the quarter, January 1, 1994 through March 31, 1994. We are reporting on both grants, identified above, in a single report.

**BACKGROUND:**

**I. ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD**

**Implementation:** In this our eighth quarterly report, we have made five grants ranging from \$5,500 to \$24,500 and totalling \$72,736. The average grant size is \$14,547. Grants made during this quarter cover the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia.

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

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.

Poland:

No grants made this quarter.

Romania:

No grants made this quarter.

Slovakia:

\$5,500      **Center for Independent Journalism**  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
Contact: Katarina Vajdova

To support the printing and related costs of IQ, a student bi-monthly magazine which covers social, political and cultural issues, for a period of one year. IQ is published and edited by students affiliated with the CIJ and is politically independent and committed to fact-based writing.

**\$11,354**      **21st Century Foundation/Slovak Office**  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
Contact: Andrej Bartosiewicz

To support the work of the Club of Mayors in its efforts to shape the debate on local government reform by distributing a white paper called the "Rights of Towns and Their Protection"; by convening key leaders to discuss the proposed reform; and by engaging citizens in the debate through educational material and follow-up meetings.

NB: For accounting purposes only, \$10,223 of this grant was charged to EUR-0021-G-00-2040-00 and \$1,131 to EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00. See Slovakia below. This allowed us to close out EUR-0017-G-00-2041-00.

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

Albania:

**\$20,882**      **VOICE International**  
Arlington, VA  
Contact: Nancy Pettis

To provide technical assistance and program support over the period of a year to the Independent Forum for the Albanian Woman, including planning support for a women's rights conference and to link the IFAW to other groups in the U.S., Canada and Eastern Europe for information exchanges, technical assistance and collaboration.

**\$2,625**      **Helsinki Citizens Assembly-USA**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: John Feffer

To expose ten women trade unionists, journalists and activists from Albania, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary to the range of activities mounted on behalf of working women in the U.S. to secure political rights and workplace equality as well as to expose the participants to issue advocacy and organizing techniques.

NB: (This is one-quarter of a total grant of \$10,500. The other quarters are listed below under Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.)

Bulgaria:

\$24,500      **Association of Professional Psychologists in Education**  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
Contact: Panayot Randev

To support first-year operating costs of the Children At Risk (CAR) project which will develop, maintain and disseminate current and on-going information on children's rights, child abuse and children at risk in Bulgaria in order to inform public opinion. The project will also provide consultative services to children at risk.

\$2,625      **Helsinki Citizens Assembly-USA**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: John Feffer

NB: (One-quarter of the grant described above at Albania)

Czech Republic:

No grants made this quarter.

Hungary:

\$2,625      **Helsinki Citizens Assembly-USA**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: John Feffer

NB: (One-quarter of the grant described above at Albania)

Poland:

No grants made this quarter.

Romania:

\$2,625      **Helsinki Citizens Assembly-USA**  
Philadelphia, PA  
Contact: John Feffer

NB: (One-quarter of the grant described at Albania.)

Slovakia:

\$1,131      **21st Century Foundation/Slovak Office**  
Bratislava, Slovakia  
Contact: Andrej Bartosiewicz

See Slovakia above. This entry is for accounting purposes only.

**II.    ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

On-going grant management, proposal review and development.

**III.   ISSUES, PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Police abuse continues to be a major impediment to human rights work in the southern tier. Police training, exposure to U.S. counterparts and to international human rights conventions and treaties which various countries have signed would be most helpful in the region. We understand the background for the restriction of using USG money to that end. It may be time to revisit with the U.S. Congress how to resolve this.

As reported orally to AID/Washington and AID/Prague, the grant (\$24,400) to the Foundation for Improvement of the Status of Gypsies (FISOG) was closed four months early and the remaining funds (\$5,191) remitted to us. From our internal evaluation and thoughtful comments of others in the Czech Republic, FISOG achieved some successes during its short existence despite the fact that it was doing too many things at once: (1) it raised attention to Roma issues in the Czech Republic and internationally; (2) it provided legal representation in, principally, civil cases to about 80 Roma charging discrimination; (3) it acted as an ombudsman for Roma on many issues; (4) it advocated positions on different legislation before Parliament; (5) it tracked the treatment of Roma in the press and attempted to influence press intolerance. Unfortunately, FISOG ceased to function effectively when tensions arose between different Roma families represented on the staff and board and a Roma/non-Roma cleavage arose between members of the board of directors. This was further exacerbated by efforts to pretend that the cleavage and tensions did not exist.

I am attaching copies of final or annual reports of sub-grants made by the following sub-grantees:

- Rich McClear/Radio Tirana for Deedee Blane.
- Human Rights Project/Bulgaria for Brad Fujimoto.
- Romanian Helsinki Committee for Bill Carter.
- Bulgarian Helsinki Committee for Brad Fujimoto.
- Konrad Huber's (assistant to CSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities) final report for Kathryn Stratos.

**IV. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPECTED**

I will be travelling to Romania, Czech Republic and Slovakia in early June.

**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	0	23,507
Bulgaria	0	27,125
Czech Rep.	0	0
Hungary	0	2,625
Poland	0	0
Romania	0	2,625
Slovakia	15,723	1,131
Region	0	0
Total	15,723	57,013

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	69,868	52,307
Bulgaria	237,205	27,125
Czech Rep.	49,049	0
Hungary	48,100	2,625
Poland	64,787	48,500
Romania	74,037	27,892
Slovakia	37,089	1,131
Region	11,000	0
Total	591,135	159,580

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	687	352
Bulgaria	768	13
Czech Rep.	103	0
Hungary	5	0
Poland	42	10
Romania	16	0
Slovakia	89	0
Total	1,710	375

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	3,363	776
Bulgaria	2,578	295
Czech Rep.	852	210
Hungary	252	87
Poland	440	121
Romania	898	323
Slovakia	362	72
Total	8,745	1,884

Sincerely,



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