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Dear Susan:

We have attached the matrices with data from the 1995 Spring Portfolio Review. These are self-explanatory.

We are pleased to say that the overwhelming majority of our projects are going very well. Of 24 total projects, approximately 83.3% (or 20) fall into the "A" category; 3 are in the "B" category (12.5%), and only 1 is "C" rated (4.2%).

The "C" project is in the area of Science and Technology and involves enzyme research which has been conducted through the National Autonomous University (UNAM) here in Mexico City. Expenditures are not being made at a sufficient rate to complete the project in a timely manner or, we believe, to produce the intended results. We have been in touch with the university and very shortly will be giving them a deadline for providing us with up-to-date expenditures, activities, and a plan of action through the remainder of the project.

As planned, we have phased out locally funded population activities, with current projects being globally funded.

We have had some excellent successes with the "A" projects and are pleased to share these with you:

USAID/Mexico supported technical assistance to CONASIDA (National Aids Prevention Council in Mexico)-for development of a comprehensive AIDS communication plan, including the design of television spots for AIDS prevention. CONASIDA's public awareness campaign has taken a new twist, having been so well received in Mexico that the National Aids Clearinghouse in the U.S. has begun offering CONASIDA's AIDS prevention spots to Spanish speaking audiences in the United States.

The environmental portion of the portfolio is also moving along well. A strong focus is in assisting indigenous people in the development of sustainable, nature-based economic activities. These include ecotourism, genetic resources and natural cosmetics. Other activities have focused on the development of renewable, local energy sources to eliminate the need of expanding the inefficient and costly national grid system to remote areas. To date over 2,500 people have been trained or strengthened in pursuit of these activities.

The economic development strategic objective has targeted primarily Mexican Government agencies with the intention of helping to improve the performance

of these entities vis a vis selected legal and regulatory aspects related to NAFTA. The U.S. Department of Commerce - Patent and Trademark Office - has provided training and technical assistance to the Mexican Industrial Property Office with the initial goal of helping eliminate a backlog of over 20,000 pending patent applications. (The backlog issue, a perennial problem, was sorely exacerbated by the 1985 earthquake which literally buried all the Mexican patent records. It was several years after the earthquake before the records could be unearthed). The backlog was eliminated 1 year ahead of schedule and in the process, over 10,000 patents were issued to U.S. interests!

Training generally has also performed above expectations. We have greatly exceeded the USAID goal (10%) for placement of participant training new starts at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, completing FY 94 with a placement record of 32.7%.

The work done by USAID/Mexico is, of course, made even more salient by the fact that we share a 2,000 mile border. We are pleased with the progress we have made during the last FY. Our activities are providing excellent value, both in tangible and intangible ways, to the U.S. Government and the taxpayers who finance our work and we look forward to continuing on the same productive path.

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SECTION 1: INTERCOUNTRY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, I.T.T. 598-0616.12

A) FUNCTIONAL
 ACCOUNT: AIDS

Frente Comun vs. SIDA	93	A	N/A										
Training for Univ. Students (Muss)	94	A	N/A										
Sexual Behavior & AIDS Prevention (IMIFAP)	94	A	N/A										

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E) FUNCTIONAL ACCOUNT: PRIVATE SECTOR

598-0616.23-3-20007

Technology Transfer for Development of Mexico's Industrial Property Office

92 A N/A N/A

598-0616.23-3-20004

Cooperative Support in the Exchange of Information on Mexico's Labor Policies

91 A N/A N/A

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598-0784 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE													
598-0784.23-523-0035													
Calakmul Biosphere Reserve	FY 90	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0784.23-523-0046													
Improved Env. Planning and Management	FY 90	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0784.23-523-0037													
C.I. Debt-for-Nature Swap Mgt. Program for the Selva Lacandona Montes Azules Biosphere Reserve	FY 90	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0784.23-523-2028													
Mex. Tropical Forestry Action Plan	FY 92	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0784.23-523-2027													
Env. Policy Studies Related to Climate Change	FY 92	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PASA 598-0784-P-EP-2284-00													
Land Use Patterns & Greenhouse Gas Emissions in S.E. Mexico	FY 92	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PASA 598-0784-P-ER-2279-00													
Support for the Renewable Energy Dev. & Commercialization in Mexico	FY 92	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0616 INTER-COUNTRY TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (ITT)													
598-0616.23-523-0046													
Improved Environmental Planning & Management Training and T.A.	FY 90	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0616.23-523-3019													
Establish a Youth Conservation Corps in Mexico	FY 93	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PASA 523-0616-P-ZA-00-2261-00													
Training & T.A. in Support of Marine Turtle and Marine Mammal (Dolphins) Conservation	FY 92	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
598-0616.23-523-4041													
The Mezunte Miracle: A Community Development Enterprise	FY 94	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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598-0780 ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT PROJECT													
598-0780.23-523-3018													
Design and Establishment of the Mexico Conservation Fund													
	FY 93	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
936-5743 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT													
523-5743-S-00-3280-00													
Energy Advisor for USAID/M													
		FY 93	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N / A N/A
523-4007 MEXICO NATURE CONSERVATION FUND													
523-4007-A-00-4186-00													
Mexico Nature Conservation Fund													
	FY 94	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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SECTION V) PROGRAM IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

936-5542.01-523-12.367 (UNAM - Centro de Biotechnologia: Regulation of Enzymes of Ureide Biosynthesis in Tropical Varieties of Legumes

92	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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SECTION VI) ADVANCED DEVELOPING COUNTRY TRAINING

CTR 598-0640-C-0734 DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

89	A	N/A											
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