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Waiver No. NE/85-013  
ATTACHMENT A

**PROJECT AUTHORIZATION**

Name of Entity: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)      Name of Project: Rural Development  
Number of Project: 298-0184  
(298-0159.14)

1. Pursuant to Section 531 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 as amended, I hereby authorize the Rural Development Project to be carried out by Catholic Relief Services in the West Bank/Gaza involving planned obligations of six million three hundred thousand dollars (\$6,300,000) over a four-year period from date of authorization, subject to the availability of funds in accordance with the A.I.D. OYB/Allotment process, to help in financing foreign exchange and local currency costs for the Project. The planned Life-of-Project is four years from the date of initial obligation.

2. The Project consists of providing technical assistance and material resources to municipalities, communities, institutions and organizations in the West Bank and Gaza, who are developing, implementing and evaluating self-help projects.

3. The Grant, which may be negotiated and executed by the officer to whom such authority is delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and delegations of authority, shall be subject to the following essential terms, covenants and major conditions, together with such other terms and conditions as A.I.D. may deem appropriate:

a. Goods and services financed by A.I.D. under the Project shall have their source and origin in the United States or locally, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing.

b. Waivers. The following waivers to A.I.D. regulations are hereby approved:

1. I hereby authorize, pursuant to Delegation of Authority 40, the procurement of not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in commodities from A.I.D. Geographic Code 935 Countries, provided that such items are purchased off the

shelf and are not imported specifically for the Project. Procurement from Code 935 countries is justified under A.I. Handbook 1B, Chapter 5B4 because the items to be procured are either not available from United States sources, given the realities of the market in the West Bank and Gaza, or are available only at a delivered price fifty percent or more higher than the delivered price from the United States or Code 941 countries. Exclusion of procurement from free world countries other than the cooperating country and countries included in Code 941 would seriously impede attainment of U.S. foreign policy objectives and objectives of the foreign assistance program.

2. I further authorize, pursuant to Delegation of Authority No.40, the local procurement of one motor vehicle manufacturer in a country included in A.I.D. Geographic Code 935 Countries said purchase to be made in accordance with good commercial practice. Procurement of this vehicle from Code 935 countries is justified under A.I.D. Handbook 1B, Chapter 4C2, because the lack of adequate service facilities and supply of spare parts for U.S.-manufactured vehicles. Exclusion of procurement from free world countries other than the cooperating country and countries included in Code 941 would seriously impede attainment of U.S. foreign policy objectives and the objectives of the foreign assistance program.

  
 W. Antoinette Ford  
 Assistant Administrator  
 Bureau for Near East  
 04 APR 1985

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**Clearances:**

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