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Introduction

The first progress report submitted to A.I.D. by the Economic Growth Center covered operations under Contract Repas-12 for the fiscal year July 1, 1962 - July 1, 1963. The present report refers to the period July 1, 1963 - July 1, 1964. The original contract period was three years. Amendment No. 1 to the Contract, mutually agreed upon in 1964, extended the period for two additional years to July 1, 1967. The purpose of the contract is to make possible the development of an integrated system of information on the economies of the less developed countries and the collection and field testing of the data for designated countries.

Country Coverage

At the present time the Country Analysis Program of the Growth Center covers twenty countries. It is anticipated that eventually 25 country analyses will be undertaken. The present A.I.D. contract applies to thirteen countries: Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Colombia, Egypt, Greece, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Tunisia, and Turkey. These represent the countries designated in the original contract, except for the substitution of Tunisia for Chile by mutual agreement. A proposal has been submitted to A.I.D. for a second amendment to the contract that would, among other things, extend support to ten additional countries.

Although the Country Analysis Program is focused on the economic development of the industrially less advanced countries, it is recognized that

for purposes of comparative economic analysis it is desirable to have data on the more industrially advanced economies in the same format. For this reason the Center has undertaken to draw up the same standardized system of national economic accounts and historical data for some of the industrial countries.

Staff

During the year 1963-64 Professor Lloyd G. Reynolds was on leave of absence and Professor Gustav Ranis acted as Project Director. He continued his duties as project adviser, working most closely with the Group A analysts who had returned from the field and were preparing monographs on their findings. Group A analysts are:

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| Werner Baer | Brazil |
| Gerald K. Helleiner | Nigeria |
| Donald C. Mead | Egypt |
| Donald R. Snodgrass | Ceylon |
| Jan V. Tumlir | Greece |

Two additional project advisers were appointed to work with the Country Analysis Staff. They are Associate Professor John C. H. Fei and Assistant Professor Hugh T. Patrick. They gave particular attention to Group B and Group C analysts respectively. Group B Analysts, who were in the field work phase in 1963-4, are:

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| Carlos F. Díaz Alejandro | Argentina |
| R. Albert Berry | Colombia |
| Michel E. A. Hervé | Tunisia |
| Shane J. Hunt | Peru |
| Clark W. Reynolds | Mexico |
| Ronald Soligo | Pakistan |

Group C analysts were in the initial phase of preparatory research at Yale.

They are:

James W. Land
Stephen A. Resnick

Turkey
Philippines

Research Program

The research pursued to date under the Country Analysis Program has yielded substantial results. Further revisions were made in the data system and the resulting framework was published as a brochure entitled, A System of National Economic Accounts and Historical Data. A copy is attached.

Two monographs in Group A, those on Ceylon and Brazil, were completed in first draft form. Copies have been made available to A.I.D. The three others--Nigeria, Egypt and Greece--are in the final stages of preparation.

In January 1964 a meeting with the Group B analysts was held in the field for a progress review of the on-going work. Reports of the analysts prepared for this meeting are attached. Several of the analysts, including Soligo in Pakistan, Berry in Colombia and Reynolds in Mexico, found that additional time in the field was required. Consequently they will not return to New Haven until 1965.

In the spring of 1964 Group C analysts met to go over their research plans with Professors Ranis, Ruggles, Patrick, Fei, Montias and Kuznets. The discussion papers on the Philippines and Turkey, prepared for these meetings, are also attached.

Work Plan for 1964-65

It is anticipated that final revisions on the Ceylon and Brazil monographs will be completed and the manuscript and statistical material ready for publication. Drafts of the remaining three monographs in Group A -- Egypt, Greece and Nigeria--should be available in early 1965.

The data systems for the six Group B countries--Argentina, Colombia, Tunisia, Peru, Mexico and Pakistan--will probably be completed. The two Group C analysts will be in the field--in Turkey and the Philippines--throughout the period. A progress report covering their work will be available in January, 1965.

Country Analysis Workshop

The Country Analysis Workshop, organized as a means of co-ordinating activities and facilitating preparation for field work, was continued during 1963-64. The small working group met somewhat less frequently and on a more informal basis during this period than during 1962-63. These sessions provided an opportunity for the third group of analysts to benefit from the experience of the first group which had returned from the field. Occasionally, outside specialists were brought in. For example, Professor D. Gale Johnson of the University of Chicago participated in the discussions on agriculture and Dr. Etienne van de Walle on demographic techniques.

The small working sessions were supplemented by larger discussion meetings with outside speakers. During 1963-64 the following speakers were invited. The subjects of their prepared talks are also given.

- September 23, P.C. Mahalanobis (India) - "Perspective Planning: The Indian Experience"
- October 4, Harry Johnson (University of Chicago) - "Tariffs and Economic Development"
- October 11, Allan Strout (A.I.D.) - "The Distribution of Aid to Underdeveloped Countries"
- October 31, Roberto de Oliviera Campos (Brazil) - "Economic Development and Inflation with Special Reference to Latin America"
- November 4, Sayre Schatz (Nigeria) - "Private Enterprise and Economic Development in Africa"
- November 18, Francis Seton (Oxford University) - "The Use of Social Accounting in Simple Model Building"
- November 25, Bela Balassa - "Trade Prospects for the Developing Countries"
- December 13, Henry Bruton (Williams College) - "Constraints on Growth in India"
- January 20, William Barber (Wesleyan University) - "Development, Dualism and Economic Boxes"
- January 27, T.N. Srinivasan - "A Development Model for India"
- February 17, B. R. Shenoy (India) - "Inflation and Indian Economic Development"
- February 24, Mrs. Irma Adelman (John Hopkins) - "An Econometric Model of the Greek Economy"
- March 2, Richard Porter - "Narrow Security Markets and Monetary Policy: Lessons from Pakistan"
- March 16, Michael Montias - "The Decomposition Principle and Other Recent Developments in Planning Methodology"
- April 13, Holland Hunter (Haverford College) - "Transportation in Soviet and Chinese Development"
- April 20, Markos Mamalakis - "Balanced vs. Unbalanced Growth: A Syntheses"
- April 27, Richard Cooper - "Tariff Dispersion and Trade Negotiations"

May 4, John C.H. Fei - "Foreign Aid and Self-Help in Development Finance"

May 11, Arthur Smithies (Harvard) - "Inflation and Economic Development Revisited"

Financial Report

Expenditures under the A.I.D. contract by category during the fiscal year 1963-64 are shown in Table I. The revised budget for 1963-64 in accordance with Amendment No. 1 is also shown. Total expenditures were \$273,674.71 as against a budget of \$304,872.