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INFOM

The formal loan agreement has been drafted by the AID Capital Development Office. This draft was presented to INFOM and is being reviewed by them. According to Don Otto Bianchi there are several clauses which INFOM does not like. Their objections will be raised with us and hopefully the differences can be resolved.

INAD

The municipal seminars have been interrupted by the recent flooding but are now able to continue. Response continues to be good to the seminars. Plans are now being made for additional seminars for early next year.

The graduation ceremony for the second group of interns was attended. The third group will probably begin to study in January.

ANAM

Closer contact is being made with the Association. The Board of Directors' meeting was attended in September. The programed seminar or commission on municipal finances has struck the interest of the Association. It is also exploring the possibilities of publishing a monthly newsletter. The Legal Advisor of the Association is very interested in municipal problems and is playing a more important role in the activities of the Association.

Peace Corps Municipal Development Project

This program continues to face its problems. The volunteer in Amatitlán, Mark Litwin, decided to resign from the Peace Corps. He felt there was too little for him to do in Amatitlán. This is an unfortunate decision because the flooding of Amatitlán has united the community and created a situation which could be used

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to make some needed changes in the community. Amatitlán now needs the help of a volunteer more than it ever did. The Municipal Development Program now consists of two volunteers, one in Tiquisate and one in Santa Lucía.

There have been no major problems during the month of September. Prospects are now good of making the Association of Municipalities more active. The contractor is also maintaining contact with Federico Fashen of the National Economic Planning Council. He has expressed his interest and cooperation in municipal programs.