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THE J.G. WHITE ENGINEERING CORPORATION  
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I INTRODUCTION

On October 22, 1975, The Agency For International Development, Washington, D.C. entered into a contract with The J.G. White Engineering Corporation for engineering services in connection with three assigned tasks in Haiti.

TASK A Dubreuil Irrigation System Rehabilitation : Implementation of the engineering report prepared by Engineering Consultants, Inc.

TASK B Feasibility report, Jean Rabel.

Preliminary engineering study and plan for rehabilitation of the Jean Rabel irrigation system.

TASK C Pre-feasibility report identifying at least 6000 hectares of irrigable land needing rehabilitation. The areas to be screened from a list of priority projects provided to the J.G. White Engineering Corporation from USAID and the Government of Haiti.

## II GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Project Manager-Team Leader, W.D. Cameron started on the project 3 November 1975 with briefing sessions at the home office continuing with an orientation period with AID/WASH. Arrival in Port-au-Prince was 6 November with introductions to AID/H and G.O.H.

The Project Manager was informed by Mr. Dean Alter of AID/WASH. that Task A of the project ; Dubreuil Irrigation System Rehabilitation was to be held in abeyance until further instruction. The project as a whole was to proceed under the assumption that this portion, Task A, might be eliminated from the contract. Thus Task B, Jean Rabel Feasibility study, became the primary assignment of the contract.

This changed condition required a completely new concept of project scheduling, base of operation and timing of personnel arrivals. It was mutually agreed with AID that the base of White operations be established in Port-au-Prince rather than Les Cayes as had been originally planned. Office were located at the Hispaniola Hotel in Petion-Ville where quarters would also be available for expatriate staff. Necessary furniture and office equipment were purchased and installed. A bilingual Secretary, and Interpreter-Translator and a driver were employed starting as of 15 November 1975.

The second member of the team Joseph Argo, topography, mapping and survey, arrived Port-au-Prince on 24 November, and was introduced to AID/H and G.O.H. personnel.

[The team was somewhat hampered in its activities by the lack of a four-wheel drive vehicle, but anticipated that the first such vehicle will be available approximately 1 December 1975, thus permitting field trips through unpaved routes.]

### III TASK B - JEAN RABEL

3.1 A trip to Jean Rabel was made starting on 11 November. Personnel were :

Mr. Dean Alter - AID/WASH.  
Mr. Elias Tamari - AID/H  
Mr. W.D. Cameron - J.G. White  
AID/H driver

A "walk-through" of a large portion of the project was made accompanied by Agronome Jean-François Milot to obtain some idea of the probable scope of field work and equipment requirements for future team members.

During this visit to Jean Rabel and in consultation with Mr. Dean Alter, it was decided that a staff house, furnished and operated by J.G. White would be required as it would not be possible for team member to locate independent living quarters. A suitable house was located and rented for a period of six months, a cook-housekeeper and watchman were employed. Necessary repair work to the house was discussed with the owner who agreed to have this work completed by 1 December 1975. A source of potable water was established ; lists of required furnishings and equipment were made for the staff house with the very capable assistance of Mr. Alter. Local market supplies of food were checked and found to be inadequate. [It would appear that little

can be found in the local economy to support the operation and most supplies have to be brought from Port-au-Prince.]

In route to, and at Jean Rabel members of the party met with HACHO personnel who were invariably helpful, also of assistance were Pastor Brown of the unevangelized field mission at Jean Rabel and Father John Bleslin at Mole St. Nicolas.

[During the latter part of November, the team started acquiring available maps, reports and data concerning the Jean Rabel area.]

3.2 TASK C

[As the list of priority projects was not available from G.O.H., no progress was made on this section of the contract.]