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**ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (L.A.)****FROM:** LA/DR, Donor M. Lion /s/ Donor M. Lion**PROBLEM:** To authorize the \$601,000 Rural Radio Education grant project in Paraguay.

**DISCUSSION:** The project will focus on expanding access to primary education in rural areas in the Department of Caaguazu through the introduction of radio programs based on the primary school curriculum. The project is designed primarily for the use of out-of-school children that have had three to four years of primary schooling but were not able to complete their elementary education because the schools they attended have less than six grades. Radio instruction will concentrate on four areas: (1) Spanish language, (2) social studies, (3) mathematics, and (4) health and nutrition.

The total proposed project will be \$878,000 of which \$601,000 will be provided by A.I.D. and \$277,000 by the Government of Paraguay (GOP). AID inputs will provide funding for: (1) a radio education specialist to provide expertise in overall program planning, design, and implementation (36 mm), a radio engineering consultant (3 mm), a research and evaluation specialist (11 mm), and a radio curriculum specialist (6 mm); (2) commodities, including radio and sound reproduction equipment and materials; (3) 40 man-months of short-term participant training in the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, and Colombia; and (4) costs for local travel, local contract services, and local purchases of supplies and materials.

The GOP contribution is estimated at over 31% of the total project costs, thus exceeding the host country contribution requirement of Section 110(a) of the FAA. The project is included in FY 1976 Congressional Presentation as part of the Education Development project (page 241).

As described in my memorandum to you of October 9, 1975 (copy attached), this project was originally reviewed by the DAEC in May 1975 and has been revised in accordance with the DAEC requests. Because it was our view that the issues and questions of the DAEC have been satisfied by the revised PP and the concerns which bear importantly on the project's success or failure have been adequately dealt with, no additional DAEC review was held. However, revisions have been made in the project's logical framework to reflect more accurately the project purpose and end of project status indicators. The PP facesheet has also been revised consistent with the Congressional Presentation cost figures, as described in my October 9 memo.

In our discussions regarding the revised PP, the importance of the role of the volunteer monitors in the radio education delivery system was recognized. We concur with the Mission that sufficient assurances have

been received that monitors will participate in the project on a continuing basis. We feel, however, that special attention should be given to this aspect of the project in periodic evaluations, and that the GOP should recognize that a small payment for the monitors may be required if, in the Mission's judgment, the volunteer arrangement does not work satisfactorily. Therefore, the attached approval cable requests the Mission to address this point.

Since the new PP facesheet has no space for the signature of authorization, and there is as yet no new Agency mechanism for authorizing grant projects, it has been determined that your signature on a cable to the Mission authorizing negotiation of a Project Agreement will be a sufficient interim means of signifying approval of the project.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the attached cable to USAID/Paraguay which notifies them of your approval of the project, and authorizes negotiation of a Project Agreement.

Attachments:

- (A) Project Paper
- (B) Lion/Kleine memo of October 9, 1975
- (C) *Cable to USAID/Paraguay*

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