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PROJECT EVALUATION SUMMARY (PES) – PART I

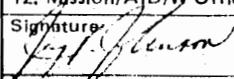
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1. PROJECT TITLE Road Maintenance and Improvement			2. PROJECT NUMBER 683-11-310-005	3. MISSION/AID/W OFFICE USAID/Niger
5. KEY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DATES A. First PRO-AG or Equivalent FY <u>62</u> B. Final Obligation Expected FY <u>68</u> C. Final Input Delivery FY <u>69</u>			4. EVALUATION NUMBER (Enter the number maintained by the reporting unit e.g., Country or AID/W Administrative Code, Fiscal Year, Serial No. beginning with No. 1 each FY) <u>80-A</u> <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR EVALUATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVALUATION	
6. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING A. Total \$ _____ B. U.S. <u>\$1.2 million</u>			7. PERIOD COVERED BY EVALUATION From (month/yr.) _____ To (month/yr.) _____ Date of Evaluation Review _____	

B. ACTION DECISIONS APPROVED BY MISSION OR AID/W OFFICE DIRECTOR

A. List decisions and/or unresolved issues; cite those items needing further study. (NOTE: Mission decisions which anticipate AID/W or regional office action should specify type of document, e.g., airgram, SPAR, PIO, which will present detailed request.)	B. NAME OF OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION	C. DATE ACTION TO BE COMPLETED
<p>Attached please find a project report of past AID projects in Niger as requested in the cables referenced below:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A) STATE 040501 B) STATE 167121 C) NIAMEY 02900</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">No further actions required in respect to this PES.</p>		

9. INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTS TO BE REVISED PER ABOVE DECISIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Project Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation Plan e.g., CPI Network <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Plan <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/T <input type="checkbox"/> Logical Framework <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/C <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Project Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> PIO/P	10. ALTERNATIVE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT A. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Project Without Change B. <input type="checkbox"/> Change Project Design and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Change Implementation Plan C. <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue Project
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11. PROJECT OFFICER AND HOST COUNTRY OR OTHER BANKING PARTICIPANTS AS APPROPRIATE (Names and Titles) MBaker, PDE, USAID/Niger Abdou El-Hadji, ENA, Niamey, NIGER	12. Mission/AID/W Office Director Approval Signature:  Typed Name: Jay P. Johnson, Director Date: USAID/Niger, Sept. 25, 1980
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Review of Past AID Projects in Niger

Project Title: Road Maintenance and Improvement

Project Number: 683-11-310-005

Background: The goal of this project was to assist the Entente Garage of the Ministry of Public Works develop a program of operating and maintaining the Administration's fleet of light vehicles and heavy equipment. More specifically the project sought to train the garage's personnel in better vehicle operations and preventive maintenance, the management of spare parts and vehicle and heavy equipment maintenance and repair. The project was operational between 1963 and 1969. The project apparently was begun after experiencing acute maintenance and repair problems with AID provided vehicles and heavy equipment. The project began by making an inventory of GON heavy equipment and spare parts used for road construction and maintenance, progressed into planning a nation-wide system of equipment and vehicle maintenance and repair facilities and culminated by the provision of a technical assistance team to train Nigeriens and assist in the operation of the GON administration's central garage. The technical assistance team was provided by an AID funded contract to the Vinnell Corporation and was based in Niamey's Central garage from early 1966 until late 1968. The technical assistance team was composed of 4-5 persons having the following skills represented:

- a) Vehicle and equipment maintenance.
- b) Diesel motor specialist
- c) Parts management specialist
- d) Heavy equipment maintenance specialists (2)

Beneficiaries: The principle beneficiaries of the project were the

individuals trained by the Vinnell Corp. technical assistance team. According to quarterly reports which they authored, the following training was provided:

Drivers trained	163
Mechanics trained	21
Spare parts and equipment managers trained	<u>3</u>
Total	187

In addition to providing training, the Vinnell team repaired or supervised the repair of 240 vehicles passing through the garage, prepared numerous audio-visual training aids (still used today), devised a system of procuring spare parts for US manufactured vehicles and set up the spare parts supply and management system.

IMPACT: People interviewed during the course of this project review have indicated that the project enlarged the physical infrastructure of the central garage considerably, put in place a good system of spare parts management and provided excellent training aids to teach drivers simple vehicle maintenance techniques. The impact of the project was somewhat reduced by a) the technical assistance team's lack of speaking French and b) the fact that apparently some of the equipment used to repair heavy equipment was only provided on loan by the Vinnell Corporation and when the T.A. team departed at least some of the maintenance equipment was also removed.

Macro-Impact: The macro impact of the project is somewhat difficult to judge but two observations were made several times.

A: The assistance of this project was not sufficient enough to enable the Central Administrative Garage to operate efficiently without considerable technical assistance. The Vinnell Corporation T.A. team was replaced by German and French teams.

B: A considerable number of the persons trained by the Vinnell Corporation eventually left public sector employment to start private garages and automotive supply outlets.

Methodology: This review was produced after a review of the progress reports drafted by the Vinnell Corporation technical assistance team, a study of records kept by the team located at the garage facility and interviews with garage personnel several of which were employed by the garage during the project's implementation.