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Dear Mr. Grogan:

This letter shall serve as the final report of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council's Project on Economies in Transition under the terms of what was originally Cooperative Agreement No. CCN-0004-A-00-5023-00. Modification of the agreement in December 1996, to extend the period of performance through May 31, 1997, resulted in the issuance of a new Cooperative Agreement number, CCN - A 00-95-00023-00. This report covers the entire period December 1994 through May 31, 1997.

Under the aegis of this agreement, the NRC held five workshops on socio-economic transformation in economies in transition. These included two expressly designed to meet A.I.D.'s needs: "Economic Transformation:--Households and Health," in September 1995 and "Economic Transformation; Institutional Change and Social Sector Reform," in September 1996.

We have almost completed our work preparing the best of the papers from the workshops for publication in a volume of Workshop Proceedings. The volume is tentatively entitled *Transforming Post-Communist Political Economies*. Our Task Force members have prepared a series of essays for the volume, and the concluding chapter incorporates a research agenda for further work in this field. As of this date we anticipate publication of the volume in November 1997. Copies will be supplied to you at that time.

We anticipate that the C.I.A. will be providing us with additional funds to finance a major dissemination effort in connection with the publication of this volume. If this occurs, you will be informed and invited to attend a meeting with representatives of Congress, the Executive, and private foundations to explore the need for future work in this field.

We have enjoyed working with you on this project and look forward to future opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L".

Lee Walker
Study Director

cc: Barbara Boyle Torrey
Faith Mitchell