

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

FROM : LAC/DR, Dwight Johnson *Dwight Johnson*

Problem: Radio Grenada - Authorization of a grant of \$800,000 to construct a new transmitter, tower, and studio relay under the Grenada Relief and Reconstruction Project (543-0010).

Background: Radio Grenada is a state-operated broadcast service with responsibility for providing radio coverage to all the Republic of Grenada, including the islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique as well as the main island of Grenada itself. Until 1980, all broadcasting was from a single transmitter located at Cinnamon Hill, operating on 535kHz with a power of 1kW. During 1980, a second transmitter, of Soviet origin, was installed at Happy Hill, broadcasting on 990kHz with a power of 70kW. Despite its much greater power, this second transmitter provided only marginal service to the east coast of Grenada and almost none to Carriacou. Because of its location and antenna configuration it is assumed that the principal function of this 70kW transmitter was to provide propaganda service throughout the Caribbean. The 70kW transmitter was destroyed by the U.S. during the October, 1983 rescue mission; the 1kW transmitter is salvagable but not of sufficient power to provide full coverage to the entire nation.

Shortly after the shutdown of both stations, the U.S. Army brought in a portable unit with emergency power and put it into operation adjacent to the new airport at Point Salines. Program service was resumed on 990kHz. Present plans call for this unit to be transferred to ~~Honduras~~ in August, 1984; the island would then be without a radio station until such time as a new unit can be installed.

During early May of this year, A.I.D. funded a survey by Teleconsult, Inc. of the costs and site locations involved in reestablishing a permanent transmitter for public broadcast service in Grenada. The consultant investigated not only the sites at Happy and Cinnamon Hills, where the 70kW and 1kW transmitters were located, but found a new site at Quarantine Point, between Pt. Salines and Grand Anse beach. The Quarantine Point site is flat, has an access road, and commercial power comes close to the property. It is owned by the Government and has been made available for the new radio station. More important, the Quarantine Point site does not have the propagation shortcomings of the sites at Happy and Cinnamon Hills. A directional antenna could reduce wasted

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signal strength south and west; and an all water path exists along the west coast direct to Carriacou. From Quarantine Point there is clear line-of-sight into St. Georges.

During discussions with the Government of Grenada it was decided that the Quarantine Point site offered the most advantages. The Government has agreed to donate the land at the new site and has agreed to the installation of a 20kW unit, to be configured as two 10kW transmitters coupled together. The total project cost for the Quarantine Point Radio Station is estimated at \$800,000 (See attachment A - Budget), including a contingency allowance. The budget includes funds for a pre-fabricated building to house the transmitter equipment.

In addition to approving the new site, the Government has agreed to the 20kW unit as replacement for the units destroyed during hostilities. The two ten kW units can be procured quickly and installed easily. However, in order to provide continuous broadcasting when the U.S. Army's mobile unit shuts down, we will have to move quickly.

We plan to issue the attached PIO/T here in AID/W and contract directly with the suppliers. Since there are only two U.S. suppliers who manufacture broadcast radio equipment there will be no need to advertise this procurement. Prices can be negotiated on the telephone and an award made. Supervision of construction will be performed by the Chief Engineer, USAID/Grenada.

Recommendation: That you approve the issuance of a PIO/T in the amount of \$800,000 to construct the Quarantine Point radio facility.

Approved: Manuel B...

Disapproved: _____

Date: 5/7/84

Attachments: A - Budget
B - Reports

Attachment A

BUDGET

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quarantine Point</u>
Building renovation	\$ 50,000
Tower and grounds system	\$150,000
10/20 kW transmitter	\$150,000
Spares and tubes	\$ 25,000
Audio input equipment	\$ 20,000
Test equipment and tools	\$ 30,000
Power feed and voltage regulator	\$ 30,000
Studio transmitter link	\$ 20,000
Installation costs	\$100,000
Shipping and Insurance (10%)	\$ 62,500
Engineering and Supervision (15%)	\$ 93,750
	<u>\$731,250</u>
COST	\$731,250
CONTINGENCY	\$ 68,750
TOTAL COST	<u>\$800,000</u>

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Name of Country: Grenada
Name of Project: Point Salines Airport
Number of Project: 543-0006/543-0010

1. Pursuant to Section 531 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize the Point Salines Airport for Grenada involving planned obligations of not to exceed Nineteen Million Dollars (\$19,000,000) for completion of the Point Salines Airport in Grenada, and Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) for replacement of equipment provided under the Plessey and Metex Contracts plus cost and damages incurred by virtue of the work interruption under these contracts, in Grant funds over a twenty (20) month period from the date of authorization, subject to be availability of funds in accordance with the A.I.D. OYB/allotment process, to help in financing foreign exchange and local currency costs for the project.

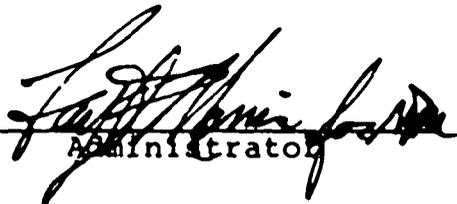
2. The Project Agreement may be negotiated and executed by the officer to whom such authority is delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and Delegations of Authority.

3. Source and Origin of Goods and Services

Goods and services, except for ocean shipping, financed by A.I.D. under the Grant shall have their source and origin in the United States or Grenada except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing. Ocean shipping financed by A.I.D. under the grant shall be financed only on flag vessels of the United States except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing.

4. Waivers

Contracting Waivers Have Already Been Obtained from the Deputy Administrator as per the attached memorandum.


Administrator

4-27-84
Date

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