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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (LAC)

FROM: LAC/DR, Marshall D. Brown

Problem: Authorization of a \$1.468 million extension for the ROCAP Agricultural Research and Information System grant project 596-0048.

Discussion: The extension to the Agricultural Research and Information System project (PIADIC) proposes to improve the collection, analysis, and use of relevant small farm data on which improved research and planning action can be taken nationally and regionally in Central America. The project is being implemented by the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IICA). Major project activities include development and refinement of the area sample frame; assistance in development and use of key base data including 12 small farmer area specific profiles; assistance for the establishment of specialized agricultural data and information centers in each C.A. country; and strengthening within IICA of a regional information network to provide technical assistance to national information systems and serve as a link with regional centers outside the area.

This PP will extend the life of the PIADIC project by 27 months to June 30, 1981 and will increase AID project funding by \$1,468,000 to a total AID contribution of \$3,397,000. Total estimated cost of the extension is \$2,445,000 of which IICA will provide \$977,000 or 40%. AID funds will provide 301 person months of technical assistance, operational support for the PIADIC team, complementary support to in-country surveys, one vehicle and one copying machine.

The PP for this project was reviewed by the DAEC on August 11, 1978. The result of that meeting was a request for a revised PP, which would contain a conceptual framework and strategy for agricultural research activities in Central America. As a result of this request, the new PP contains a framework of the proposed research strategy, and this extension proposal was redesigned to complement and concentrate more closely on activities that directly support agricultural research and related information needs of the region. The revised PP was reviewed and approved by the DAEC on January 17, 1979.

This project proposes to institutionalize PIADIC within IICA. This requires the recruitment, hiring, and training of qualified Central Americans and personnel from Code 941 countries, as appropriate, and supporting their activities in the field. The authorization, therefore, provides for procurement of goods and services, except ocean shipping, which have their source and origin from Code 941 countries, including Central America.

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The AA/LAC approved a negative determination for the Initial Environment Examination. This project did not appear in the FY 79 Congressional Presentation, and, therefore, an Advice of Program Change was transmitted to Congress on January 30, 1979. The waiting period expired on February 13, 1979.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached Project Authorization and Request for Allotment of Funds (PAF) for the ROCAP Agricultural Research and Information System Project.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

Name of Entity : InterAmerican Institute  
for Agricultural Sciences

Name of Project: Agricultural Research and  
Information System (Extension)

Project Number : 596-0048

Pursuant to Part I, Chapter 1, Section 103 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize a grant to the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IICA) of not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (\$500,000) to help in financing certain foreign exchange and local currency costs of goods and services required for the project as described hereinafter. The project consists of a cooperative and coordinated effort by regional and national institutions in Central America and Panama to (a) upgrade the quality of rural sector socio-economic research and technological information and orient that information toward meeting the needs of the rural poor; (b) standardize and improve national agricultural information services, increase the interchange of appropriate numerical data and documentary information among national agencies, and increase the effective use of that data and information in formulating policy and in developing programs and services to benefit the rural poor; and (c) improve the transfer of useful scientific and technological information to agricultural planners, service organizations, and researchers (the "Project").

I approve the total level of A.I.D. appropriated funding planned for this Project of not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand United States Dollars (\$1,468,000) during the period FY 1979 through FY 1981. This amount is in addition to the \$1,929,000 previously authorized for the period FY 1975 through FY 1978. I approve further increments during the period FY 1980 through FY 1981 of grant funding up to \$968,000, subject to the availability of funds in accordance with A.I.D. allotment procedures.

I hereby authorize the initiation of negotiation and execution of the Project Agreement by the officer to whom such authority has been delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and Delegations of Authority subject to the following essential

terms and covenants and major conditions, together with such other terms and conditions as A.I.D. may deem appropriate.

I. Source and Origin of Goods and Services

Except for ocean shipping, goods and services financed by A.I.D. under the Project shall have their source and origin in the Central American Common Market and countries included in A.I.D. Geographic Code 941, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing. Ocean shipping financed under the grant shall be procured in the United States.

II. Covenant

Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, IICA shall covenant to provide a full-time Project Director for the period April 1, 1979, through June 30, 1981, and such additional services and such goods as may be agreed upon between A.I.D. and IICA for a total value of not less than the equivalent of Nine Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand United States Dollars (\$977,000) during the period April 1, 1979, through June 30, 1981.

*Richard Waddy*

Assistant Administrator  
Bureau for Latin America  
and the Caribbean

*Jul. 13, 1979*

Date

Clearances:

GC/LAC, JKessler \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
LAC/DR, BDay \_\_\_\_\_ DR \_\_\_\_\_ Date *1/17/79*  
LAC/DR, CPearley \_\_\_\_\_ DR \_\_\_\_\_ Date *1/17/79*

LAC/DR, MBrown \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
LAC/CEN, PFarley *PF* \_\_\_\_\_ Date *2/9/79*

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT		1. TRANSACTION CODE		PP
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3. COUNTRY ENTITY ROCAP - CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONAL		4. DOCUMENT REVISION NUMBER		2. DOCUMENT CODE 3
5. PROJECT NUMBER (7 digits) [596-0048]		6. BUREAU OFFICE		5
		A. SYMBOL LAC	B. CODE [05]	7. PROJECT TITLE (Maximum 40 characters) [AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND INFOR-] [MATION SYSTEM]
8. ESTIMATED FY OF PROJECT COMPLETION FY [8][1]		9. ESTIMATED DATE OF OBLIGATION (Extension Period only) A. INITIAL FY [7][9] B. QUARTER [2] C. FINAL FY [8][1] (Enter 1, 2, 3, or 4)		

10. ESTIMATED COSTS (\$000 OR EQUIVALENT \$1 - )						
A. FUNDING SOURCE	Extension Period First FY 79			LIFE OF PROJECT		
	B. FX	C. L/C	D. TOTAL	E. FX	F. L/C	G. TOTAL
AID APPROPRIATED TOTAL	225	275	500	720	748	1468
(GRANT)	( 225 )	( 275 )	( 500 )	( 720 )	( 748 )	( 1468 )
(LOAN)						
Grantee 1. IICA		214	214		977	977
2.						
HOST COUNTRY						
OTHER DONOR(S)						
TOTALS	225	489	714	720	1725	2445

11. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROPRIATED FUNDS (\$000)									
A. APPROPRIATION	B. PRIMARY PURPOSE CODE	PRIMARY TECH. CODE		E. 1ST FY <u>75-78</u>		H. 2ND FY <u>79</u>		K. 3RD FY <u>80</u>	
		C. GRANT	D. LOAN	F. GRANT	G. LOAN	I. GRANT	J. LOAN	L. GRANT	M. LOAN
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A. APPROPRIATION	N. 4TH FY <u>81</u>		O. 5TH FY		LIFE OF PROJECT		12. IN-DEPTH EVALUATION SCHEDULED
	Q. GRANT	R. LOAN	S. GRANT	T. LOAN	U. GRANT	V. LOAN	
(1) FN	210				3397		MM YY [09][7][9]
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13. DATA CHANGE INDICATOR. WHEN CHANGES MADE IN THE PID FACESHEET DATA, BLOCKS 12, 13, 14, OR 15 OR IN PNP FACESHEET DATA, BLOCK 12? IF YES, ATTACH CHANGED PID FACESHEET.

[ 1 ] 1 - NO  
2 - YES

14. ORIGINATING OFFICE CLEARANCE		15. DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED IN AID #, OR FOR AID # DOCUMENTS, DATE OF DISTRIBUTION	
SIGNATURE <i>Harry Achorman</i> Harry Achorman		MM DD YY [10][27][7][8]      [11][21][8][21]	
TITLE Director, ROCAP			
		DATE SIGNED	