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RESETTLEMENT ADVISOR, PROJECT CHANL/PICAI - SAN JULIAN

LOAN # 511-T-050

October 1, 1.977 - March 1, 1.978

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REPORT OF OCTOBER 1, 1977 to MARCH 31, 1978
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1.0 Principle Activities

- 1.1 During the period under report two significant changes took place with Conl. Ciro Mealla assuming Direction of the I.N.C. and Martin Miller assuming responsibility for the Orintation program for New Colonists. In both cases there exists continuity in the activities of the San Julian Project in that both percons involed have participated previcunly in planning and exicution of the project. The Project Advisor participated in the reincorporation of Mr. Miller into the program fo llowing his two year study program in the US.
- 1.2 The Project heavy equipment was rienforced with the - purchase of two D-7 Caterpillar tractors which will en ter operation in May.
- 1.3 Two Pre-Fab Butler Buildings werw set up at the Los Ca fes base camp which will provide office space for the BAB and staff housing.
- 1.4 The metal mechanics Building was completed to expand the maintenance facilities at Los Cafes. The next - stage in preparation of maintenance facilitibs should be the instalation of equipment in the Machine and re pair shop.
- 1.5 The contract was signed for the construction of the Agricultural Service Centers in San Julian at Km. 58 and in San Pedro.

- 1.6 Basic Agreements were reached between the INC health sector and the Salud Rural Montero program which is under the Ministry of Health and is financed by AID. The two units will continue working toward the development of a contract or "Convienio".
- 1.7 New drilling equipment which arrived damaged has been repaired and the additional compressor equipment has been procured.
- 1.8 Ten nucleos settled in 1977 have originized an enter-community council to deal with social and economic problems. This marks a rate of social organization never before witnessed in Bolivian Colonization.
- 1.9 Five Schools have been organized in Communities settled during 1977.
- 1.10 Three D-8 Caterpillar tractors have been transferred to the INTERMACO shops in Santa Cruz for complete overhaul.
- 1.11 Construction of a wooden bridge on the access road into Nucleo # 18 has been carried out by the colonists totally on the basis of their own resources.
- 1.12 Orientation programs in eleven nucleos that were settled in 1977 have been terminated. Colonists received "Settlement Certificates" from the INC and community councils have been established and are functioning in each of the indicated villages. Each community has formed its own health committee.

- 1.13 The Department of Social promotion has taken steps to improve their system relating to the inscription of new colonists for the year 1978. Persons who have worked as social promoters in the orientation of new colonists in San Julian will be involved in visits to communities that have expressed the intention of becoming colonists in the following settlement period. To date there are over 1,500 applications for colonization.
- 1.14 Visits to traditional communities in the department of Potosí have been carried out by the Chief of medical services of the INC and members of the Department of Social Promotion to provide medical checks and pre-orientation for prospective colonists.
- 1.15 An overflight of the San Julian colonization zone as well as the zone extending from Caña Larga to Los Cafes was carried out. The inspection along with photographs taken testified to the satisfactory advance in land clearing and planting of crops during the 1977 settlement period.
- 1.16 A special commission formed by the United Church Committee and assisted by the Project Advisor has developed a project draft for consolidation of colonization activities in the San Julián area which could be executed by a private organization in coordination with government directed activities.
- The project draft contemplates organization of cooperatives, credit education, marketing, transport, storage, and the implementation of appropriate technologies.

- 1.17 Alternatives have been studied for the implementation of credit systems for new colonists in consultation with representatives from BAB, INC and AID. Major concern was directed to the utilization of community organization to expand the effectiveness of the BAB agents.
- 1.18 Following the visit of Ing. Harry Wing, USAID, the possibility of adapting and applying the questionnaire for the National Study of Small Farmers was studied. It was considered that the application of the study to the San Julian Project Area would be useful, but the adaptations necessary might make such an activity impossible due to the time limitations.
- 1.19 Boundaries of the Velasco property were established bringing to a close the problems related to nucleo # 17. After the settlement with Mr. Velasco 38 colonists have been settled in the nucleo to the satisfaction of all involved.
- 1.20 Following the harvest season there was registered an abandonment rate of 5% of colonists who were granted "Settlement Certificates" during 1977. This constitutes the lowest rate of first year abandonment recorded in Bolivian Colonization.

2.0 - Problems and

3.0 - Recomendations

2.1 Telephone contact with agencies responsible for the sale of 12 pick-up trucks, five dump trucks and two tank trucks indicated that there is little probability that this equipment will be in operation the San Julian Project before September. The crisis produced by the late arrival of this equipment is being offset to some degree by initiative taken by the Director of I.N.C. in the loan of one tank truck and two dump trucks from other INC project areas.

3.1 Recomendation: It has been recommended that two trucks be rented for a period of four to five months beginning the 15th of May.

2.2 Locating private properties in the settlement zone prior to the arrival of colonists is essential. Legal procedures for incorporating such properties into the colonization plan have been established in the case of Mr. Velasco (Núcleo # 17). There remains to be arranged the cases of Mr. Chambi (Nucleos 23-24) and properties of the Landivar and Frerking families.

3.2 Recomendation: With authorization of the Director of INC Dra. Quevedo should proceed to define the situation of the "Chambi" property following procedures established in the case of the Velasco Property.

2.3 Drilling of water wells constitutes a potential bottleneck in settlement of colonists for 1978. Time lost in the repair of drilling equipment has delayed well drilling necessary for settlement of colonists.

Currently there are two wells drilled in nucleos scheduled for reception of colonists in May. Under good conditions it is possible to drill 10 wells per month, however, in the case of breakdowns or loss of time due to bad weather, the projected number of nucleos to be settled could be affected.

3.3 Recomendation: In the case that it is not possible to drill ten wells during the month of May it is recommended that authorization be given to use the old drilling equipment which is currently in Montero to reinforce the drilling of 28 wells in San Julian by the end of July.

2.4 As a result of deficiencies in communications between the funding agency OXFAM and the United Church Committee, funds budgeted for the orientation activities of 1978 represent costs corresponding to fifteen nucleos. This confusion was discovered at the time of the first remission of funds for the current year. The Regional Representative of OXFAM, Mr. Kenneth Duncan, will visit Santa Cruz during the first week of May to attend the matter.

3.4 Recomendation: It has been recommended that the United Church Committee, after consulting with OXFAM contact "Church World Service" and "United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief" concerning possible assistance in financing part of the orientation program budget corresponding to food purchases.

4.1 April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Mode of Travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
1	Saturday			
2	Sunday			
3	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
4	Montero			
5	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
6	San Julián			18.00
7	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
8	Saturday			
9	Sunday			
10	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
11	Montero			
12	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
13	San Julián			18.00
14	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
15	Saturday			
16	Sunday			
17	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
18	Montero			
19	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
20	San Julián			18.00
21	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
22	Saturday			
23	Sunday			
24	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
25	Montero			
26	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
27	San Julián			18.00
28	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
29	Saturday			
30	Sunday			

\$us 40.00 216.00

4.2 May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Mode of Travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
2	Montero			
3	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
4	San Julián			18.00
5	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
6	Saturday			
7	Sunday			
8	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
9	Montero			
10	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
11	San Julián			18.00
12	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
13	Saturday			
14	Sunday			
15	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
16	Montero			
17	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
18	San Julián			18.00
19	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
20	Saturday			
21	Sunday			
22	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
23	Montero			
24	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
25	San Julián			18.00
26	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
27	Saturday			
28	Sunday			
29	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
30	Montero			
31	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
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			\$us 45.00	234.00

4.3 June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Mode of Travel</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
1	San Julián			18.00
2	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
3	Saturday			
4	Sunday			
5	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
6	Montero			
7	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
8	San Julián			18.00
9	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
10	Saturday			
11	Sunday			
12	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
13	Montero			
14	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
15	San Julián			18.00
16	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
17	Saturday			
18	Sunday			
19	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
20	Montero			
21	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
22	San Julián			18.00
23	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
24	Saturday			
25	Sunday			
26	Santa Cruz	Oficial		
27	Montero			
28	Montero - San Julián	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
29	San Julián			18.00
30	San Julián - Montero	Oficial	\$us 5.00	18.00
			<u>\$us 45.00</u>	<u>252.00</u>

5.0 Quarterly Work Plan (April, May and June, 1978)

- 5.1 Proceed with consultations between the Montero Rural Health Program and the INC health department to develop a contract or "Convenio" between the two agencies for provision of health services in San Julian.
- 5.2 Participate in the pre-orientation and reception of new colonists.
- 5.3 Provide orientation for official visitors to the San Ju- lián Colonization Project.
- 5.4 Participate with agents from BAB, INC and USAID in the development of procedures appropriate for provision of credit to new colonists.
- 5.5 Participate with the Chief Administrator and with the Engineering Department in the location of neccleos for settlements to begin in May of 1978.
- 5.6 Participate with private agencies that project the development of social and economic services in the pro
ject areas in order to provide a higher level of coordination with government directed activities.
- 5.7 Develop contacts with educational authorities in order to stinulate the development of educational services in the San Julian Project zone.

5.8 Assist the Social Promotion Department of the San Julián Project in the collection of data necessary for evaluation of the settlement procedures of new colonists.

5.9 Participate with the Orientation Program in the development of procedures that will allow the expansion of Orientation activities to the level of protected settlements in the project.