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PROJECT APPRAISAL REPORT (PAR)

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5. PROJECT TITLE
National Agricultural Economics Service (NAES) NOT ON MK

6. PROJECT DURATION: Began FY <u>64</u> Ends FY <u>71</u>	7. DATE LATEST PROP Sept. 6, 1968	8. DATE LATEST PIP	9. DATE PRIOR PAR 9/30/69
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10. U.S. FUNDING	a. Cumulative Obligation Thru Prior FY: \$ 1,140,000	b. Current FY Estimated Budget: \$ -	c. Estimated Budget to completion After Current FY: \$ 1,140,000
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11. KEY ACTION AGENTS (Contractor, Participating Agency or Voluntary Agency)	
a. NAME The Texas A&M University System	b. CONTRACT, PASA OR VOL., AG. NO. Contract AID/1a-157

I. NEW ACTIONS PROPOSED AND REQUESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EVALUATION

A. ACTION (X)			B. LIST OF ACTIONS	C. PROPOSED ACTION COMPLETION DATE
USAIL	AID/W	HOST		
			None.	

D. REPLACING REQUIRES
 REVISED OR NEW: PROP PIP PRO AG PID/T PID/C PID/A

E. DATE OF MISSION REVIEW
4/5/71

PROJECT MANAGER: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
 FAO: John M. Halpin: *JMH* 4/5/71

MISSION DIRECTOR: TYPED NAME, SIGNED INITIALS AND DATE
 RDO: Allen D. Gordon: *A.D. Gordon* 4/5/71

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II. PERFORMANCE OF KEY INPUTS AND ACTION AGENTS

A. INPUT OR ACTION AGENT CONTRACTOR, PARTICIPATING AGENCY OR VOLUNTARY AGENCY	D. PERFORMANCE AGAINST PLAN							C. IMPORTANCE FOR ACHIEVING PROJECT PURPOSE (X)					
	UNSATISFACTORY		SATISFACTORY			OUTSTANDING		LOW	MEDIUM			HIGH	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3		4
1. The Texas A&M University System					X							X	
2.													
3.													

Comment on key factors determining rating

The quality of personnel assigned by the contractor during this rating - their availability when needed and the accomplishment of the objectives as planned.

4. PARTICIPANT TRAINING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
							X				X	

Comment on key factors determining rating

The project was basically designed to develop an agricultural economics service and this required the training of staff members, the unique factor involved was that participants returned to Argentina to do their research and prepare their dissertations.

5. COMMODITIES Not involved.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5

Comment on key factors determining rating

6. COOPERATING COUNTRY	a. PERSONNEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
	b. OTHER Logistical support				X		X					X	

Comment on key factors determining rating

The cooperating country agency did not appoint a competent national director of the service or give the central office staff sufficient backing to obtain maximum benefits from the project. Logistical support involving office space, vehicles, secretarial help was adequate.

7. OTHER DONORS None.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5

(See Next Page for Comments on Other Donors)

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II. 7. Continued: Comment on key factors determining rating of Other Donors

III. KEY OUTPUT INDICATORS AND TARGETS

A. QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		TARGETS (Percentage/Rate/Amount)					
		CUMU- LATIVE PRIOR FY	CURRENT FY		FY ____	FY ____	END OF PROJECT
			TO DATE	TO END			
Participants receiving advanced degrees	PLANNED	12	12	13			13
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	6	12				
	REPLANNED						
Technical papers and theses published on research activities	PLANNED	35	29	29			29
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	10	29				
	REPLANNED						
Short-term training in Argentina (semester hours)	PLANNED	77	77	77			77
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	77	77				
	REPLANNED						
Graduate level courses taught (hours)	PLANNED	18	18	18			18
	ACTUAL PERFORM- ANCE	18	18				
	REPLANNED						
B. QUALITATIVE INDICATORS FOR MAJOR OUTPUTS		COMMENT:					
1. Improvement in the services and organizational structure of the Agr. Econ. Service.		The contractor was able to bring about major improvements by training personnel and organizing research programs.					
2. Provide academic training in agricultural economics.		COMMENT: This aspect of the activity was very successful with 12 students preparing their theses in Argentina and another one remaining at contractor's campus to obtain his Ph.D. Training also given at local graduate school to 18 students.					
3. Special advisory service to the Director General of INTA.		COMMENT: This objective was not really met because the Director of INTA did not utilize the services of the contractor's staff for this purpose.					

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IV. PROJECT PURPOSE

A. 1. Statement of purpose as currently envisaged.

2. Same as in PROP? YES NO

To establish an active and effective Agricultural Economics Service within INTA and contribute to the establishment of agricultural economic discipline in Argentina.

B. 1. Conditions which will exist when above purpose is achieved.	2. Evidence to date of progress toward these conditions.
<p>The service will be established and staffed with trained agricultural economists prepared to carry out research projects basic to the agricultural development of Argentina.</p>	<p>Fifteen students were sent to home university campus for training. Twelve did their research work in Argentina on Argentine problems and have received their M.S. degrees. One is still at the University and will obtain his Ph.D. Two returned before completion of degree program but are utilizing training in their activities.</p>

V. PROGRAMMING GOAL

A. Statement of Programming Goal

The development of a competent agricultural economics service to help increase agricultural production through improved market/production data.

B. Will the achievement of the project purpose make a significant contribution to the programming goal, given the magnitude of the national problem? Cite evidence.

Yes. The lack of adequate basic research in the economic side of agricultural production problems has made decision making difficult. The establishment of the service will lead to more knowledge in this area.