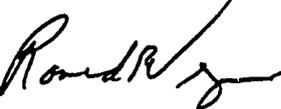


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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, BUREAU FOR ASIA AND NEAR EAST

FROM: ANE/PD, Ronald F. Venezia 
SUBJECT: Regional Cooperation Project (398-0158), Allocation of FY 1988 Funding.

Problem: The Regional Cooperation Project Review Committee (PRC) has made its recommendation for FY 1988 funding allocations for the subject project. Your approval of each individual recommended funding allocation is required in order to proceed with the authorization and granting of funds to selected organizations.

Discussion: Following existing procedures and guidelines, members of the PRC have reviewed the on-going and proposed new projects for the Regional Cooperation Project. They analyzed the funds pipeline and projected funding requirements of the on-going projects. The uses, requirements and timing of funding requested in new proposals were carefully reviewed. The technical and collaborative aspects of all projects were closely considered.

An unexpected delay surfaced when the Continuing Resolution was passed in December. Without the knowledge of interested parties (even Waxman staffers), a new provision, evidently initiated by Senator Inouye, appeared under the \$5 million Regional Cooperation earmark. The provision "sub-earmarks" \$1 million for an Arab-Israeli Scholarship Fund, reducing accordingly the budget available for on-going and other new activities. The PRC went back to the drawing board to reallocate funding. Very little maneuvering room remains as we also have other Congressional expectations, i.e. \$1 million for the Einstein Peace Prize Foundation proposal. In effect, with the exception of a small allocation for a health workshop and the joint proposal from the agriculture ministries (Mashav), we can only maintain on-going activities, mostly at reduced levels.

Given these budgetary constraints, activities not recommended for funding include: (a) Small Grants to Embassies Cairo and Tel Aviv; (b) "Control of Infectious Diseases" submitted by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences

(request for \$1 million per year); (c) " Biochemistry of Toxic Dietary Compounds ..." from the University of Massachusetts (request for \$1.1 million per year); (d) "Animal Health Program" submitted by USDA (\$2 million requested for the first year) but shelved because USDA informed us that their on-going TATEC project had first priority.

Also tabled was (e) "the Desert Camel: A source of Food..." submitted by San Diego State University Foundation (\$544,935 requested for the first year). This proposal was submitted too late to be included in this funding recommendation, but will be circulated for review and if approved will be ready if funding becomes available. We were also unable to consider (f) Phase IV of the Marine Sciences Program, which is an expansion of the current activity. At least two of these, as well as embassy field grants, would be recommended were it not for the unexpected budgetary situation.

The PRC does not feel that there are outstanding policy issues that must be reviewed and resolved by an ANPAC. However, the PRC would be happy to address all issues or questions you may have regarding the selection process or recommendations. The following list contains a summary of projects and their corresponding funding levels recommended by the PRC for your approval.

Recommendation: Upon your approval of the following projects with recommended funding allocations, ANE/PD will the prepare internal documentation to authorize and grant funding to the appropriate institutions. Your approval of the following projects with reserved funding allocations will set aside project funding while outstanding details are finalized for that proposal. Once these details are finalized, internal documentation will also be drafted to authorize and grant funding to the appropriate institution.

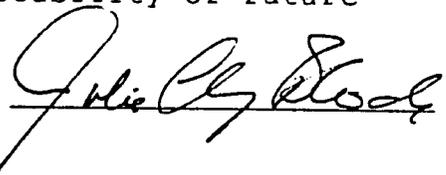
1. Cooperative Arid Lands Agriculture Research Program (CALAR) 398-0158.03 (San Diego St. Univ. Foundation) This is an on-going multi-year arid lands agriculture project with multiple sub-activities that began in 1982. The approved LOP funding is \$9,250,000 through February, 1990. CALAR confirmed in a letter to ANE/TR that they had no flexibility in incremental funding and confirmed that all funds granted to date, totalling \$6,690,000, had been expended or are committed for on-going activities through February, 1988. ANE/TR has analyzed and confirms the budget situation. The PRC wishes to support the original multi-year commitment and the continuation of the program. The FY 1988 recommended allocation is \$1,100,000 for the period ending December 31, 1988.

Approved: 

Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

2. Patterns of Technology Exchange and Cooperation in Agriculture (TATEC) 398-0158.05 (U.S. Department of Agriculture). This is an on-going agriculture project with six sub-activities that began in 1984. The funding already provided is \$2,484,000. The USDA requested an additional three years funding of \$4.8 million. The PRC reviewed the availability of outside funding, quality of work produced, USDA support and budgets. The PRC wishes to support a phase down to finish the program activities in an orderly manner over a three year period. The FY 1988 recommended allocation is \$550,000. The PRC proposes FY 89 and FY 90 levels of \$500,000 and \$400,000 respectively, subject to the availability of future funding.

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3. Cooperative Marine Technology 398-0158.08 (New Jersey Marine Science Consortium) This is Phase III of an on-going multi-year marine science project with several sub-activities that began in 1980. The LOP funding is \$3,543,000. A Phase IV proposal which includes new activities is under review for future consideration. The FY 1988 recommended allocation is \$340,000 to fully fund Phase III.

Approved: William F. Sullivan

Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

4. Epidemiology and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases 398-0158.13 (National Institute of Health). This is an on-going multi-year public health/medical science research project with multiple sub-activities that began in 1981. The LOP funding level is \$12,155,000. ANE/TR has been in close contact with the Institute regarding future funding needs. ANE/TR has analyzed the current pipeline and projected funds needed to operate through 1988. The FY 1988 recommended allocation is \$675,000.

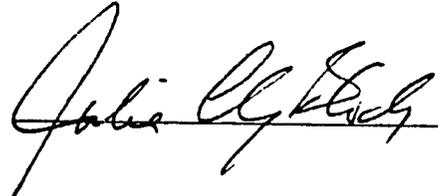
Approved: Julia G. [Signature]

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5. Workshops on Health Management and Information Systems
398-0158.15 (Brandeis Univ.) This is a proposed new project with estimated LOP funding of \$210,997. The proposal was reviewed and the PRC felt that: (1) the workshops provided opportunities for new avenues of cooperation; (2) Brandeis could fund most of the workshops cost from other sources; and (3) for political reasons the Egyptians preferred to operate under the umbrella of the Regional Cooperation Project. In order to assure Egyptian participation in this activity, the PRC recommends a small amount of funding to cover the cost of Egyptian and Israeli participation. The FY 1988 recommended allocation is (NTE) \$35,000.

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6. Maryut Integrated Agricultural Project 398-0158.14
(Einstein Foundation). This is a proposed new project with requested two-year LOP funding of \$2,174,000. The proposal is being reviewed. A commitment has been made to provide \$1,000,000 per year for two years if it meets Regional Cooperation Project criteria. The PRC recommends a reserved allocation of \$1,000,000 for this activity in FY 1988.

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Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

7. Expansion of Aricultural Cooperation; Intensive, Higher-Value Production (Mashav). This is a proposed new project. The proposal has been reviewed and additional information was requested from the Egyptians and Israelis. Although \$605,000 is budgeted for the first year of this project, because of the limited availability of Regional Cooperation Project funds for FY 1988 and the fact that most of the fiscal year will be gone by the time this project is expected to begin, the PRC recommends a reserved allocation of \$300,000 for this activity in FY 1988.

Approved: William P. Duth

Disapproved: _____

Date: _____

8. Arab-Israeli Peace Scholarships. This is a new activity that received an earmark in our recent legislation for \$1,000,000. Scholarships will be provided for Israelis to study in Arab universities and Arabs in Israeli universities. The PRC recommends a reserved allocation of \$1,000,000 for this activity while implementation details are finalized. We are in the process of Congressional consultation on this.

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Date: _____

Project	Recommended FY 1988 Program Recommended Funding Level
Cooperative Arid Lands Agriculture Research Program (CALAR) 398-0158.03 (San Diego St. Univ.)	\$1,100,000
Patterns of Technology Exchange and Cooperation in Agriculture (TATEC) 398-0158.05 (USDA)	550,000
Cooperative Marine Technology 398-0158.08 (New Jersey Marine Science Consortium)	340,000
Epidemiology and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases 398-0158.13 (National Institute of Health)	575,000
Workshops on Health Management and Information Systems 398-0158.15 (Brandeis Univ.)	<u>35,000</u>
Subtotal	2,700,000
Reservations:	
Maryut Integrated Agricultural Development Project (Einstein Foundation) 398-0158.14	1,000,000
Expansion of Agricultural Cooperation; Intensive, Higher-Value Production (Mashav)	300,000
Arab-Israeli Peace Fellowships	<u>1,000,000</u>
Subtotal	<u>2,300,000</u>
Total	5,000,000

	Clearance:	Date:
TJohnson; ANE/PD	(draft)	1/12/88
PGary; ANE/MENA	(draft)	1/13/88
ASilver; ANE/DP	(draft)	1/12/88
BTurner; ANE/TR	(draft)	1/13/88
NStudzinski; ANE/TR	(draft)	1/13/88
CUphaus; ANE/TR	(draft)	1/12/88
TLiercke; ANE/EE	RES	1/22/88
BPorter; ANE/EE	RES	1/22/88
CPatterson; NEA/IAI	(draft)	1/13/88
BNelson; NEA/EGY	(draft)	1/13/88
RBrown; ANE/EE	om	1/13/88
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