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ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, LAC

FROM: LAC/DR, Marshall D. Brown **B**

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Discussion: The FY 1979 Congressional Presentation includes \$285,000 for an LAC Regional Remote Sensing Project (598-0580). The project was initiated in FY 1978 to increase development benefits derived from remote sensing, and was designed to finance resource inventories, equipment, training, and travel of U.S. remote sensing experts to Latin America and the Caribbean.

During the past year, several Latin American countries have expressed interest in a Regional Remote Sensing Training Center, similar to two already operating in Africa and one being proposed in Asia. This interest culminated in a September 1978 letter from President Rodrigo Carazo to you requesting that we establish such a regional center in Costa Rica. You responded that AID would finance a feasibility study early in calendar year 1979.

In collaboration with LAC/DR, the Remote Sensing Division of DSB's Office of Science and Technology has begun to arrange for the required feasibility study, including identification of consultants and team members. The study will be done in February 1979. In general terms, it will (1) demonstrate whether or not it is feasible and desirable to establish one or more Regional Remote Training Centers in the Latin American and Caribbean region; (2) recommend where such a center(s) should be located; (3) describe the activities of such a center and its start-up and on-going costs; (4) determine what kinds of complementary investment, e.g., a receiving station, are required; and (5) recommend alternative sources of funding. We expect conclusions from the study to be available in March 1979. At this time, we will also determine how the remaining FY 79 funds for the Regional Remote Sensing Project will be used.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached Project Authorization and Request for Allotment of Funds making funds available for the Regional Remote Sensing Training Center feasibility study.

- Attachments:**
1. Project Authorization and Request for Allotment of Funds
 2. Project Implementation Order/Technical Services
 3. Scope of Technical Services
 4. Detailed Budget - Training Center Feasibility Study

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST
FOR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

Name of Country: Latin America and Caribbean Regional
Name of Project: Remote Sensing
Project Number: 598-0580

Pursuant to Part I, Chapter 1, Section 103 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize a grant of not to exceed thirty thousand United States dollars (U.S. \$30,000) to finance certain foreign exchange and local currency costs of goods and services required to perform a study of the feasibility of creating a Regional Remote Sensing Training Center. The entire amount of A.I.D. financing herein authorized for the study will be obligated when the Project Implementation Order for Technical Services ("PIO/T") is executed.

I hereby authorize the initiation of negotiation and execution of the PIO/T and the agreements to be entered into thereunder by the officer to whom such authority has been delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and Delegation of Authority, subject to the following essential terms, together with such other terms and conditions as A.I.D. may deem appropriate:

Source and Origin of Goods and Services

Ocean shipping and goods and services financed by A.I.D. under the grant shall have their source and origin in the United States, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing.

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Assistant Administrator
Bureau for Latin America and
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Jan 17, 1979
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