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**ACTION MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION
BUREAU FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

FROM: R&D/ED, Frank Method *FMM*

SUBJECT: Amendment of Project 936-5838, U.S. Telecommunications
Training Institute

Problem: The centrally-funded U.S. Telecommunication Training Institute Project (936-5838) was authorized on April 30, 1990 and amended on April 26, 1991. Your authorization is requested to amend the project as specified below:

- a) to increase the authorized centrally-funded LOP total from \$1,100,000 to \$1,500,000 from EHR, ARDN, and PSEE accounts.
- b) to defer the requirement for an external evaluation until a decision regarding the future disposition of the project has been made by Senior management.

Background: This project continues support previously provided through a project (930-0089) in the Bureau for Program and Policy Coordination, for fellowships to attend courses of the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI). Project 936-5838 represents a new grant initiated when management responsibility was transferred to S&T/ED in FY 1990.

Under this grant \$300,000 was provided in FY 1990. The grant was amended in FY 1991 to an authorized level of \$1,100,000 to provide an additional \$500,000 in FY 1991 and to anticipate a minimum of \$300,000 in FY 1992. The total FY 1992 funding is now anticipated to be \$700,000 (\$500,000 from RD/ED and \$200,000 from EUR). Thus, the total authorization recommended is \$1,500,000 (\$300K FY 1990; \$500K FY 1991; \$700K FY 1992).

Of the \$700,000 projected for FY 1992, \$200,000 has been committed to date from RD/ED (PIO/T 2691024 and PIO/T 269202401) and a separate PIO/T \$200,000 is being prepared by EUR. The remaining \$300,000 will be provided as incremental funding as funds become available to RD/ED.

Projected Budget:

Obligations to 9/30/91:	\$800,000
Planned Obligations in FY 1992:	\$700,000
\$500,000 R&D/ED	
\$200,000 EUR	
Total Planned Obligations:	\$1,500,000

	FY 1990	FY 1991	FY 1992
Travel and Per Diem	\$258,000	\$430,000	\$602,000
Administrative Costs (14% of grant)	\$42,000	\$70,000	\$98,000
TOTAL	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$700,000

Evaluation:

The USTTI has performed without apparent problem over the past year. Total trainees under A.I.D. funding were 99 individuals, versus an estimate of 100 individuals, and the distribution by region was consistent with A.I.D. recommendations (55% in Africa versus a grant requirement of not less than 50% in Africa).

I have visited the grantee and reviewed their procedures and workplans. I note no major problems and have found their documentation and procedures to be complete and readily available.

The Action Memorandum for the last grant amendment anticipated an external evaluation in December of 1991. In the R&D Bureau Portfolio Review last Fall the need for an evaluation was raised for decision. The decision in the Senior Portfolio Review was not to require an external evaluation at this time. No decision was made as to when an evaluation may be required. It is understood that R&D management is considering a number of options for long-term management of support for USTTI and that an evaluation should include assessment of the feasibility and program implications of these options.

Given that we have an internal assessment of satisfactory progress under the existing grant, and no decision has yet been made on possible alternatives for USTTI support, I recommend that we defer the plans for an external evaluation at this time.

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Recommendation: That you sign the attached Project Amendment Number 2 and the deferral of an external evaluation for Project 936-5838.

APPROVE: Sam Rea
DISAPPROVE: _____
DATE: 19 MAR 92

Attachments: Project Authorization Amendment 2
Project Data Sheet

Clearances: R&D/ED, Linda White LW
R&D/PO, Douglas Sheldon DS for

cc: Orion Yeandel, FA/OP/W/HP (Attn: Erik Bolstad)

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

Name of Project : U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute
Number of Project : 936-5838
Country : Worldwide

1. Pursuant to Sections 103, 105, and 106 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute project was authorized on April 30, 1990, and amended on April 26, 1991. That authorization, as so amended, is hereby amended as follows:

- a. The authorized centrally-funded life-of-project funding is increased from \$1,100,000 to \$1,500,000.
- b. Funds authorized under Section 103, Section 105, and Section 106 may be used without regard to previously authorized dollar limits for each appropriation so long as the total authorization of \$1,500,000 for the project is not exceeded.

2. The authorization cited above remains in force except as hereby amended.

Signature Sam Rea
Samuel Rea
Office Director for
Education

Date 19 MAR 92

Clearances:	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Date</u>
GC/R&D, GWinter	<u>(draft)</u>	<u>3/05/92</u>
R&D/PO, DSheldon	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>3/18/92</u>
R&D/ED, LWhite	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>3/09/92</u>

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DATA SHEET		1. TRANSACTION CODE <input type="checkbox"/> A = Add <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C = Change <input type="checkbox"/> D = Delete	Amendment Number 02	DOCUMENT CODE 3
2. COUNTRY/ENTITY Worldwide		3. PROJECT NUMBER 936-5838		
4. BUREAU/OFFICE R&D/ED		5. PROJECT TITLE (maximum 40 characters) U.S. Telecommunications Training Inst.		
6. PROJECT ASSISTANCE COMPLETION DATE (PACD) MM DD YY 07 31 93		7. ESTIMATED DATE OF OBLIGATION (Under 'B', below, enter 1, 2, 3, or 4) A. Initial FY 90 B. Quarter 3 C. Final FY 92		

8. COSTS (\$000 OR EQUIVALENT \$1 =)						
A. FUNDING SOURCE	FIRST FY 90			LIFE OF PROJECT		
	B. FX	C. L/C	D. TOTAL	E. FX	F. L/C	G. TOTAL
AID Appropriated Total						
(Grant)	(300)	()	(300)	()	(1,500)	(1,500)
(Loan)	()	()	()	()	()	()
Other U.S. 1.						
Other U.S. 2.						
Host Country						
Other Donor(s)						
TOTALS	300		300		1,500	1,500

9. SCHEDULE OF AID FUNDING (\$000)									
A. APPROPRIATION	B. PRIMARY PURPOSE CODE	C. PRIMARY TECH CODE		D. OBLIGATION TO DATE		E. AMOUNT APPROVED THIS ACTION		F. LIFE OF PROJECT	
		1 Grant	2 Loan	1. Grant	2. Loan	1. Grant	2. Loan	1. Grant	2. Loan
(1) EHR	INCO			171		500		671	
(2) ARDN	INCO			529		0		529	
(3) PSEB	INCO			100		200		300	
(4)									
TOTALS				800		700		1,500	

10. SECONDARY TECHNICAL CODES (maximum 6 codes of 3 positions each) TTE TUS INS SRV				11. SECONDARY PURPOSE CODE	
12. SPECIAL CONCERNS CODES (maximum 7 codes of 4 positions each) A. Code B. Amount					

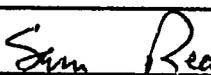
13. PROJECT PURPOSE (maximum 480 characters)

To help provide short-term training in telecommunications and broadcasting for third-world technical experts and policy-makers.

14. SCHEDULED EVALUATIONS Interim MM YY MM YY Final MM YY				15. SOURCE/ORIGIN OF GOODS AND SERVICES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 000 <input type="checkbox"/> 941 <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
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16. AMENDMENTS/NATURE OF CHANGE PROPOSED (This is page 1 of a _____ page PP Amendment.)

a. Increase the centrally-funded LOP total from \$1,100,000 to \$1,500,000.

17. APPROVED BY	Signature 	18. DATE DOCUMENT RECEIVED IN AID/W, OR FOR AID/W DOCUMENTS, DATE OF DISTRIBUTION MM DD YY
	Title Samuel Rea Director, R&D/ED	