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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advice of Program Change

Country : Nicaragua

Project Title : Regional Educational Radio

Project Number : 524-0146

FY 1977 CP Reference : None

Appropriation Category : Education and Human Resources

Intended Obligation : \$20,000

This is to advise that AID intends to make an Operational Program Grant (OPG) of \$20,000 to the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas this fiscal year. The grant will help the Partners develop a regional educational radio station in Northeastern Nicaragua, with the aim of assessing the feasibility of establishing a low-cost educational radio service on a regional scale. The objective of the grant is to improve conditions among the rural poor in Eastern Nicaragua by providing non-formal education programs in the areas of health, nutrition, family planning, reinforced by direct contacts within the community by health, rutrition and education committees. This experience, if successful, is expected to help promote the use of educational radio services in other parts of Nicaragua.

AID's OPG will cover personnel, consultant and operating costs for a period of three years. During the first year AID will contribute \$20,000, while the Partners will contribute \$2,300 and the Nicaraguan Ministry of Public Education \$2,700. Over the life of the project, AID's projected contribution to the project represents 68.5% of the total costs; the Partners, 15.8%; and the Ministry of Education, 15.6%. Phase-out of Partners assistance is projected for September 1980, with the Ministry of Public Education assuming full responsibility for the operation of the project at that point.

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AND REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS

PART II

Name of Country/Entity: Nicaragua; Name of Project: Regional Educational Radio, Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas, Inc.; Number of Project: 524-0146

Pursuant to Part I, Chapter I, Section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, I hereby authorize a Grant to Nicaragua, the "Cooperating Country," of not to exceed 150 thousand United States Dollars (\$150,000), the "Authorized Amount," to help in financing certain foreign exchange and local currency costs of goods and services required for the project. The project consists of an Operational Program Grant to develop a regional educational radio station in Northeastern Nicaragua. This project is being executed by the Wisconsin/Nicaraguan Partners of the Americas, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin to focus efforts on a regional educational radio service in the field of non-formal education with special emphasis in health, agriculture, nutrition, and basic education.

I approve the total level of A.I.D. appropriated funding planned for this project of not to exceed 150 thousand United States Dollars (\$150,000), which will be grant funded during the period FY 1977 through FY-79. I approve further increments during that period of Grant funding up to \$150,000, subject to the availability of funds in accordance with A.I.D. allotment procedures.

I hereby authorize the initiation of negotiation and execution of the Project Agreement by the officer to whom such authority has been delegated in accordance with A.I.D. regulations and delegations of authority subject to the following essential terms and convenants and major conditions, together with such other terms and conditions as A.I.D. may deem appropriate:

- a. Source and Origin of Goods and Services: Except for ocean shipping, goods and services financed by A.I.D. under the project shall have their source and origin in the Central American Common Market or in the United States, except as A.I.D. may agree in writing.
- b. Prior to any disbursement, or the issuance of any commitment documents under the Project Agreement, the Grantee shall furnish, in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D., a letter of financial commitment from the Ministry of Public Education to this project.

c. The following waivers to A.I.D. regulations are hereby approved: The employment of third Country National Advisors on short term advisory assignments (NTE 6 months per visit) may be authorized by USAID/Nicaragua.

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