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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Section 832 of the International Exchange Manual, the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States of America and Spain submits herewith its Annual Report on the Mutual Educational Exchange Program and other activities carried out under Public Law 256, 88th Congress for the period 1 July, 1980 through 30 June, 1981.

This is the twenty-second Annual Report of the Commission. It deals with the main aspects of the Program during its twentieth full year. The principal developments which occurred during the reporting year are listed below:

The United States Government contributed $212,645 to the Program for 1980-81.

The Spanish Government contributed $417,542 to the Program for the same period as follows: Ministry of Universities and Research, $389,170; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, $28,372.

There were a total of 17* new grants awarded to Spaniards under the regular Fulbright Program for academic year 1980-81. Their names and university affiliations are included in the list of Spanish Fulbright grantees, included as Attachment I.

The American side of the Fulbright Program included a total of 14 U.S. grantees (one ITT International Fellow) for this 1980-81 academic year. Three of these grantees received a grant renewal from the previous 1979 program year for a second consecutive year (Richard BENSON, student; William HEATH and James NOLAN, Junior Lecturers in American Studies). A list of these 14 grantees is included as Attachment II.

The Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao Program continued during this 1980-81 academic year. The selection process of the second group was held in January of 1980 and 40 official candidates and 12 alternates were chosen. Thirty-nine of the official candidates are completing their studies in the United States. It should be kept in mind that the first two application periods and selections of official candidates for this program were done consecutively to take advantage of the 1979-80 academic year. The Program continues to provide grants for studies towards a Master's degree (or partial studies towards the Ph.D.) in the priority fields of:

* including Salzburg and C.I.P.

Political Science	Psychology	Communications
Sociology	Law	
Humanities	Economics	

The three basic differences between this program and the regular Fulbright program continue to be the same as mentioned in the 1978 Annual Report.

The nationwide selection for the 1980-81 academic year for these grants was made in November, 1980. Forty official candidates and 4 alternates were chosen. A list of same is included as Attachment III.

In December, 1980, Ms. Joan Kertis of the Institute of International Education, New York, arrived to Madrid to give the candidates and alternates an institutional TOEFL as well as to personally interview all the selected persons. These personal interviews served to divide the panel into groups according to their level of English knowledge and to work out a tentative schedule for their departure to the States.

The Bank budgeted 80,000,000 pesetas annually for this Program plus 5,000,000 pesetas per year for Administrative Costs. At the current rate of exchange then, the total was $ 944,444.

A total of 88 new Spanish grantees were sent to the United States, including two groups of Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao grantees, Fulbright student grantees and one C.I.P. grantee. There was no Spanish ITT grantee or Travel-Only grant. A total of 6 grantees attended the Salzburg Seminar

Mr. Peter Georgas, Assistant Director of the Salzburg Seminar headed the selection committee for same in Barcelona for the 1980 Salzburg Seminar. The other committee members were as follows:

Mr. S. Dieli, Director of Cultural and Informative Services, U.S. Consulate General in Barcelona.

Ms. Olga Díez de Vidal, Professor, Central University of Barcelona and Delegate of the Fulbright Commission in Barcelona*

* The Commission regrets to communicate that Ms. Olga Díez de Vidal passed away just before the drafting of this Report, and just after officially retiring as the Commission's delegate in Barcelona. This is a great loss for all of us, as Ms. Díez de Vidal had collaborated with the Commission from the first years of its activities in Spain.

Dr. Joaquín OLTRA Pons, Professor, Autonomous University, Barcelona

Mr. John ZVEREFF, Director, Institute of North American Studies

The Committee met at the Institute of North American Studies on 8 January, 1980. Mr. Georgas also chaired the selection committee in Madrid on 11 and 14 January. The interviews took place at the Commission offices. The selection committee was composed of the following members:

Mr. José PERDIS Lacasa, Professor and Director, Department of Musicology, Autonomous University of Madrid

Dr. Manuel GALA, Professor of Economics, University of Alcalá de Henares, Madrid

Mr.Ernesto BARNACH-CALBO, Director, Department of Studies, Iberoamerican Office of Education, Madrid

Mr. Carlos CONDE Duque, Government Delegate to the Commission of Planning and Coordination of the Metropolitan Area of Madrid, Ministry of Public Works

Mr. Fernando PRIETO, Professor, Political Science, Complutense University of Madrid

Ms. Concepción BORREGUERO, Professor of Political Science, National Correspondence University of Madrid

Father Antonio BLANCH Xiró, Professor of Philology, University of Comillas, Madrid and Director of the Magazine Razón y Fe.

The Commission is extremely pleased to announce yet another new grant program for Spanish graduate students and research fellows to attend American institutions in order to carry out their individual study and research projects. This program has been established in collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of Universities and Research and is financed by same.

These grants were proposed by the Technical Secretary General of the forementioned Ministry, in July, 1980 and were finally approved by all the necessary authorities in September, 1980. The Boletín Oficial del Estado (sort of Federal Register) published the conditions of the grants on 23 September, 1980 and the application period opened on 1 October, to continue through the 30th. The English exams and personal interviews in Madrid and Barcelona were held in November, 1980 and the final selection was held on 5 December, 1980 in Madrid. A total of 50 official candidates and 7 alternates were proposed by the National Selection Committee. Twenty-seven of the 50 official candidates were post doctoral grantees and twenty-three were graduate students at the time the selection was completed, and therefore fell into the student category rather than the researcher category.

USICA, CIES and the IIE have all been extremely helpful in making this program a successful one. As a counterpart to the Spanish financial contribution for these grants, USICA offered to cover the costs of possible English/Orientation courses and insurance for these grant participants. Both CIES and IIE were willing and able to incorporate the official candidates corresponding to each into their regular workload, thereby enabling this program to exist. It is absolutely necessary for this Commission to have the services of the CIES and IIE made available to it at this time when Commissions all over Western Europe are being requested new flexibility and adjustment to working with less funding. The Commission in Spain has been very successful in establishing new grant programs with outside private and public funding. This would not have been possible without the interest and efforts made by both these cooperating agencies in the United States. A list of the first year's grantees of the Fulbright/MUI Program are included as Attachment IV.

Three American grantees were again invited to attend the Annual Berlin Seminar for Fulbright scholars this year. The Commission would like to express our appreciation for provisions for grantee dependents during the Seminar, greatly alleviating personal expenses for maintenance once in Berlin and enhancing grantee participation in the seminar. The 27th Annual Seminar was held from 2-10 April, 1981. Patricia Zahniser, the American Program Officer, represented the Commission in Spain this year.

The Fulbright Program operated on a total budget of $96,154 during this period.

The budget for the Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao totaled $ 944,444 and that of the Fulbright/MUI Program reached $ 293,016.

The Commission would like to formally note the continuing close relationship enjoyed with the International Communication Agency, the Board of Foreign Scholarships, the Institute of International Education, the Spanish Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Education and Science, of Culture, and other academic and administrative contacts in the United States and Spain which are so essential for successful operation. The Spanish authorities and the Commission are most grateful for the fact that the IIE, with the cooperation of ICA, was able to include the realization of the two new programs for Spanish grantees in its normal administrative activities.

We take this opportunity to clarify the present situation regarding the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. Formerly separated into two distinct Ministrys, that of Education and Science and that of Universities and Research, the two have once again been consolidated into one Ministry of Education, Universities and Research. The building housing the Commission pertains to the Secretariat of Universities and Research.

The Commission is pleased to express special appreciation to the American Embassy in Madrid for its enthusiastic collaboration and assistance in developing the Program and with difficulties facing the Commission on a day-to-day basis. Particular mention must be made of Mr. Serban Vallimarescu, Co-President of the Commission and Public Affairs Officer at the Embassy, Mr. Ely Flam, Cultural Affairs Officer, and Mr. Vincent Chiarello, Commission Treasurer and Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Committee Membership

The Board of Directors as of 1 July, 1980 was as follows:

American Members

Co-President: Mr. Serban Vallimarescu
Public Affairs Officer
American Embassy, Madrid

Treasurer: Mr. Vincent Chiarello
Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer
American Embassy, Madrid

Ms. Ilene Avery
Professor
Madrid

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Ford España, S.A.
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Dr. Ronald Taubitz
Professor, Universidad Complutense
Madrid

Mr. Max Tudor
Director, American School
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Observer: Mr. Ely Flam
Cultural Affairs Officer
American Embassy, Madrid

- one vacancy for American observer

Spanish Members

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Mr. Alberto Gutiérrez Reñón*
Technical Secretary General
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* At the time of drafting this Report, Mr. Gutiérrez Reñón has resigned this position.

Mr. Juan Antonio MENENDEZ-PIDAL y Oliver
Subdirector General of International Cooperation
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Observer: Mr. José Manuel LOPEZ Barrón *
Head of Exchanges and Grants
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Madrid

Observer: Mr. Joaquín TENA Arregui *
General Technical Secretary
Ministry of Culture
Madrid

B. Commission Staff

As of 1 July, 1980 the Commission staff was as follows:

Ramón Bela, Executive Director
Elizabeth Anderson, Deputy Director
María Nieves Jimeno, Spanish Program Officer
Patricia Zahniser, American Program Officer
Cheryl Kiick, Student Counselor°°
Shelley Buckwalter, Administrative Assistant
Pilar Gómez, Executive Secretary

Mr. Amador Cuesta Robledo, Economist, continues to work for the Commission on a part-time basis. Mr. Tomás Moreno, Accountant, also continues to work part-time for the Commission, on the Fulbright Scholarships of the Bank of Bilbao Program.

The two full-time employees hired after the establishment of the Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao program, Ms. Marcia Toni McGowan and Ms. Elena Anton Arías, continue to work for that program.

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* At the time of drafting this Report, these members have resigned their positions and therefore their membership on the Commission Board.

°° We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Ms. Kiick, who after having worked at the Commission for 6 years resigned on 15 September.

C. Commission Quarters and Office Equipment

The Commission offices continue at Cartagena, 83-85 (Madrid-28), in the building belonging to the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research. The Commission pays no rent, and water, light and heat are furnished. All maintenance costs, expenses for repairing the installations and any expenses for furniture are borne by the Commission. The savings to the Program under this arrangement are impossible to calculate, but taking into consideration the value of urban space in Madrid, the Commission would not be able to function as it does now if we had to pay for our offices. Official petitions for more office space have been submitted, and we are hoping for successful resolution of this situation.

The Ministry of Education, Universities and Research's contribution to the Program was $389,170. The contribution from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs was $28,372. These contributions, coupled with the $212,645 contribution of the U.S. Government brought the total allocation to $ 630,542.

The Commission accounts were audited by Arthur Andersen and Company during the month of December, 1980 and the report from same was dated 19 December, and received at the Commission in April, 1981.

D. Commission Bank Account

The Commission's bank account continues to be with the Banco Español de Crédito. A separate account is maintained at the Bank of Bilbao to handle the funding for the Fulbright Scholarships of the Bank of Bilbao Program.

E. Bonded Personnel

The Executive Director, Chairman, Treasurer and Mr. Ely Flam, Cultural Affairs Officer at the United States Embassy, are bonded by the Great American Insurance Company through its delegation in Spain.

II. PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND SERVICES

A. Annual Program Planning, American Grantees

The American Lecturer Program included a total of 3 Junior Lecturers in American Studies who were assigned to the following Spanish universities: the Central University of Barcelona, University of Deusto (Bilbao), University of Seville. The departments of English at these and other universities in Spain continue to grow, and organize increasing activities throughout the academic year. The Spanish Association of Anglo-American Studies is firmly established, now closing its fourth year with a membership of over 400 students, professors, and others interested in American and English literature and culture. Numbers two and three of the magazine "Atlantis" have been published and distributed to members. In addition, informative bulletins are sent periodically. Their provisional address remains at the Commission offices.

The Association's fourth annual Convention was held in Salamanca from 17-20 December, 1980, and centered on the theme of narrative techniques. Guest speakers included Mary McCarthy, Claudio Guillén, John Wain, Antonio Rodrigues, and Gonzalo Torrente Ballester. The American Fulbright lecturers also contributed to the program, and the Commission was represented by Mr. Bela and Ms. Zahniser.

The Commission was pleased to receive an excellent selection of principal and alternate candidates in various fields in the categories of Lecturers and Students. It is unfortunate that budgetary restrictions do not permit a greater number of grants to accomodate the increasing interest among Americans for grants of various categories to Spain. We also regret that the Travel-Only grants have had to be discontinued due to lack of funds. When possible, the exchange programs between American and Spanish universities, established through the Commission which provided travel grants to recent graduates, continue to function on their own. The Commission has received requests from American and Spanish institutions to assist in the establishment of additional direct exchange programs, which have had to be denied. Whenever possible, however, administrative assistance is lent in the hopes that new programs can be launched even though the Commission is not directly involved.

After careful selection, candidates in both student and lecturer categories were proposed to the most appropriate universities. Many American student grantees

undertook research in cities outside of Madrid, and the trend witnesses in-depth studies in ground-breaking fields: musicology continues to attract study, as does the present socio-political situation of modern Spain, particularly for anthropologists and political scientists. The discovery of important and unknown documents by Fulbright student scholars in literature and history testifies to the importance of individual projects and the academic preparation of grantees.

Commission funds did not permit awarding summer extensions to the five grantees who requested an additional three months to complete their research project. Assistance was requested from USICA and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who were able to provide an exceptional amount to cover these extensions. The Commission expresses its gratitude to them for making these extensions possible.

The three grant renewals previously mentioned were awarded to one student grantee (Richard BENSON) in the field of organ performance, and two lecturers (William HEATH, University of Seville; James NOLAN, Central University of Barcelona), to permit them to continue their work within the English departments of each respective host university. No renewal was awarded to a student grantee for the coming academic year, and one renewal was made to permit lecturer James ROBINSON to remain at the University of Deusto in Bilbao.

A list of American grantees to Spain for 1980-81 is attached.

Individual grantee evaluations for this academic year were sent to USICA accompanying final reports, on 24 July, 1981.

B. Orientation for American Grantees

In addition to extensive pre-departure material sent to prospective grantees, an Orientation Program was held in Madrid from 23-25 September. Orientation consisted of a series of lectures by outstanding specialists in the fields of government, theater direction, performance and critic, Spanish art history, anthropology, university administration and library science. Discussion sessions dealt with aspects of contemporary Spanish history and culture, library and university systems, academic institutions in Madrid, day to day living situations, and planned visits and social activities. All grantees had the opportunity to become acquainted before

departing for their respective destinations, and were introduced to Spanish Fulbrighters having returned to Spain after enjoying their grant in the U.S.

The Program for all activities is included as Attachment V. It was accompanied by a booklet containing past grantees' experiences in different cities of Spain, and other materials.

The Commission traditionally provides various services for the American grantees throughout the year, such as giving them access to lists of screened apartments, pensiones, families, etc. who take paying guests, professional and student residences, English speaking physicians, principal libraries and archives around Spain with hints on how to use each to its best advantage, writing the corresponding letters of introduction and providing them with helpful telephone numbers for professional contacts, etc. The Commission assists grantees to get settled in Madrid and in other cities, and helps in placing children in schools.

C. Travel

Until academic year 1981-82 when the system for travel arrangements was changed, all grantees traveling from the United States to Spain were issued tickets on Iberia Airlines. Grantees traveling from Spain to the United States were issued tickets on TWA. The Commission no longer authorizes grantees to travel by ship. The norms for sending excess baggage still provide each grantee with up to 3,500 pesetas on the initial crossing, and up to 7,000 pesetas on the return.

D. Seminar Attendance

All 1980-81 Junior Lecturers attended and conducted seminars throughout Spain during the academic year.

All Fulbright lecturers attended the American Studies Conference in Salamanca in December. Meetings were held with the lecturers, representatives from the Embassy of the United States and the Commission, and specialists in American Studies during the Conference, providing the opportunity for lecturers to compare experiences and discuss problems, and the Commission to be brought up to date on the evolution of

each department of English.

Grantees attending the 27th Annual Berlin Seminar were:

Dr. William HEATH, Lecturer in AmStudies, University of Seville
Mr. Richard BENSON, Student grantee in Organ Performance
Mr. Christopher MAURER, Student grantee in Spanish Literature

Ms. Patricia Zahniser, American Program Officer, represented the Commission.

In early Spring, the lecturer and many student grantees in Barcelona were invited to a business luncheon on the event of a visit by the Executive Director and the American Program Officer of the Commission, and Mr. Vincent Chiarello of the American Embassy.

E. Annual Program Planning, Spanish Grantees

1. Announcements and Competitions: Announcements were widely publicized in local newspapers, radio and television and information was sent to universities, centers of higher education (high schools and university residence centers), the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, other official administrative centers and the American Consulates throughout Spain, in the following categories:

Study grants to the U.S. for Spanish graduate students
Council of International Programs for Youth Leaders and Social Workers
Salzburg Seminar in American Studies

The financial limitations and the continual decline of the peseta in relation to the dollar are greatly affecting the Commission.

2. Screening of Spanish candidates.

a. Study grants to the United States: The Commission made an attempt to reduce the time factor involved in selecting the final panel for student grants of the regular Fulbright program by reducing the number of selection committees throughout the country. The inadequacy of the mail service makes it almost impossible for

the Commission to have the results into the IIE by a feasible date for the IIE staff to prepare the dossiers. Selection committees were, therefore, set up in Barcelona, Bilbao, La Laguna, Madrid, Santiago and Seville.

The Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao Program, as has been mentioned earlier, differs slightly from the regular Fulbright grants in the following:

1. No English requirement at time of application
2. Age limit for applying is 34 years of age, with exception of those persons having finished their university studies in the three years prior to applying for grant
3. Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao grants are renewable for a second academic year

Other than the English requirement, the selection of these grantees is done basically based on the same criteria as the regular Fulbright Program. The application deadline was made for 30 October, 1980. Personal interviews were held in Madrid on 20 and 21 November, and at the other universities between 20 November and 26 November. The final selection was held during the weekend of 28-30 November, 1980 at the National Parador of Sguenza. Forty final candidates and 4 alternates were chosen out of a total of 219 applications.

The Bank of Bilbao representatives felt that personal interviews should be held at all of the universities from which there were at least 3 applicants or where the Selection Committee indicated that they were willing to interview less than 3 persons. Therefore, selection committees met in all but the following universities: La Laguna and Santander.

Members of the Fulbright Selection Committees are proposed by the following: Commission Board members from the Ministry of Education and Science, the Spanish universities, American Consultates, the Cultural Section of the American Embassy in Madrid and the Commission. Final approval of the Selection Committee members for each district lies in the hands of the Rector of each university.

Extensive information is given to each prospective applicant in order to eliminate the receipt of applications from ineligible candidates. Applications were submitted directly to the Commission prior to the 30 October, 1980 deadline.

Preliminary screening of applicants who meet the basic requirements consists of an eliminatory English exam given at each examination center by an American Fulbright lecturer or by a representative selected by the Commission. The texts used in the 1980 selection process were the ALIGU forms G, J and M. Following this examination personal interviews are conducted by each of the Selection Committees which has received copies of the applications of those candidates who are to appear before them, and the following is considered for each applicant:

Academic record
Project to be carried out in the U.S. with special emphasis on its future value to Spain
Culture, personality, maturity and general presence

For the 1980-81 academic year, the examination schedule was as follows:

MADRID: English examinations, 5 November, 1980
Committee interviews,10, 11 November, 1980

OTHER UNIVERSITY DISTRICTS: English examinations, 10 - 20 November, 1980
Committee interviews, 10-20 November, 1980

NOTE: Grantee selections are made one year in advance.

This preliminary selection serves as a recommendation to the Commission and is taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee which is appointed by the Commission and presided over by the Chairman of the Commission.

This year there was a total of 16 applicants of whom 8 did not pass either the English exam or the personal interview leaving 8 dossiers to be considered by the Sub-Committee.

The reasons for elimination from the competition are the following:

Failure to meet minimum requirements
Failure to pass English exam
Failure to pass Selection Committee interview
Failure to present documentation within established period
Withdrawal from the competition
Elimination in the final selection made by the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee reviews the files of each applicant, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Selection Committees, in light of the criteria established by the Commission. Once approved, the completed file of each successful

candidate is sent to the Institute of International education and to the BFS for approval.

The meeting of the Sub-Committee took place on 4 December, 1980 and the official panel was named. These students were then proposed as IIE/BN candidates for which the IIE sought not only admission but also grants and fellowships in American institutions of higher learning. In addition, the Commission directly aided the 7 grantees with a total of $56,144 in Direct Dollar Support.

No awards were issued to Spaniards from either the ITT International Fellowship Program or the General Electric Company.

It is the hope of the Commission to be able to continue providing future student grantees with the maximum financial aid possible. However, with the increase in travel expenses, tuition, etc., it is becoming more and more difficult to maintain a meaningful program in quantity.

b. Screening of other special candidates: Due to the smaller number of applicants, screening of candidates is held exclusively in Madrid whenever possible. In 1980, however, because of wide participation, the interviews for Salzburg were again held both in Madrid and Barcelona. In all cases, according to policy, the Commission approved the decisions of the Committees. Candidates in the following categories were considered:

Council of International Programs for Youth Leaders and Social Workers
Salzburg Seminar in American Studies

4. Statistics

Spanish grantees for this 1980-81 academic year fall into the following categories (see attachments for names, U.S. institutions and fields of each):

Students	8
C.I.P. Specialist	1
Salzburg	8
Fulbright/BB	39
Fulbright/MUI	50*
TOTAL:	96

* includes 27 Ph.D.'s and 23 student grantees

F. Orientation

1. Spanish grantees

The pre-departure orientation was held in Barcelona on 3 July, 1980 at the Institute of North American Studies, and in Madrid on 23 May, 1980 at the U.S. Cultural Center. Ex grantees participated in both programs and they were both considered to be extremely helpful by the new grantees. Both Fulbright and Fulbright/ Bank of Bilbao grantees participated.

G. Attendance - Salzburg Seminar, 1980

Varied Spanish specialists were sent by the Commission to different sessions of the Salzburg Seminar, as follows:

Session 195: Music and the Arts: Instruments for Individual and Social Change (16-29 March, 1980) 50,000 pts. Serafina POCH, Director, Music Therapy Program, Special Education Center, Ministry of Education

Session 196: International Monetary Instability: How Multinational Corporations Cope (8-25 April, 1980) 40,000 pts. Diego AZQUETA Oyarzun, Professor of Economic Theory, University of Alcalá de Henares, Madrid

Session 197: Higher Education (18 May - 6 June, 1980) 40,000 pts. Joaquín ARANGO, Professor and Assistant to the Dean of School of Political Science, Complutense University, Madrid

Session 198: The City in Transition (15-28 June, 1980) 30,000 pts. Enrique-Javier CALDERON Balanzátegui, Full Professor of Urban Planning at the Higher Technical School of Civil Engineers, Madrid

Session 199: American Law and Legal Institutions (6-25 July, 1980) 40,000 pts. Vicente BLANCO Gaspar, Assistant Head, International Judiciary Advisory Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Session 200: Women in Changing Socities: Education and Employment (3-22 August, 1980) 40,000 pts. Mercedes DAURELLA, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology, Central University of Barcelona

Session 201: Communication, Development and Social Change (31 August - 19 September, 1980) 30,000 pts. Pedro FERNAUD Casais, Assistant Director, Nightly News Broadcast, RTVE, Madrid

30,000 pts. Susana MATAIX Hidalgo, Assistant Press and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Public Works, Madrid

H. Grantee Achievements

The Commission is pleased to communicate that former American grantee Mr. Julian NAVA was recently appointed Ambassador to Mexico. Both Commission Co-Presidents sent a congratulatory letter.

III. CONCLUSION

As in the past, we must again note the very important factors influencing the Commission's program in Spain:

We continue to make every effort, in official and private capacities, to obtain an increase in the Fulbright budget. It may be probable that another contribution as large as that received for the Fulbright Scholarships of the Bank of Bilbao will be made, and the Commission hopes for other smaller contributions from additional sources.

After a study undertaken by Commission members last year, the monthly stipend for American students was increased approximately 30% beginning 1 October, 1980. The Commission must recognize that this raise did not place Junior Lecturers in Spain on the same level as Junior Lecturers in other Western European countries, but it does permit lecturers to cover their monthly expenses, even with the higher cost of living which Spain continues to experience.

As in previous years, the Spanish student grantees received at least partial financial aid directly from the Commission. The Program chose 5 official candidates, 3 alternates. The Program has not reinstated travel-only grants for the university student exchanges.

The Commission also contributed to the success of the Salzburg Seminar. Again, it must be noted that the Salzburg Seminar's valued reputation continues to rise among Spanish intellectuals, high officials of the Spanish Government, corporate executives and professional people in all of the fields offered by the Seminar. The applications for grants and for admission to attend the Seminar meetings continue to increase.

The Commission is very pleased with the establishment and continuation of the

two new programs for Spaniards, the Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao and the Fulbright/MUI Programs, which have developed at a time when the rate of inflation, rise of travel expenses, university costs, etc. are beginning to show its very serious effects on the Fulbright program in general. At a time when the number of American and Spanish grantees must be reduced to enable the Program to meet rising costs, the additional Programs maintain the number of Spanish grantees at a high level. However, something must be done to help alleviate the lack of grants for the American side as well.