

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CLASSIFICATION

ACTION UNIT

For each address check one ACTION INFO

DATE REC'D.

TO - AID/W TOAID A 2086

Programs

DATE SENT
6/12/63

DISTRIBUTION
ACTION

FROM - Bogota

SUBJECT - Public Safety Program DAS

REFERENCE - AIDTO 984 June 5

ACTION
TO: *Mr. Aharlin*

GROUP 4

Downgraded at 3-year intervals.
Declassified 12 years after date
of origin.

OPS
INFO
LA
FRES
SRD
BUD
CC
WC

This airgram provides further justification for FY 63 funds (\$150,000) recently approved for Public Safety for the improvement of the Administrative Department of Security of Colombia (DAS). A copy of the AID/PS report for the improvement of DAS is attached. This report is being translated for presentation to the President of Colombia and the Minister of Government. All major recommendations of the report are included in a draft of Project Agreement now being reviewed.

Prior to the establishment of the Public Safety Program, a survey was made (Oct-Nov, 62) and plans developed for a program with the National Police of Colombia. An E-1 was submitted for FY 63 and FY 64 outlining a program with the National Police. Later it was mutually agreed upon that for reasons of internal security, it was essential that the Public Safety Program also provide assistance to the Administrative Department of Security (DAS). The staffing pattern was changed to include an investigations advisor who, upon his arrival, promptly initiated a program with DAS. As a result Public Safety now is working with two separate police agencies under two ministries and, although one of its objectives is to coordinate the efforts of the two agencies, it nevertheless has two projects whereas only one originally was planned. Funds requested in the original E-1 are solely for the program with the National Police and cannot be changed without detriment to that program. The \$150,000 therefore is to implement the program with DAS that was not included in the original

OTHER AGENCY

State
ARMY
NSC
CIA
NSA

gou

PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

DRAFTED BY

D Laughlin: jm

OFFICE

Public Safety

PHONE NO.

DATE

12 Jun 63

APPROVED BY

R. Johnson
R. Johnson ACTG
Fossum, Director

AID AND OTHER CLEARANCES

H Davis

RENEWED
JUN 17 1963
Office of
Public Safety

DECLASSIFIED
R. JOHNSON ACTG
CPLF AID/CPA
date MAR 18 1982

NO ACTION NECESSARY
DATE 6/8/63 SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

Bogotá AID/W TO AID^A 2086

CONFIDENTIAL

2 2

will
 planning and documentation. ~~They will in effect be 1964~~ Funds to be obligated with a Pro-Ag to be signed before July 1, 1963.

The Pro-Ag covering the \$150,000 contains a list of seven recommendations essential for the improvement of DAS and the attainment of internal security objectives. The Pro-Ag specifically states that U.S. obligations will become effective only upon adoption of the recommendations.

The recommendations call for drastic reforms and changes in DAS including the elimination of inappropriate activity, the transfer of the investigation of common crimes from DAS to the National Police, and more concentration on intelligence matters. These drastic changes in DAS are highly important to internal security as GOC urgently needs a trained qualified agency that devotes major attention to subversive and intelligence matters, since no such agency now exists. The recommendations do not eliminate all DAS jurisdiction over criminal matters as the Executive Branch of the Government obviously has an interest in some investigations incourts of national jurisdiction, and DAS is the only investigative agency responsible directly to the President and the Minister of Government. Similarly DAS will require the retention of laboratory, technical, and identification services. The National Police, in the event it is made legally responsible for the investigation of common crimes, also will require similar facilities and services. As long as the two agencies are independent of each other and under separate Ministries, a certain amount of duplication of technical and laboratory services is unavoidable, although coordination and cooperation between these services will be a major objective of PS. In view of the present judicial system and the fact that various judicial reforms are being considered by Congress, it has been difficult to define proper jurisdiction of DAS and the National Police. Recommendations, however, will provide a minimum of retention of investigative jurisdiction in DAS, a limitation to courts of National Jurisdiction, and the assignment to the National Police of certain classifications of crimes of national jurisdiction. It is estimated that implementation of the recommendations will result in the National Police investigating from 70 to 80% of all crimes. Consultation with National Police officials indicate they are in accord with this division of jurisdiction. The opinion of the Chief of DAS is not known in view of the fact that the recommendations must be presented to the President first.

Public Safety and the Mission are in complete agreement that there can be no half way measures in DAS acceptance and implementation of PS recommendations. Without complete acceptance of all major recommendations, the objectives cannot be attained. In the event that DAS can assure acceptance and implementation, the U.S. funds involved will be necessary for final completion of the overall project. It is completely understood, and the Project Agreement is being written accordingly, that the use of the funds is contingent upon DAS acceptance of all major recommendations.

DEARBORN

CONFIDENTIAL