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Dear Mr. Church,

ANC/84/001 : Primary and Secondary Education Support for ANC Students

I am pleased to inform you that the Administrator has approved the above-referenced project for a period of 2 years and 6 months effective July 1984. In reviewing the budget pages we have observed some inconsistencies and errors which we have corrected in order not to delay project approval. These are enumerated as follows:

1. The number of students listed is 90 and not 91 as stated in the submission letter and as numerically appears to be the case on page 5. This is explained by the fact that whereas the last number at the bottom of page 3 of the budget section is 64, the first one on page 4 is 66 rather than 65. This has artificially increased the number of students by one in pages 4 and 5.
2. A number of students in Lesotho and Tanzania have been budgeted at \$500 in 1984 and \$1,000 in 1985. Since the project was expected to have commenced in July 1984 we have assumed - in the absence of indication of man-months covered - that the figures reflect coverage of six months in 1984 and twelve in 1985 and 1986. What we have failed to understand is why the costs should jump by 50% from 1985 to 1986 for a total of \$1,500 per student, particularly as no justification is given anywhere. While an average inflation factor of around 8 percent has in the past been allowed for in respect of full-fledged experts, it is not automatic in fellowship or student support costs. We have therefore maintained 1986 costs at the same levels as those for 1985. (Please note in this regard that because of the surge in the strength of the U.S. dollar, even expert costs have in most instances actually dropped over the past year).

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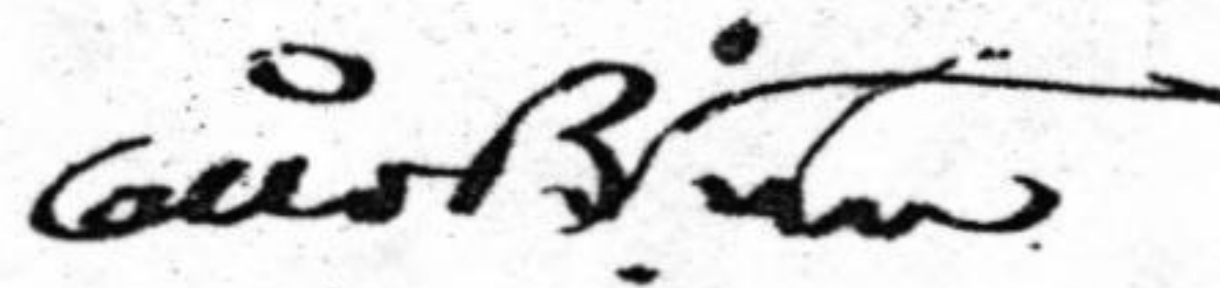
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3. For all students attending schools in Mozambique (20-52) and only seven in Lesotho (85-91) it has been noted that whereas the full year cost of attendance in 1985 is \$1,000, the cost for six months of attendance is given as \$800 in 1984 and 1986 respectively. Again this inconsistency is not explained. We have therefore adjusted the six-month figures for 1984 and 1986 to \$500, this being half of the cost of a full year's attendance.

The result of the foregoing has been an overall reduction of the budget to \$264,600 from \$305,700 with the following annual totals: \$53,900 in 1984; \$107,800 in 1985 (resulting from an addition error, since no change has been made at all to 1985 figures); and \$102,900 in 1986. The corrected project document is forwarded herewith in 10 copies which you are hereby authorized to sign and distribute accordingly to all parties concerned. Your attention is invited to the modified project title which has been made more descriptive. Kindly ensure that two signed originals - as opposed to photocopies of signed documents - are dispatched to the Bureau without delay.

Yours sincerely



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