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SUBJECT: Summary of rice biotech program

To date, the trustees have approved appropriations totalling \$17,483,733 for all aspects of the rice biotechnology program. This includes \$1,600,000 for research on impacts of technical change. It does not include general fellowships. It does not include \$2,900,000 to be recommended in December 1988.

Of the \$15,883,733 appropriated for biological research and capacity building, about \$15,000,000 has been allocated. Of this I estimate that \$12,000,000 has actually been paid to grantees (last year we made several large three-year allocations and checks were sent to cover the first year only).

At present, there are 20 first-world institutions (24 laboratories), 2 IARCs, and 16 LDC institutions (24 laboratories) from two countries (China and Korea) in the program. I expect that at least 20 additional LDC institutions in five countries will join the program during the coming year.

To date, about 20 predoctoral fellowships and one postdoctoral fellowship have been awarded as part of the program. Three biotech career fellows are hosted by our rice labs. In addition, approximately 50 percent of the funding awarded to first-world laboratories is used to support predoctoral and postdoctoral investigators. This should support about 60 pre/postdoc students of which I estimate 50 percent are from LDCs.

In summary (not including impact studies) the estimates are:

Funds committed.....	\$15,000,000
Funds spent.....	12,000,000
Number of institutions.....	38
Number of laboratories.....	50
Total number of pre/postdoc fellowships.....	84
LDC pre/postdoc fellowships.....	54