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OVERSEAS VISIT REPORT : PROJECT ACANTHA : 8 TO 23 FEB 87

AIM OF THE VISIT

1. The aim of the visit was to enable the SAAF representatives to take part in the initial conceptual design phase of the large screen display system (LSDS).

PERIOD OF VISIT

2. The visit took place over the period 8 to 23 Feb 87.

TEAM MEMBERS

3. The team comprised the following personnel :
- a. Brig L.C. Steynberg - Director Air Force Management Systems.
 - b. Col P.J. Roos - Project Officer.
 - c. Maj J.A. Gelderblom - Project Logistics Officer.

COUNTRY AND FIRM VISITED

4. The visit was to [REDACTED]

RECEPTION OF TEAM

5. The team was very well received and no problems were encountered. Special mention should be made of [REDACTED] who, as in the past, supported the team so well. His personal concern about the team's success and welfare was once again outstanding.

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SUCCESS OF THE VISIT

6. The visit was very successful and the team's objective was achieved. The many work sessions were very constructive and the team's inputs were invaluable to the project. The project team resident in [REDACTED] (until the design review at the end of April) is a very strong one and is producing top level results.

SPECIAL SECURITY/TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

7. The sensitivity of visits to [REDACTED] demands that certain requirements be met. They are the following :

- a. Personnel travel as civilians under an alias,, using a valid passport.
- b. Personnel have to develop a civilian 'identity' to a certain degree viz the use of an actual and traceable company as an employer, business cards, letters of introduction, a 'front' home address, knowlege of his civilian job and the peripherals etc.
- c. Civilian clothing must be worn in the RSA for a minimum of three weeks prior to departure, during the visit and for a minimum of three weeks after returning to the RSA.
- d. Flight bookings and tickets must not be traceable to the government.
- e. The standard of travel and accommodation must be commensurate with the person's status in his company.
- f. Travellers cheques must not be connected in any way with government finance.
- g. The standard of living of personnel during a visit must not give rise to any suspicion.

SECURITY/TRAVEL PROBLEMS

8. Clothing Allowance. The present clothing allowance is very necessary for visits to [REDACTED]. In this particular case the personnel will wear civilian clothing for an unbroken period of at least 18 weeks. In addition, no previously marked clothing may be worn. In certain cases, therefore, a larger clothing allowance than the present R620 could be required.

9. Airline Tickets. Airline tickets are at present purchased in cash from Supersonic Tours. Although not traceable as government funds, the fact that every SADF visitor to [REDACTED] has a ticket from Supersonic could be a suspect procedure. Tickets purchased for SADF personnel only offer a limited liability for death of, or personal injury to passengers, plus a limited liability

for loss of, or damage to luggage. However, if the ticket were purchased by credit card the situation would be more acceptable. An automatic life insurance of ₦ R400 000 becomes effective, plus a set of various personal injury benefits.

10. Daily Allowance. The daily allowance of \$47 per day in [REDACTED] is insufficient. In 1985 it was \$69 per day but no laundry expenses could be claimed. Now it is \$47 per day but laundry expenses may be claimed. This difference infers that laundry expenses are ₦ \$22 per day. At present \$30 per week is reasonable for laundry. Without any extravagance one would pay ₦\$10 for breakfast, ₦ \$20 for lunch and ₦ \$30 for dinner. A total of ₦ \$60 per day. Therefore, to maintain a reasonably creditable standard of living in accordance with the status of employment is not possible. (A coke costs ₦ \$1,75 and a beer \$2). It must be stressed that [REDACTED] is an expensive country. To compare purchasing power one could say that an item which costs R1 in the RSA costs \$1 or more in [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that in certain cases, consideration be given to a larger, or more frequent clothing allowance.

12. It is recommended that personnel be allowed to purchase airline tickets by means of personal credit cards, thus ensuring adequate personal insurance cover.

13. It is recommended that the daily allowance in [REDACTED] immediately be increased to \$70 per day. Laundry expenses must remain a claimable item.

GENERAL

14. Team members were not overtly photographed. Passports could have been photographed at the airport in [REDACTED]. No customs problems were experienced. RSA citizens are sometimes identified without their speaking and/or wearing typical SA clothing and very often by their accent/speech.



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