COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SPAIN

ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAM YEAR 1984

EXCHANGES BETWEEN

JULY 1, 1984 AND JUNE 30, 1985

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Section 832 of the International Exchange Manual, and considering the indications given in Appendix 2, regarding Program Reports, Evaluation and Follow-up, in the second draft of the Manual for Binational Commissions,this Commission herewith submits its twenty-sixth Annual Report. It covers the Program for the period from July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985 and deals with the main aspects of the twenty-fifth full program year.

The Commission for Educational Excahnge between the United States of America and Spain is dedicated to the administration of the Fulbright/Hays Program. It departs, however, from the traditional model in that, since 1979 and as of the close of this reporting year, four grant programs, financed in large by the Spanish public and private sectors, depend on the Commission's administrative expertise. These programs are designed exclusively for Spaniards to pursue graduate study and post-doctoral research in the United States. Successful placement and on-going follow-up are attributed to the Fulbright infrastructure: the necessary input by the two cooperating agencies, the Institute of International Education (IIE) and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), and the advisory and supervisory role of the Board of Foreign Scholarships (BFS).

As part of a general introduction to the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States of America and Spain, it is essential to mention that it encompasses not only the Fulbright Commission, to which this report is addressed, but also two educational exchange programs under the Agreement on Friendship, Defense and Cooperation between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, signed in 1983. The current Agreement is a continuation of the 1976 Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the two governments, an outgrowth and the 1970 Program of Cultural Cooperation between the United States of America and Spain, originally administered by the Fulbright Commission. Although, as of 1976, these exchange programs became independent, they are based, both philosophically and administratively, on the Fulbright initiative.

This Annual Report includes both statistical data and evaluations of the Fulbright/Hays, the Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao, the Fulbright/Ministry of Education and Science, the Fulbright"la Caixa", and the Fulbright/Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs Programs. Although the Commission strongly supports the Spanish public and private sector investment in the academic advancement of Spaniards in the United States, it is concerned with the imbalance in U.S./Spanish grantee ratio. To date, only the Fulbright/Hays Program truly manifests the binational exchange ideology. It is with a sense of accomplishment, therefore, that this reporting year has witnessed tentative steps toward the establishment of additional exchange opportunities in Spain for U.S. specialists/professors. The Commission hopes that next year's report will offer specific details on the development of these projects.

Direct contributions from USIA cover administrative and program expenses incurred by the aforementioned cooperating agencies. The Spanish public and private sector sponsors have indicated their gratitude to these agencies for their continued help and interest in the Spanish programs. In addition, special appreciation has been adknowledged for monetary and other special contributions by the U.S. Government. Services provided include assistance in arranging academic placement,pre-academic English and orientation courses, supervision and general program management in the United States.

The Commission continues to enjoy a close relationship with both U.S. and Spanish administrative, educational and cultural institutions. The U.S. Embassy in Madrid provides enthusiastic assistance on a day-to-day basis. Official visits from U.S. administrators and academicians contribute to reduce the difficulties in keeping abreast of U.S. interests at long distance.

In summary, the Commission's constant contact, at all levels, with both the U.S. and Spanish cultural and educational environments contributes to its active role in promoting international understanding.

I. STATISTICAL REPORT

THE BINATIONAL FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM

The United States government contributed $287,000 in Fiscal Year 1984-85 (October-September.)

The Spanish government contributed a total of $56,798 to the Fulbright-Hays Program for the same period. Contributions were received as follows: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, $13,288; Ministry of Education and Science, $43,510. As these contributions were received in Spanish pesetas, the rate of exchange used in establishing the above equivalents was 165.56 pesetas to the U.S. dollar and 160.88 pesetas to the U.S. dollar, respectively.

There are many important direct and indirect contributions from both the American and Spanish sides which are not reflected in the above figures. As mentioned, on the American side, USIA pays additional amounts for administrative and program expenses in the United States for each Spanish student handled through the cooperating agencies (for academic placement, pre-academic training, supervisory services, program management, etc..) Contributions from USIA to the Council of International Programs and the Salzburg Seminar make it possible for the Commission to award partial grants (Dollar Support and transportation for the C.I.P. participants and partial grants for Salzburg Seminar participants) to Spaniards to broaden their knowledge in contemporary issues of importance and interest to both the United States and Europe. Whenever IIE/ITT International Fellowships are awarded to Spaniards and Americans, these are funded completely under the IIE/ITT arrangement. Similarly, when Americans are selected for the Fulbright Western European Regional Research scholarships, all expenses are paid from the U.S. The Commission was pleased to offer a travel-only award this year to the recipient of a Lusk Memorial Fellowship and will endeavor to continue with same if they are made available.

On the Spanish side, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides approximately half of the 10 American students's monthly stipend, which is transferred directly into the grantees' bank accounts in Spain. In addition, the Ministry provides free university affiliation and insurance policies. One of the four Spanish universities participating in the lecturer program provides a housing allowance for the American lecturer. All of these contributions multiply the effectiveness of the Fulbright-Hays Program.

The Commission would like to emphasize that program operations are greatly complicated by the fluctuating exchange rate and the depreciation of the Spanish peseta, explaining the differences between our program plan and this updated Annual Report and the different exchanges used in this report.

1. THE AMERICAN PROGRAM

The American Program represents approximately 42% of the Fulbright-Hays budget for grants. The following awards were issued for research: 10 Fulbright/Ministry of Foreign Affairs grants for graduate studies aboard (including 1 1983-84 renewal); 1 IIE/ITT International Fellowship; 1 Fulbright Travel-Only Award/Lusk Memorial Fellowship; 2 Fulbright Western European Regional Research Scholarships.

This year's lecturer panel was composed of four lecturers in American Studies, assigned to the Universities of Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Murcia. The lecturership at Seville was discontinued and new programs began at Madrid and Murcia. Reports from both new lecturers and participating Departments of English, and both positions will continue next academic year.

A list of all American grantees in Spain this year is submitted as Attachment I.

2. THE SPANISH PROGRAM

The Spanish Program represents approximately 58% of the Fulbright-Hays grant budget. There were a total of 23 new grants awarded to Spaniards under the Program during the reporting year. This figure includes eight graduate students to enroll in degree programs in U.S. universities (including one ITT scholar selected from the alterantes), twelve participants in The Salzburg Seminar (although thirteen were selected, one withdrew), and three C.I.P. grantees who departed for the U.S. in April, 1985. Names of and appropriate data on grantees are herewith submitted as Attachment II.

A total of thirty-two students were in the United States from previous years. The 1984-85 grantees received a total of $71,149. Refer to Attachment III.

THE FULBRIGHT/BANK OF BILBAO PROGRAM

The total commitment for the 1984 fiscal year program budget is as follows: $564,731 (grant activities); 7,070,807 Spanish pesetas* (administrative costs). Using the exchange rate of 175 pesetas to the U.S. dollar, the equivalent for the latter figure is $40,401.

During this reporting period, twenty new grantees departed for the U.S. to begin graduate study during the 1984-85 academic year (see Attachment IV). As mentioned in last year's Annual Report, the Bank opted not to offer a program for the 1985-86 academic year in order to readjust its budget.

From previous program years, there remain a total of thirty-five grantees in the United States: eighteen correspond to the first three

*Administrative costs for the period October 1, 1984 - September 30, 1985.

THE FULBRIGHT/BANK OF BILBAO PROGRAM (con't)

grant periods (i.e., 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82) while seventeen are from the 1983-84 panel. Together with the twenty 1984-85 grantees, the total number of Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao participants currently in the U.S., either still funded by the Program or who originally departed under its auspices, is fifty-five.

THE FULBRIGHT/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE PROGRAM

The Program entered its fifth year, awarding grants financed by the Ministry of Education and Science in the actual dollar amount of 1,357,253. This amount was paid in four installments in August and September, 1984 and February and July, 1985, directly to the CIES and IIE to cover program costs for 1983-84 grantees renewed for a second year and for the 1984-85 grantees who began research or graduate study in the U.S. as of September, 1984. Refer to Attachment V for a list of the latter panel.

During the reporting year, a total of eighty-three grantees continued under the sponsorship of this Program. The Ministry maintains its policy of awarding second-year renewals to most grantees.

Selection of the 1985-86 Fulbright/MEC panel took place in Barcelona, Seville and Madrid. There are fifty new grantees who will begin research (none was selected for graduate study) in the U.S. as of September, 1985.

THE FULBRIGHT/"LA CAIXA" PROGRAM

During the reporting period, thirty new candidates were selected under a third year of the Fulbright/"La Caixa" Program sponsored by the "Caja de Pensiones para la Vejez y Ahorros de Cataluña y Baleares." As of June 30, 1985, all but one have accepted admission offers for the 1985-86 academic year.

The administrative cost budget for 1984-85 was fixed at 8,936,460 pesetas. The program cost budget for the same period, submitted by the IIE, was estimated at $1,056,600 for new and renewed students. The final 1984-85 Fulbright/"La Caixa" panel included thirty-two candidates; of the original thirty-four selected, one withdrew from the program due to family illness and another was authorized to begin his grant as of 1985-86. Attachment VI lists the original 1984-85 participants.

The application period for a fourth-year program opened on June 25, 1985. Twenty grants are offered for the 1986-87 academic year.

THE FULBRIGHT/MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROGRAM

This was the Program's first year of grant activities, as selection and placement of last year's panel was completed just prior to drafting last year's Report. The entire panel of 25 grantees was placed and distributed as follows:

14 12-month grants for pre-doctoral study
5 short-term grants for pre-doctoral study
3 12-month grants for post-doctoral study
3 short-term grants for post-doctoral study

With the exception of one short-term post-doctoral grantee who received authorization to postpone the beginning date of his grant to November, 1985, all grantees have initiated their projects. The 12-month grantees initiated their grant in either Fall, 1984, or in a few cases Spring, 1985, giving a certain flexibility to the Program in view of the late grant announcement. As anticipated, short-term grants have been initiated throughout the academic year.

Included herewith as Attachment VII is a list of all 1984-85 Fulbright/MSC grantees.

There was no new Program announced in 1984-85, as the Ministry resolved to set available funds aside for renewals of long-term pre- and post-doctoral grants for the coming academic year. A Selection Committee, nominated by the Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs, considered requests for renewals from 15 grantees, and in view of IIE and CIES approval in conjunction with a written report from each person's adviser and the grantees' own trimestral reports, finally granted all requests. Attachment VIII lists renewal grants awarded. These will be announced officially in the Spanish Federal Register shortly, and will -as yet unofficially- include an increase in both pre- and post-doctoral stipends.

The budget for administrative expenses 1984-85, was 7,180,000 pesetas, and this has been paid in full to cover administrative expenses in Spain.

3. CONCLUSION FOR THE AMERICAN AND SPANISH PROGRAMS

The total allocation for grant activities administered by this Commission for the reporting year 1984-85 is as follows:

FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM		
U.S. contribution	$ 287,000	(83.48 %)
Spanish contribution . . .	$ 56,789	(16.52%)
	$ 343,798	
FULBRIGHT/BANK OF BILBAO		
$ 564.731 + $40.401	$ 605,132	
FULBRIGHT/MEC PROGRAM		
	1,357,253	
FULBRIGHT/"LA CAIXA"		
$1,056,600 + $ 51,065	1,107,665	

FULBRIGHT/MSC PROGRAM	
$ 45,251 + $412,300	$ 457,551
GRAND TOTAL	$ 3,871,399

Administrative expenses for all the above programs represents approximately 6.8 % of the general total budget and 37.96% of the Fulbright/Hays budget exclusively. The Commission Board feels that the number of Spanish grantees participating in the overall Program, constituting perhaps the largest one of its kind in the world, consequently justifies both these percentages.

A.(1) ACADEMIC ADVISING SERVICES

Note: It is felt that "Academic Advising Office" and "Academic Advisor" are more accurate terms for this Office and its staff that "Student Counseling Office" and "Student Counselor," therefore, they will be referred to as such in this report and hereafter.

The Academic Advising Office is the initial contact point for anyone wishing information on grants administered by the Commission and Joint Committees, and on virtually any aspect of study in the United States. It attends to the public, either in person or by telephone, from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Enquiries are also accepted by mail.

Although the office is staffed by two full-time advisors, the demand is often heavy. In addition, the number of individuals served continues to grow at a considerable rate. (See statistics below.) There is a pressing need for a more efficient system that would provide accurate, up-to-date information without requiring the advisors to repeat the same information many times daily, as is presently the case. A more efficient system would allow them to devote a greater percentage of time to individual consultations, thus providing personal attention to those individuals who really need it. The system deemed the most successful is one used in many other Fulbright Commissions: group counseling sessions, consisting of a video presentation supplemented with handout material, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Approximately 95% of the public can be divided into the following groups, according to the information desired: graduate study at U.S. universities and grants available, undergraduate study at U.S. universities, teenage exchange programs, intensive English studies, summer school and specialized short courses, and postgraduate medical training. Videotape scripts have been prepared on the first three topics and production is planned for the latter part of the month of July. They will be approximately 15-20 minutes in duration and will be shown at intervals appropriate to the demand for information on each particular subject. No tapes are planned at this time for intensive English studies, short courses or postgraduate medical training. The demand is lesser for information in these areas, and extensive handout material is provided with respect to English studies and postgraduate medical training. However, it may be useful to conduct group counseling sessions on these subjects as well, depending on the time of year and the demand.

In addition to the office's videotapes, there are plans to compile a small video library consisting of tapes provided by USIA and possibly other sources. The video equipment (a Sony U-matic player/recorder) has not yet been purchased but it is expected to be installed once the new offices are completely remodeled. There is an area planned for video presentations and group counseling sessions that will accommodate from 15-20 people inside the Adademic Advising Office.

An effort has been made to plan the most efficient use of available space in our new location while keeping in mind the projected system of serving the public more efficiently. Both advisors now have separate offices, although glass/wood dividers allow them to easily observe both the reference library and video areas. A waiting area with comfortable seating and a large bulletin board will be located just outside the door of the Advising Office.

Ongoing projects include publication of a general counseling manual on university study in the United States, in Spanish and oriented toward the needs of the Spanish public. Written material continues to be developped as needed. Questionnaires sent to returning grantees have proved useful for general counseling purposes and in the orientation of new grantees. The Advisors have collaborated with the Cultural Section of the U.S. Embassy, in conducting workshops and giving talks on educational opportunities in the U.S., in Sevilla and Valencia, during the 1984-85 Program Year.

Youth exchange continues to gain popularity in Spain, and as a consequence, new exchange organizations are constantly coming to our attention. In order to keep abreast of these organizations and stay informed of new developments in the field, the Advising Office continues in its role of host and facilitator, making possible meetings in which the organizations are able to discuss mutual concerns. Considerable progress has been made in the sense that communication has greatly improved between the organizations and the Spanish authorities, and among the organizations themselves. The Commission hopes that this increased interaction will lead to an improvement in the quality of student exchange between Spain and the United States.

Finally, the Academic Advising Office continues to correspond with the Fulbright Commission in Rio, and, through it, with the Regional South American Advisor's group. It has established a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas and Spanish language materials, and hopes that this cooperation will become even closer in the future.

Below please find statistics for the last two reporting years:

A.(1) ACADEMIC ADVISING STATISTICS

	July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984	July 1, 1984 June 30, 1985
Total months counted	12	12
Total work days counted	235	241
Spanish nationals	6,102	8,171
U.S. nationals	285	373
Nationals of other countries	416	344
Requests English/travel	1,202	1,593
Requests other information	4,710	6,428
Requests Medicine	891	867
Visitors	4,393	5,112
Telephone calls	2,410	3,776
Letter sent out	1,994	2,275
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVED (in person, by mail and by telephone)	8,797	11,163

A. (2) PROGRAM PLANNERS

ADMINISTRATION

A. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Board in June, 1985, reflecting members during the past academic year was as follows:

American Members

Mr. McKinney H. Russell (President)
Public Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States, Madrid

Mr. Anthony B. Chillura (Treasurer)
Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States, Madrid

Ms. Ilene Avery (Professor)
Director, Academic Year Abroad

Mr. Guy M. Newland
Director, Becton Dickinson, España, S.A., Madrid

Mr. Max Tudor
Director of the American School of Madrid, Aravaca

Mr. David G. White
Director of the International Department, Bank of Santander, Madrid

Mr. James Perrin (Observer)
Cultural Affairs Officer, Embassy of the United States, Madrid

Dr. Richard Predmore (Observer)
Director, International Institute of Madrid

Spanish Members

Mr. Miguel Angel CARRIEDO Mompin (Vice President)
Director General of Cultural Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Mr. Mariano ALONSO-BURON y Aberasturi
Subdirector General of Cultural Services, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Mr. Juan Antonio MENENDEZ-PIDAL Oliver
Subdirector General of International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Science, Madrid

Mr. Arturo GARCIA Arroyo
General Subdirector of Promotion of Research and Coordination, Political Science Division, Ministry of Education and Science, Madrid

Mr. Guillermo UÑA Martin
Subdirector General of International Cooperation, Ministry of Culture, Madrid

Mr. Julio NADAL Capara
Advisor to the Minister for Education and Research, Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs, Madrid

Mr. Manuel Maria GONZALEZ-HABA Guisado (Observer)
Subdirector General of Cultural Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Mr. Manuel GALA Muñoz (Observer)
Rector of the University of Alcala de Henares, Madrid

COMMISSION STAFF

Retroactive as of July 1, 1984, based on the results of the unit audit, the Commission staff was as follows:

Ramon Bela, Executive Director
Elizabeth Anderson, Deputy Director
Pilar Gomez, Coordinator
Maria Nieves Jimeno, Spanish Program Officer, Fulbright-Hays, Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao
Patricia Zahniser, American Program Officer, Fulbright/Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs
Shelley Buckwalter, Spanish Program Officer, Ministry of Education and Science, and "La Caixa"
Dana Galloway, Academic Advisor
Maricia McGowan, Academic Advisor
Conchita Herrero, Administrative Officer
Belen Lopez, Administrative Assistant
Miguel Lopez, Administrative Assistant
Maria Amelia Sendino, Executive Secretary
Elena Anton, Secretary
Esther Navarro, Secretary
Genoveva Peña, Secretary
Claudia Costanzo, Secretary
Rafael Egido, Messenger
Ana Gutierrez, Messenger

Mr. Tomas Moreno works part-time as Accountant. Mr. Gustavo Zozoya is employed by the Commission on a part-time basis in the Administrative Section. Ms. Gail Bier, Academic Adviser at the Institute of North American Studies in Barcelona, is paid by the hour in the capacity of the Fulbright delegate in that city.

C. COMMISSION QUARTERS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

On April 23, 1985, one week prior to the expiration of the lease on the Cartagena building, the Commission site since 1976, the offices were moved to other premises, also rented by the Ministry of Education and Science. The new address is: Paseo del Prado, 28 - 5th floor, 28014 Madrid. The Commission is most grateful to the Ministry for continuing to provide rent-free space, which is three times the size of the former offices. The savings under this arrangement are impossible to calculate in view of the ever-increasing cost of urban space in Madrid.

The offices, at the close of this reporting period, are undergoing renovation, the cost of which will be paid proportionately by the Commission and the U.S.-Spanish Joint Committees. The work includes masonry, electrical installation, carpentry, floor polishing and upholstery. Certain items of furniture will also be purchased. Plans include a fall inauguration.

D. AUDITING

The Commission accounts were audited again this year by Arthur Andersen and Company during the month of November. The report was dated January 10, 1985.

E. COMMISSION BANK ACCOUNT

The Commission's bank account remains in the Banco Español de Credito. A new account was opened for the administrative expenses of the F/MSC program. Separate accounts are maintained at the Bank of Bilbao and The "La Caixa" for their programs.

F. BONDED PERSONEL

The following persons are bonded by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company through its delegation in Spain: The Executive Director and Accountants of the Commission, the Vice-Chairman, Treasurer of the Commission (ASAO) and Cultural Affairs Officer of the Embassy of the United States in Madrid.

II. PROGRAM PLANNING, AMERICAN PROGRAM

A. THE STUDENT PROGRAM

Ten joint Fulbright-Hays/Ministry of Foreign Affairs awards (9 new full awards and one 12-month renewal) were offered for graduate research in Spain this year. Final selection from the panel sent by the Institute of International Education was made last year, based on individual merit and project interest. One IIE/ITT grantee was selected in the United States for graduate study in Spain, and one grantee received a Fulbright Travel Only/Lusk Memorial Fellowship for graduate study in Fine Arts. The Commission received notice that two grantees were to receive Fulbright Western European Regional Research awards, but these grantees never contacted the Commission. There were no other grantees funded by other Fulbright Fellowships Programs, although the American Program Office does provide information and assistance to U.S. scholars researching in Spain, and even continues to remain in close contact with the Association of American Programs in Spain, coordinating university - usually undergraduate - study abroad programs.

The field of History and Anthropology again dominated in this year's group of students (6 grantees). Also represented were Literature (3 grantees), Music, Political Science and Art. Efforts are always made to represent American universities nation-wide.

The majority of grantees continue to work from documents housed in state archives and private collections located in important cities (this year in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Valencia, Granada and Gijon), but the American office witnesses a growing trend to tap resources in other, frequently isolated areas, particularly when fieldwork is involved (interviewing and charting areas.) This trend seems to reflect the growing diversification of what in general can be termed Hispanic Studies in the United States. We also note a growing interest in musicology, a largely untapped field even in Spain. The Commission also receives a growing number of applications from students who have studied and, in some cases, completed preliminary research in their field in Spain.

A solid advance preparation does impulse progress once students begin their research in Spain. Nine months is not always enough for grantees to complete their project due to obstacles: limited hours of archives (even major collections) and organizational problems of same (insufficient staff, closed stacks, etc.). Students could compensate in part for such problems if more microfilming and photocopying could be done, but this is expensive and stipends do not cover much more than maintenance and purchase of minimal books and incidentals. Projects involving extensive travel encounter financial limitations as well. Grantees are forewarned as to these difficulties, as many are not aware that research outside of the United States is always more complicated.

The Commission provided half of the monthly stipends for the following student grant extensions: six months to Leslie Stainton; two months to Ginger Levant.

The student program represents approximately 56% of the budget of the Fulbright-Hays American Program. Even though the budget is tight, the Commission thinks it is important to offer at least 10 grants yearly in response to the number of American applicants, in the belief that grants for graduate research have long-reaching multiplying

effects. Achievements of this year's group have been noteworthy. Research in Spain leads not only to preparation of doctoral dissertations, but also provides an opportunity for interest to be sparked on many topics in Spain and in the United States (through articles, symposia, newspaper coverage, academic and professional associations, etc.,) and often leads to publication, both in the United States and Spain. This year's grantee in Political Science, for example, will be published by the Spanish Labor Ministry.

For the second time this year, American grantees attended the seminar "Introduction to the European Community and NATO" held in Luxembourg and Brussels, organized by the Commission in Brussels. Two student grantees attended, and submitted very positive reports.

This year the Commission decided to open the Student Program to less-advanced candidates, as soon as is feasible with regard to U.S. selection processes. In this way, it is hoped that areas of American academic community, possibly not continuing their post-graduate education up to a Ph.D. level, can also benefit from study in Spain. The exact conditions of these grants, included in the total of 10 joint Fulbright/Ministry of Foreign Affairs grants, are being determined at present.

Administrative help is also offered from this part of the Program in an effort to establish university linkages with graduate students.

B. THE LECTURER PROGRAM

The Commission continues its concentration in American Studies, expanded from 3 to 4 lecturers, now at the Spanish universities of Barcelona, Bilbao (Univ. Deusto), Madrid and Murcia.

The Lecturer Program now represents approximately 42% of the American Program budget. Teaching duties are carried out in the Departments of English, where Commission objectives have been directed towards the establishment of American Studies as a permanent part of the curriculum and the increase of the quality of Spanish scholarship and interest in this field. These objectives are being carried out in all four universities, primarily in American Literature, although other aspects of American culture and history are introduced into the subject matter.

This year's panel of lecturers has been active and included two intercountry lecturers.

The American Program Office gives administrative support to the Spanish Association of Anglo-American Studies, now closing its eighth year with a membership of over 600 students, professors and other members interested in all aspects of English and American culture. The Commission is the official seat of this Association, has a permanent collection of members' publications, and has already begun helping prepare their yearly conference to be held in Murcia next year. Their seventh conference, attended by over 1,000 people, was held in Malaga in December, 1984. Regular bulletins and a professional publication are sent to the members.

C. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES, AMERICAN GRANTEES

All 1984-85 grantees' final reports will be sent to USIA under separate cover.

1. Orientation

Extensive pre-departure information was sent to principal candidates immediately after selection was made. Individual correspondence with the American Program Office was maintained until actual arrival for participation in the required Orientation Course, held in Madrid from September 25-27, 1984. The first day was reserved for lecturers' briefing with Embassy officials, Commission staff and university professors. The program consisted of an introductory explanation of what the Commission offers them throughout (and after) their grant and a general introduction to selected aspects of contemporary Spanish culture, with special emphasis on the administrative structures with which they are expected to deal. The Embassy of the United States organized a briefing focusing on the economical, political and cultural situation, and other visits and social activities were planned.

2. The XXXI Berlin Seminar

The Seminar was held from 21-29 March, 1984. The Board has expressed its appreciation for the invitation extended by the Fulbright-Kommission in Bonn for three grantees and up to two Commission representatives to attend their annual Berlin Week. The American Program Officer represented the Commission staff, and the names of two student and one lecturer grantee were chosen in a drawing. All reports submitted were most positive, and it is hoped that this worthwhile event can be continued in future years.

3. Achievements, Former American Grantees

Dr. Mark Asquino, Lecturer in American Studies at the University of Oviedo in 1975-76, continues as Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid.

Mr. John Eignus Clark, student grantee in Literature in 1961-62, continues as Consul General in Seville, where he collaborates with the Commission.

Former student grantees Kathleen Vernon (Literature, 78-79), Ida Altman (History, 78-79), Norma Cantu (Literature,76-77) Margaret Greer (Literature, 80-81), Sara Nalle (History, 78-79) and Elizabeth Howe (Poetry, 73-74) received postdoctoral grants this year from The U.S.-Spanish Joint Committee for Cultural and Educational Cooperation.

Former Fulbright student grantee Alan Smith (Literature, 79-80) remained in Madrid as Resident Director of Boston College.

Many student grantees return briefly for research trips and visit the Commission to keep up contacts.

III. PROGRAM PLANNING, SPANISH PROGRAM

The following pages provide program planning for the five Spanish programs bearing the Fulbright name. These programs, financed by the U.S. and Spanish Governments, as well as by the Spanish private sector, are designed for Spanish nationals interested in graduate study, post-doctoral research or field training (social work) in the United States. The Salzburg Seminar grants are aimed at young professionals selected to attend two to three-week sessions on themes of current interest to the United States and Europe. Each program is different, varying in accordance to the priorities of the respective sponsoring government and/or financing entities.

A. THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAMS

As in previous years, the grant announcements were publicized in the media, and information was distributed to appropriate centers, including universities, ministries and U.S. consulates. The following sections describe the Fulbright-Hays Program for graduate study, The Council of Internatonal Programs (C.I.P.) for social workers and youth leaders, and The Salzburg Seminar for young professionals.

1. Fulbright-Hays Graduate Study, 1985-86 Academic Year

Applications for this grant, a total of sixty-seven - three of which did not meet grant requirements - were accepted between September 3 and October 15, 1984. Two committees were set up, one in Madrid and the other in Barcelona, and selection took place as follows:

Madrid: The eliminatory English exam (ALIGU) was administered by Commission staff at the "Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana" on October 22nd to fifty-one applicants. Two others, due to illness and travel contingencies, were examined on alternative dates.

On November 12th, the thirty applicants who passed the exam were interviewed at the Commission by an interdisciplinary selection committee divided into three area groups: Humanities, Science/Technology and Economics/Law/Business. Fourteen applicants were recommended by the committee. Refer to Attachment IX for selection committee members.

Barcelona: The ALIGU was administered on November 2nd by the Fulbright representative in Barcelona to eleven applicants (three withdrew from competition prior to the exam, due to selection as Fulbright/"La Caixa" final candidates) at the "Instituto de Estudios Norteamericanos.' On November 7th, personal interviews were held with the five applicants who passed the English exam, and three were recommended by the interdisciplinary committee. Refer to Attachment X for selection committee members.

On November 13, 1984, a sub-committee comprised of four Commission Board members (Mssrs. Alonso-Burón, Chillura, Menendez Pidal and Dr. Ilene Avery) met to review the seventeen selection committee recommendations. Six official candidates and five alternates were nominated for the 1985-86 Fulbright-Hays panel (Attachment II lists the names of the final panel; Attachment XI is the original panel as determined on November 13.) Several of the original official candidates subsequently received funding from other sources and thus withdrew from the program).

The pre-departure orientation program for these grantees was held on June 25, 1985 in the recently inaugurated Washington Irving Center in Madrid. Refer to Attachment XII.

2. Fulbright-Hays, The Council of International Program (C.I.P.)

In June, 1984, six applicants were pre-selected from a total of nine by a committee composed of two former grantees, Ms. Mercedes Babe (social worker) and Mr. Manuel Fiol (youth leader), both national directors of the Spanish Red Cross. Three applicants passed the eliminatory English exam administered in September, 1984.

The final selection took place on November 6th at the Commission. Ms. Jean Brady, the C.I.P. representative from Cleveland, and two former grantees, Ms. Ana Diaz Perdiguero (social worker) and Mr. Manuel Fiol, participated on this committee and selected, for 1985, the three candidates who had met the English requirement. Refer to Attachment II for the names of these grantees.

At the request of Ms. Brady, two candidates were also pre-selected for the 1986 program. Although approved by the Board of Foreign Scholarships together with the 1985 participants, final candidature will depend on retaking and passing the English exam.

The three 1985 grantees attended the April orientation program in New York and received a total of $ 3,400 in direct dollar support.

3. Fulbright-Hays, the Salzburg Seminar

For the 1985 Seminar, thirty applications were received. Selection interviews for session 237 ("European-American Relations with the USSR") began on November 30, ususally early, at the request of the Seminar. The committee, composed of Mr. Anthony B. Chillura, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, and Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, Deputy Director, Commission, selected Ms. Ana de Benavides, who was subsequently approved by the Seminar.

The interviews for the remaining sessions were held on December 17 and 18, 1984 at the Commission. The applicants met with Mr. Otto Koester, one of the Seminar deputy directors, who was assisted in an advisory capacity by former grantees specializing in the various session topics. Interviews with Dr. Koester also took place in Barcelona at the "Instituto de Estudios Norteamericanos" on December 20.

A total of thirteen (one withdrew) grantees were selected to participate in the 1985 Salzburg Seminar. They received financial support from the Commission in varying amounts - depending on outside funding, either from the Seminar or other sources. The distribution of funds was as follows:seven at 120,000 pts. each, four at 60,000 pts. each, and one at 30,000 pts., bringing the total Commission contribution to 1,110,000 pts.

4. Achievements, Former Spanish Fulbright-Hays Grantees

In 1984, Dr. Antonio García Bellido y García de León, a 1966-67 Fulbright research grantee, became a member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Sciences. Dr. García Bellido is director of the "Instituto de Genética del Centro de Biología Celular." He is one of the few Spanish scientists whose name has been proposed by U.S. universities as a candidate for a Nobel Prize.

B. The Fulbright/Bank of Bilbao Program

Refer to Part 2 of the Statistical Report section. As mentioned therein, the Bank of Bilbao opted to forego a grant program for the 1985-86 year. At the close of this reporting period, no agreement has been reached as to the publication of a grant announcement for 1986-87, although the Bank has manifested interest in continuing the program.

C. The Fulbright/Ministry of Education and Science Program

This program witnessed a significant change in focus with respect to grant norms for the 1985-86 academic year. As opposed to past years, the program no longer offers the possibility of pursuing graduate study, i.e., degree objective programs, in U.S. universities. Emphasis is now placed exclusively on research projects with a preference for candidates holding the Ph.D. Spanish equivalent. First-degree Spanish university students ("licenciados") may still apply, but the doctoral dissertation should be near completion. The unstated exception to this policy applies to those applicants in the field of medicine.

As a result of the foregoing, Commission administrative procedure was altered in that all final applications for processing in the U.S. were remitted to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Washington, D.C. Therefore, the 1985-86 program year marked the first, since initiation of the program in 1981-82, that candidate dossiers were not forwarded to the Institute of International Education in New York.

The 1985-86 Fulbright/Ministry of Education and Science grant announcement was published in the "Boletín Oficial del Estado" (Federal Register) on September 20, 1984. On October 31, 1984, the application deadline, a total of 149 applications had been received. The decrease in number of applicants as compared to preceding years (e.g., a total of 303 in 1983) is attributed to the exclusion of the graduate study category.

Selection took place in Barcelona, Seville and Madrid on December 4-5, December 7, and December 11-12, 1984, respectively. All applicants, with the exception of those residing abroad (a total of 13), were personally interviewed, as opposed to previous years when a pre-selection was made based on the written application and supporting documents. Oral English exams were administered by Commission staff.

The selection committee met on December 13, 1984, to determine the 1985-86 Fulbright/MEC panel. Refer to Attachment XIII for committee members. Forty-three official candidates were selected and seven applicants were placed in reserve pending budgetary considerations. These seven were ultimately included on the panel bringing the total number of grants to fifty (forty-three in the post-doctoral category and seven researchers with non-doctoral status). All grantees, regardless of degrees held and in contrast to past policy, will receive $1,300 in monthly maintenance and a total of $2,600 in program allowance. Grants also vary in duration, with the breakdown as follows: 42 twelve-month grants, 1 ten-month grant, 1 nine-month grant, 1 eight-month grant, and 5 six-month grants. Grantees will be eligible for grant renewal but only for the original number of months designated.

A pre-departure orientation program for the 1985-86 candidates was held in Barcelona and Madrid on June 19 and June 25, 1985, respectively. The former was offered at the "Instituto de Estudios Norteamericanos" and the latter at the new Washington Irving Center in Madrid. Refer to Attachment XII for topics covered. The orientation was offered jointly to Fulbright-Hays and Fulbright/MEC new grantees.

Attachment XIV provides a list of the 1985-86 Fulbright/MEC grantees who will begin research in U.S. institutions as of September, 1985. During the same year, thirty-seven 1984-85 grantees will continue under sponsorship of the program. They were officially approved for second-year grant renewal in May, 1985. With respect to the 1986-87 program year, the Commission has been informed that the grant announcement will be published in early fall of 1985.

D. The Fulbright/"La Caixa" Program

The norms and conditions of this program continue to be essentially the same as those initially established for the first program in 1983-84. In short, the program offers one-year grants for graduate study study in the U.S., renewable for a second year if appropriately justified by the university and grantee in question. It is the only Spanish Fulbright program not open to national competition; application is restricted to Spaniards who have attended universities and higher technical schools in Catalonia and the Balearic Islands. The only modification in this year's norms was the inclusion of several institutions whose students were not heretofore eligible: "Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia" (branches in Catalonia and the Balearic Islands), "Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas," "Instituto Químico de Sarría," and the Schools of Law of the universities in Barcelona and the Balearic Islands.

The third year of the program was open to application between June 4 and September 30, 1984. As in past years and contrary to other Spanish programs, applications of students in their final year of study were accepted for consideration.

A total of 132 applications were received. The English written and oral exam (ALIGU) was administered to 126 competitors on October 4-5, 1984, in Barcelona ("Escuela de Formación, la Caixa") by Commission staff, the Fulbright representative in Barcelona, and English teachers under contract by the "Instituto de Estudios Norteamericanos."

On October 10-11, 1984, the selection committee met at the "Escuela de Formación" to interview the 103 applicants who had met the English requirement. An additional six applications from Spaniards residing abroad were also reviewed, although those actually interviewed were given priority. The committee proposed thirty official candidates, two of whom were already enrolled in graduate programs in the U.S. and thus not present for the English exam and personal interviews. These candidates were officially approved on October 24, 1984 by the final selection committee. Refer to Attachment XV for a listing of selection and final selection committee members.

A pre-departure orientation program was offered to new grantees jointly by the Commission and "La Caixa" on June 19, 1985, in Barcelona. Participation on the round-table panel included a 1983-84 grantee and a 1984-85 grantee, the latter of whom will return to the U.S. to complete his degree during 1985-86. Refer to Attachment XVI for program details.

Attachment XVII provides a list of the 1985-86 Fulbright/"la Caixa" grantees. During the same year, thirty 1984-85 grantees will continue under the sponsorship of the program. They were recommended by the IIE and officially approved by the Caixa for second-year renewals in the latter part of the reporting year. With respect to the 1986-87 program year and as mentioned earlier in this report, the application period opened on June 25, 1985. Twenty grants are available under Fulbright sponsorship.

E. THE FULBRIGHT/MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROGRAM

This Program has not only defined its objectives in the 1984-85 academic year, but has also confirmed its intention to continue the Program, with an approximate number of 25 grantees of both pre- and post-doctoral, long and short-term categories. In order to maintain their slightly increasing budget yearly, they consider it desireable to announce between 20 and 30 awards every two years, devoting the year period in-between to renewals. There are similar grant programs in Spain which follow this pattern.

The Fulbright/MSC Program focusses on a needy area in Spain - Public Health in all its facets: medical (non-clinical) studies, sociology and psychology, economics, hospital administration, etc. The Program tries to reach such professionals as practicing physicians with or without their doctorate, educators and university professors, various kinds of employees of the Department of Sanitation, etc. The great majority of the long-term grants (12 months, renewable for another 12) are for Spaniards to enroll in Master's programs in Public Health and Nutrition at American universities. Approximately the same number of grants (in 1984-85, five of each were budgeted) are divided into the other categories: long-term (12 months) grants for post-doctoral studies; short-term (1-3 months) pre- and post-doctoral grants. Both categories of short-term grants are designed for attendance at seminars (this year the majority of these were awarded for study at the New England Epidemiology Institute in Amhert, Mass.) or study in another kind of non-degree program, professional visits or collaboration with American specialists, etc. Both categories of short-term grants are handled by CIES. This category lends a special flexibility to the Program.

MSC grantees are required to submit trimestral progress reports, and the Commission bears witness to the fact that all the grantees are satisfactorily achieving their objectives.

Unlike the Fulbright/MEC Program, comparably funded by a public entity, this Program is handled almost entirely by the Commission. The Ministry's role is limited to nomination of members of the Selection Committee, participation in these local and national meetings, final approval of individual grantee requests and routine program activities when asked by the Commission, and issuing payments for program and administrative expenses.

It was hoped that the relative decrease in program activities after September, 1984, would enable the Ministry to concentrate on the institutionalization of sending monies to the IIE and CIES, which has posed problems from the beginning due to their antiquated financial system. Dollar payments have been made for trimestral periods, but frequently arrive late; instead of improving over the year, funds released seem to suffer increased delays, and the final payment for 1984-85 will arrive nearly two months late. Similar delay is expected for September-November. On an exceptional basis, the IIE has advanced stipends for the long-term pre-doctoral grantees for the months of June and July. It is felt that these delays strain relationships between the Commission and the cooperating agencies, but the Commission has done everthing in its power to impress upon the MSC the importance of paying in advance. A letter has been sent to the Undersecretary of MSC in the hopes that improvements can be made, and their financial department has devised a new system involving printed forms to serve as receipts which will be sent shortly to the cooperating agencies.

At present, the Ministry is working on the announcement of the 1985 grant annoucement of their new program for the 1986-87 academic year.

The Commission is pleased to submit the Annual Report and hopes that USIA and BFS will request any additional information or clarification deemed necessary.