

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

PROGRAM.—INTERAMERICAN HIGHWAY

A. Statutory or administrative authority for the program

The Central American Section of the Inter-American Highway comprising 1,555 miles, is being constructed in cooperation with the Republics of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. These Republics generally pay one-third of the cost of highways through their countries, and have assumed responsibility for future maintenance.

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 1146) authorized an additional appropriation of \$32 million, of which \$30 million has been appropriated, to complete the highway to acceptable standards.

B. Output

The following table reflects the amount of work, by countries, provided by the \$32 million authorization (in thousands of dollars) :

	Fiscal years					Total
	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	
Guatemala.....	1,194	3,610		3,383		8,187
Nicaragua.....	860					860
Costa Rica.....	153	310	13,561	1,617	2,000	17,641
Panama.....	5,270	42				5,312
Total.....	7,477	3,962	13,561	5,000	2,000	32,000

C. Official having direct operating authority for the program

F. C. Turner, Director, Bureau of Public Roads.