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FINAL REPORT

CS41L VISIT BY DR J.E. QUISENBERRY

- CSIRO DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY,
COTTON RESEARCH UNIT, NARRABRI.
- SUPERVISOR : Dr N.J. Thomson
- COMMENCED : February 1987
- ALLOCATED : 1986/87 \$4,754

Dr. Quisenberry, Director of the USDA Water Resources Laboratory at Lubbock, Texas, visited Australia during February and March. He was keenly interested in our breeding program and very complimentary of our success in incorporating okra leaf successfully into a commercial variety since this has not been realized in the USA, despite many endeavours by many breeders over many years.

Dr. Quisenberry provided valuable advice in regard to our regeneration project and arranged direct communication with Dr Norma Trolinder, of Texas Tech, who developed the regeneration process we are using. Dr. Quisenberry was strongly of the opinion that it would repay us handsomely to send our technician to Lubbock for a short period of training to help us achieve a high efficiency in this new technology. He advised that this is standard practice in the States and that Dr. Trolinder has instructed many groups of USA researchers, both public and private, in this way.

While here, Dr. Quisenberry attended a number of field days at various locations from Emerald to Narrabri. Besides giving seminars he spoke at length individually with all our researchers and as expected proved to be very stimulating.