

January 31, 1997

## **MEMORANDUM**

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Subject: January Status Report

### **Purchasing/AP**

I participated in meetings, discussions, and documentation reviews regarding credit memos; use tax; closing, cancelling and reopening POs; PLOG and ILOG; and the vouchering/disbursing rules.

### **Position Control**

I regenerated and tested the LPBD and LEBN programs using the updated *Super List* logic for the *LEDR access method* (reported below).

### **Departmental Accounting**

I have continued to provide guidance on the issues and development of the various *category* help facilities.

### **Hrly-TS/Leave**

I investigated the required changes needed to the hourly *compute* program, got answers to the issues I identified, and re-coded this subprogram accordingly. Testing it will require completion of any and all the various functions that call it (Leave's EXTM and Hourly's time entry and batch functions).

I worked with David Savage and Cindy Knott to make some technical changes in the way these applications *look-up* some common data base values throughout the application. This seemed the appropriate time to do this since practically all programs are being modified and retested.

I investigated a problem reported by Michelle involving hourly appointed employees, identified the cause, and advised David Savage so that it could be corrected during the revision process.

Ava and I consulted extensively regarding how leave should and could be processed for terminating employees.

### **Supplemental Pay**

I have completed the Payroll Calendar (PCAL) and Extra Pay (XPAY) functions and made them available for testing by Becky and Jennifer. The payroll calendar also required *entry* program changes and the development of two subprograms to load calendar data for the PAYROLL application. Completing XPAY necessitated development of a subprogram to handle multiple Cost Center distributions (percentage or dollar based); LTRS, LTPR, and LTXP Target transaction lists;

setting up the necessary Predict definitions for field help; and another file modification. The file change was to retain the compensation period associated with each payment. Thi scheduling logic turned out to be so complex I didn't want to have to do it again in order to feed the compensation period to the *black box* and Labor at payment time.

The basic components of the Supplemental Pay (SUPP) function are also working. It still needs to set default values and apply edits to the *deductions and other earnings* which are presented on screen 2. This will require access to the MSA Payroll master and necessitate the development of a BASIS DOE table maintenance function. Many of the edits performed by SUPP are based upon an internal compensation type table I developed. In order to verify that those are correct and to help document the function, I plan to develop a window where those rules will be displayed.

## **NSM**

Still no user feedback on the new *type* of command security (Selective) which was made available on DEMO in October. I think I've forgotten what I needed to know to implement this.

## **PREDICT**

Regarding the problem accessing screen help text stored on Predict after migration to DEMO and PROD, the Software AG Denver support representative reported on January 21st that he was able to duplicate the problem and has forwarded it on to Germany.

## **Program Generator**

The data base access logic for the LEDR access method of the Super List macro was rewritten to address several subtle problems. The above mentioned PSB lists have been regenerated and made available on DEMO. I hope they get a good testing.

## **General**

### ***OS/2 Warp 4***

I have installed this new operating system release on my PC. This was the smoothest OS/2 implementation I've ever had and I like the new version, though I don't have the hardware to use some of its features like *voice type*. However, I had extreme problems with the new *Personal Communications Workstation* product, which was to replace the old tn3270. The documentation is all online, but very fragmented -- you can't get to it all from any one place and much of it is hard to find. It also documents features which aren't available since this is a limited use version (a fact which is not easily discovered). Beside these hassles, the product does not work as advertised regarding keyboard mapping. Some keys remap fine while others produce errors. After posting queries to TEAMOS2-L, the best advice I got was to buy the full version product (list price of \$300 or an upgrade for about \$100), or revert to the old tn3270 which is on the CD-ROM but officially no longer supported. Needless to say I'm using the second option in order to get my work done. I still need to get the SAG documentation working (a Windows product), install Netscape Navigator and the Acrobat Reader, and figure out a video problem which causes a portion of our *User Profile* screen to not display when I'm running at 1024x768 resolution. More futzing in February.

### *3270 Documentation*

Pete is developing some documentation for the 3270 workstation, so that our users will better understand how they interact with our BASIS applications and what features are available. I think this will be very useful and appreciate Pete's efforts. I performed a couple of reviews of this document.

### *Other*

I continue to provide consulting and assistance to both users and technical team members as requested, though I have begun to keep my door closed during portions of the day in order to have uninterrupted time to work on my own assignments.