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MEMORANDUM

To: Dennis Stropes
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Subject: August Status Report

General

Report Output Destinations

I have not heard from the Service Center regarding setting up a training/discussion session. *Printers* were set up in August for the Development Office, Registrar, and Engineering Research Center. Support questions were handled from Cheryl Banks (Rehab) and feasibility discussions held with Collette Bates (Business Administration). Bill Jasinski, BADM's Netware administrator, doesn't know what needs to be done to enable our printing to their Netware queues, so I turned in a request to have David Boyster provide the necessary instructions.

Craig Brown went through the Service Center's database reviewing open log's I had in response to the issues I reported last month. It appears that mostly there is a communication problem, and that we should discuss these matters with the Service Center. Regardless of the reasons, the following are still outstanding:

- Lennie Carroll of AVCB and Paulette Tate of Grad Ed both have Mac printers connected to Apple Talk and are waiting for Netware print queues to be setup for them. (Craig says these were done, but I don't know the print queue names and Lennie didn't recall being told either.)
- Ben Hancock in Architecture and Shirley Eaton in Physics have printers directly attached to Macs, and would like to know if products are available that would provide *LPR services*. (Craig said he located some *free* software on the Net that would seem to do this. It would need to be tested.)
- Betty Wilcox and Helen Newton in Law have had their printers (law_124 and law_218a) setup, but the print is not reaching the Mercury print queue (per Ken Whalen).

I still need to modify the USA application code to enable online printing for SYSB CMS IDs.

On-Net

I attended a User Services (Workstation Team?) discussion regarding the continuing need to license and charge users for On-Net. No viable alternatives were presented other than to only install the software (and charge for it) for users that really need it. I did provide Marie Riley with the name of a potential replacement: WebConnect, written in Java.

Ken Osredker

I interviewed, offered input on training, reviewed the documentation available, and provided general BASIS background information for Ken.

Customer Relations/Health Plan

I attended the customer relations kick-off session and the Jim Duncan's presentation regarding health plan changes.

Labor Distribution

A meeting was held to discuss changes to Labor needed for next year. These involve changes to the *Comp Types*, adding more fringe benefit percentages, flagging adjustments, and permitting an *add* to record adjustments for a prior calendar year that would otherwise leave an employee with negative year-to-date totals.

Purchasing/AP

Several meetings were held identifying changes required to our *invoice* files, and I have made corresponding Predict modifications for the **Accounts-Payable** and **Receiving-AP-Line** files. Copies of these have been distributed to team members.

I completed the packaging of the ATM by developing 7 copycode members, developed the PT (Purchasing Text) function to test and demonstrate the ATM, prepared some initial documentation, conducted a training/discussion session for the users, and have almost completed the facility to insert text from another entity. The initial version was placed on DEMO and immediately yielded 3082 errors. This is a quirky error we started getting in early 1995 when we used the InCore database for travel related purchase orders. After some digging, I rediscovered that it is caused by the existence of an Adabas password specification that is being set somewhere in DEMO but not in TEST, and that we had applied a *quick fix* for Travel of resetting the password. No one knows where the password is originating, so I added a reset to the initial *logon* program, which solved the problem. I have been surprised by the very limited feedback I've received from the users regarding the ATM, though Donna has indicated her satisfaction.

I also attended meetings discussing bid processing (short term and long term) and Library invoice processing.

Position Control

I have been involved in the specifications for the *pay calculation* and discussions regarding the one time fields on the Employee file.

Budget

I participated in more meetings reviewing the screens and documentation for the online functions, and have made the argument that there is no need to store fringe benefits when they can always be calculated as a percentage of salaries.

Supplemental Pay

I reviewed and discussed the Supplemental Pay function Becky has documented and have updated the SUPPLEMENTAL-PAY file definitions to reflect the latest discussions.

Hourly Time Sheets

The screen tags for the cutoff time on CALM were changed and the definition of the Racial-Ethnic-Category was changed, both at the request of Team Leaders. I also wrote a *one time* report (that has been changed and run twice) to identify the impact of the minimum wage change. Pete looked over my shoulder during this process and has since written additional programs to identify when I9 forms can be discarded from the HR files. I have provided support through this process.

Program Generator

A bug was found in the MSF model that was introduced last January with the change in the assignment of the TIME-STAMP. It prevented repeated updates. It has been fixed, but must be hand coded into any affected programs since it occurred within the MOVEFLDS modifiable block.

Becky found a bug in the MENU program that involved centering menu titles when the length was one less than the maximum and the menu command was issued from a function. The macro was corrected and all menu programs regenerated and moved to production.