

May 6, 1996

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Dennis Stropes  
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ISM-L  
Subject: April Status Report

### **General**

#### ***Report Output Destinations***

These facilities are ready for production and I'm ready to turn the coordination, setup, and administration of new output destinations over to someone else. Since the announcement of the *coming* of these facilities on BASIS-L, I have had two requests for CMS IDs and the following printers:

- Research Accounting, ADMN-305@Neptune
- Human Resources, HMRS\_3@Mercury
- Cheryl Banks PC printer in Rehab
- Financial Aid, fin\_aid@Mercury
- Arkansas Union, Union\_admin@Neptune

After waiting three weeks for Tech Services to diagnose why we could LPR to some printers but not others, I talked with David Boyster (Netware file server administrator, apparently) and found that each print queue must be 'enabled for Unix to Netware printing'. Unfortunately, they want to do this enabling on a print queue by print queue basis (versus having that as the default). This adds a delay to every printer setup, and requires that the Netware administrator get involved.

The above printers have been setup with the exception of the Union's. Each one has required at least a half dozen phone calls, with more problems than the 'enabling' being encountered. Cheryl Banks' printer is not on a server, whichs required her to obtain a domain name and the Workstation team to install the OnNet printer daemon. I've been told that the Union's printer was 'enabled', but it still won't work which means another problem report back to the Service Center. The Service Center needs to handle the entire process, but they will need some training to understand all the pieces.

The SAFARI team has also gotten involved. Ron requested a Registrar printer be setup, and has been experimenting with our MVS-OUTPUT-DESTINATION file. This resulted in a desire to access this data from within SAFARI, which has required changes to the Adabas file so that there are group names for the *key* and *result* portions of the record. These have been made on TEST with no word yet on the acceptability of these changes.

There is still a problem getting landscape output on non-postscript HP printers. This feature is to be provided by a NPF user exit coded by Tech Services, but is not yet working.

#### ***Screen Help Text***

Predict 3.3.2 has necessitated changes to our routines that manage and access the text used for our screen help. This text has been stored in Predict's 'description' for an object. The

file structure of where descriptions are stored has been changed and access is now only supported through a user exit (USR1051N). I recoded the updating of these descriptions (via a program that post-processes Script/GML output) and the access routines to use this user exit. In conjunction, enhancements were made so that emphasized text (words or phrases that were bold or italics in Script) would appear on the screen highlighted.

### ***Paul's Conversion to OS/2***

I've assisted Paul in getting his new machine up and running with OS/2. In return, Paul is showing and teaching me things he has learned about the OS/2 operating system. I am pleased to have another OS/2 user in the house, and think I may have an OS/2 convert.

### ***Directory Request***

I participated in several discussions, e-mails, and meetings related to the analysis and evaluation of a request from the Steering Committee related to providing *directory* information in BASIS this year.

### **Labor Distribution**

I have been acting as a resource for Michael during his development of a Payroll Distribution transaction extract based upon Company Center selection. In conjunction, I updated PGZFDOR (macro to Format Data for an Output Record) to handle records greater than 253 bytes.

Unless otherwise directed, I plan to modify the LOAD1 program during May to correct data errors we are currently experiencing.

### **Travel**

The travel advance check print job (UPJPTAC) started bombing on 4/29 after the implementation of Natural 2.2.8. With Don Barnett's help, it was determined that this was caused by a bug previously reported on SAG-L -- the lrecl of the print output file was less than 133. After an unsuccessful attempt to use one of SAG's work-arounds (set line size less than the lrecl), I changed the output to a temporary dataset with lrecl 133 and added a UDACS step to truncate the records. Since this *print* file is downloaded and post processed by the Bottom Line PC program, its format needed to remain constant.

### **Purchasing/AP**

I attended seven meetings where the primary topics were receiving and expense accounting. The concepts for quantity and dollar receiving seem to be gelling, and seem to be understood by the team. Regarding accounting, a decision was made to generate an expense at the time of payment versus at receiving. This is *very good* news for us as it will be much simpler to implement. A major factor in the decision was regulations regarding the billing for grant expenditures only after we have disbursed the funds for those expenditures.

I need to start work on the general text management facility that will be used throughout UPS, since the users are beginning to grumble about it.

## **Position Control**

I cleaned up and finished the POS, POSI, POSF, RDP, and PBNLRDAC (subprogram to log records deleted after a cutoff) routines. This involved incorporation of field changes since these were last touched, adding screen 2 to POSI, and fixing the CCC updates on POSF. I also consulted with David Hyatt on the Script documentation format for PSB functions and Ava on the DC Target process. On TEST, I have rebuilt the three Position files as separate physical Adabas files. (We will be doing more of this now that Adabas v6 supports more than 255 files.) I still need to write some *different than paid* lists and a salaries and fringe benefits encumbrance routine.

## **Budget**

I participated in another seven meetings discussing budget concepts, converted the Position-Budget, BU-Balance, and Dynamic-Balance files to real files, and defined Company-C and Dept-Acct-Category-C conceptual files.