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Nancy R. Cleveland

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Title: Medical and Technical Coordinator, LC Technologies, Fairfax, VA

Summary: Mrs. Cleveland is a Registered Nurse with thirty years experience. She has an extensive background performing clinical evaluations of people with disabilities using the Eyegaze System, an eye-operated communication device. She demonstrates Eyegaze at educational and rehabilitation institutions, and trains professionals and families in the use of the System. She is also medical advisor to the LC Technologies' engineering staff on the development of the Eyegaze System, providing the medical expertise necessary to adapt the technology to people with profound motor disabilities. Prior to joining LC Technologies, Mrs. Cleveland worked as a Registered Nurse in the fields of emergency medicine, trauma and acute psychiatric care.

Employment:

LC Technologies, Inc., Fairfax, VA (1988 - Present) Mrs. Cleveland has principal responsibility for the clinical evaluation of people who are non-verbal and quadriplegic to determine the efficacy of the Eyegaze System as a tool in their rehabilitation. Evaluations involve extensive work with individual disabled clients of all ages using the Eyegaze System, and adapting the technology to their needs based on an assessment of their physical limitations and a review of their medical records.

Eugenia Hospital, Philadelphia, PA (1986 - 1988) As Head Nurse and Nursing Supervisor, Mrs. Cleveland managed an 18-bed acute care adolescent psychiatric unit, with responsibility for the physical and emotional assessment of patients. She also developed and implemented treatment programs working with a multi-disciplinary team of physicians and psychologists.

Dominion Hospital, Falls Church, VA (1982 - 1986) Mrs. Cleveland worked on an adult in-patient psychiatric unit and an eating disorders unit.

Previously, Mrs. Cleveland coordinated emergency medical care from assessment and triage through hands-on patient care in several hospitals in Fairfax, VA, Norfolk, VA, Abington, PA, and Philadelphia, PA. She was also a Pennsylvania State paramedic instructor for 7 years.

Education:

B.S. in Nursing, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1986

Selected Publications:

Cleveland, N.R., and Doyle, M.G. "Eyegaze Computer System: How Does It Work? Who Can Use It?",

Closing the Gap 10th Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 22-24, 1992.
Cleveland, N.R. and Doyle, M.G. "Nurses Collaborate with Engineers in R&D to Bring Eye Tracking Technology to People with Disabilities", Nursing Spectrum Magazine, April 1993.
Cleveland, N.R. "Eyegaze Human-Computer Interface for People with Disabilities", First Automation Technology and Human Performance Conference, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, April 7-8, 1994.

Selected biographical sketches

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Dr. Scadden is Senior Program Director for the National Science Foundation's Program for Persons with Disabilities. The Program develops and supports research and educational projects that promote full inclusion and participation of individuals with disabilities in science, math, engineering and technology education and career development. Previously, he was Director of Technology Application Programs at the Electronic Industries Foundation. Dr. Scadden began his career as a laboratory scientist at the Smith-Kettlewell Institute in San Francisco, advancing from Research Psychologist to Senior Scientist. His research related to the development and evaluation of technology for individuals with sensory disabilities. Later he served in the U.S. Department of Education as the first Deputy Director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Dr. Scadden holds a B.A. degree in Government from the University of Redlands, an M.A. in Psychology from the University of the Pacific, and a Ph.D. in Visual Sciences from the University of the Pacific's Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

He has served as an advisor and consultant on adaptive technology for numerous public and private organizations including the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology, the Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers in Paris, and the Ministry of Welfare in India. He served as co-chair of the National Industry/Government Initiative on Computer Accessibility for People with Disabilities; member of the National Task Force on Women, Minorities, and the Disabled in Science and Technology; and Chair of the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Committee for the U.S. Access Board. He served as a lecturer for the United States Information Agency in Russia on technology for disabled workers, and he was as an Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions on Rehabilitation Engineering.

Dr. Scadden has published and spoken widely on technology applications for people with disabilities and the need for the design of accessible mass-market electronic products. His honors include the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Redlands, twice named a Mary E. Switzer Scholar by the National Rehabilitation Association, Fellow of RESNA, the National Achievement Award for Technology and Persons with Disabilities from the NEXT Computer Corporation, the Strache National Leadership Award from California State University - Northridge Center on Disabilities, the FCW 100 award from Federal Computer Week and the FOSE Industry Trophy from National Trade Productions for work on computer accessibility for people with disabilities. The College of the Pacific's Medallion for contributions to his academic discipline and to community service. The National Science Teachers Association's initiative on Science Education for Students with Disabilities established an annual Lawrence A. Scadden Outstanding Teacher Award for a high school science teacher who has made an exemplary contribution to inclusion of students with disabilities.

Mike Zelley, Co-Chair

James Billy

Denise Denton

Denise Denton [Biographical Sketch: Dr. Denice D. Denton is the Dean of Engineering and a Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington. She received the B.S., M.S. (1982), and Ph.D. (1987) in Electrical Engineering from M.I.T. Denton was a professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1987 to 1996.]

Margaret Doumitt

STAR Center, parent

Jim Foley

Jim Foley earned the B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University in 1964, the M.S. in E.E. from the University of Michigan in 1965, and the Ph.D. in Computer, Information and Control Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1969. He is Executive Director of the State of Georgia's Yamacraw Mission and Professor at Georgia Tech. In 1996 he joined Mitsubishi Electric as Director of MERL - A Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratory, and became Chairman and CEO of Mitsubishi Electric Information Technology Center America in 1998. He previously served on the faculties of the University of North Carolina; the George Washington University - becoming Chairman of the Department of EE&CS; and Georgia Tech - as founding Director of the interdisciplinary Graphics, Visualization & Usability Center in the College of Computing from 1991 to 1996. The Center was ranked number one in 1996 by US News and World Report for graduate computer science work in graphics and user interaction.

Foley is co-author of three books: Fundamentals of Interactive Computer Graphics, Computer Graphics: Principles and Practice, and Introduction to Computer Graphics. He is a Fellow of the IEEE and ACM, Treasurer of the Computing Research Association, and a member of the Human Factors Society, Industrial Research Institute, Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, and Sigma Xi. He was editor-in-chief of ACM Transactions on Graphics from 1991 to 1995, serves on the editorial boards of Computers and Graphics and Presence, and

has consulted extensively for industry and government. In 1997 he was awarded SIGGRAPH's bi-annual Stephen Coons award for his contributions to computer graphics.

Larry Goldberg

Larry Goldberg is Director of Media Access at the WGBH Educational Foundation as well as Director of the CPB/WGBH National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM) which he founded in 1993 as a department within WGBH, Boston's public broadcasting institution. The Media Access departments at WGBH consist of The Caption Center, Descriptive Video Services (DVS), and NCAM.

NCAM is a research and development facility dedicated to the issues of media technology for disabled people in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities. NCAM's mission is: to expand access to present and future media for people with disabilities; to explore how existing access technologies may benefit other populations, to represent its constituents in industry and legislative circles, and to provide access to educational and media technologies for special needs students.

Mr. Goldberg was the founding chairperson of the Working Group on Advanced Television Closed Captioning of the Television Data Systems Subcommittee of the Electronic Industries Association. This group has responsibility for the design and captioning system for the U.S Advanced Television system.

Mr. Goldberg was awarded WGBH's first patent on November 5, 1996 for the invention of "Rear Window^U" - a system for displaying hidden captions for deaf and hard-of-hearing people in movie theaters, amusement parks and other public attractions. The system has been adopted by conventional movie theaters, IMAX large-format screens and more than 30 Disney theme parks and attractions

Mr. Goldberg has been deeply involved in a collaborative effort to assure that the nation's policies regarding new information systems (the "National Information Infrastructure") and the design and implementation of those systems includes a pragmatic goal of including people with disabilities. This focus has taken the form of numerous publicly and privately funded projects which examine these issues in educational and consumer-oriented settings.

Prior to joining the Caption Center in 1985, Mr. Goldberg created and managed video and audio productions for various corporations,

entertainment groups, television and radio stations, and Harvard University, where he was Media Director for the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Goldberg has spoken and published widely on accessible media for consumers and for the classroom including a plenary session at the International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Mr. Goldberg's undergraduate work focused on Cinema Studies and Broadcast Journalism (BA., University of Southern California cum laude, 1976). His graduate work was in computer graphics at the New York Institute of Technology.

Diane Golden

Steve Jacobs

President of IDEAL at NCR, an NCR Business Resource Group (BRG) whose mission is to support NCR employees with disabilities and the development of Information Technologies (IT), that are accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities. Mr. Jacobs' area of technical expertise is IT-access and design. Jacobs' other responsibilities have included spending six years managing a variety of NCR technical support, application development and technical education organizations. Jacobs also spent two years as a hardware product manager, four years as a commercial industry marketing manager and five years in system sales.

Earl Johnson

An interesting note is that The Co-founder of Sun Microsystems, Earl Johnson is a major developer of accessible programs that are being spun off using JAVA.

"The ADA is really what brought me to Sun nine years ago," says Johnson, a quadriplegic since a bike accident 13 years ago, and founder of the Enabling

Technologies Project and Sun Accessibility Team.

Johnson, who gives credit to Sun for its support of the Enabling Technologies Project, which he started in 1991 as the forerunner of the Sun

Accessibility Team, lauds Sun's leadership in enabling product developers to design accessible products. By starting with research in the lab, Johnson says he was "allowed to fail, to learn from my mistakes and press on without negatively impacting the company." His work with the X Windowing System resulted in Mercator, a screen reader prototype, and Access X Keyboard enhancements such as StickyKeys and MouseKeys, which provided a springboard for accessible technologies within the Java platform. Now Java technology has made it easier for product developers to incorporate speech controls, and mouse-only or key-only keyboards into the work stations and home lives of people with disabilities.

Eric Jolly

Eric J. Jolly is a senior scientist and vice president at the Education Development Center, Inc., a not-for-profit, research and development "think-tank" which operates projects in more than 20 countries including 500 schools within the United States. He is a member of numerous honor societies including Sigma Xi, Phi Eta Sigma, Mortar Board, and Golden Key, and is also a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow. Dr. Jolly is the former Assistant to the Chancellor at the University of Nebraska and has served in a leadership capacity at universities around the country including posts of department chair, acting dean for education, and associate dean of arts and sciences. He is fluent in several languages including sign languages.

An active scholar, Dr. Jolly has been associated with the Buro's Institute, the Radcliffe School of Public Policy, and the Center For Research On Minority Education. He has published many scholarly articles and book chapters and lectured throughout the world. His most recent book is Bridging Homes and Schools, an educator's resource for supporting parental involvement in education in multilingual communities. Through his positions on the Rhode Island and Nebraska (Lincoln) Indian Councils, Eric has brought leadership to issues and programs representing more than 4000 indigenous people from over 50 Indian Nations. He has organized the nation's largest college SADD program; authored a widely read newspaper column on substance abuse; hosted a National Radio Call-In Program; founded the National Institute for Affirmative Action and serves on numerous national and community advisory boards. His current projects include service to the International Board of the Christian Children's Fund, UNESCO (United Nations Education Programs), CEOSE - a congressionally chartered equity oversight committee of the National Science Foundation, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science Committee on Opportunities in Science. He is a partner to the NSF "Collaboration for Equity" project and a consultant for the National Center for Fairness and Social Change.

Deborah Kaplan

Not current but will suffice....

Ms. Kaplan holds a law degree from Boalt Hall Law School in Berkeley, California. She is Vice-President of the World Institute on Disability, where she oversees agency-wide program management, represents the agency in public forums and before other organizations, and participates in planning and development. She is also the Director of the Division on Technology Policy, for which she oversees policy projects that bring together leaders of national disability groups with representatives of the telecommunications industry to educate each other and find common goals. Under her direction, The World Institute on Disability has initiated WIDnet, a national computer-based bulletin board and database service on disability policy. She has also performed work for the National Council on Disability to examine funding for assistive technology.

Ms. Kaplan is a member of the Clinton Administration's Advisory Council for the National Information Infrastructure. She is Treasurer and a Co-Founder of the Alliance for Public Technology, which has the mission of promoting the benefits of the Information Age for all segments of society. She is a member of the Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law of the American Bar Association, and she is President of the Board of the Oakland-based Center for Urban Family Life. In addition, she is an advisor to the California Center for the Environment and the Economy in planning for conferences on telecommunications policy.

In 1985, she became a member of Pacific Bell's Intelligent Network Task Force. In 1990, the California P.U.C. appointed her to the Administrative Committee of California's Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program, which she served on until 1994. She is a past member of Pacific Bell's Telecommunications Advisory Panel (TCAP), which she chaired in 1992. Ms. Kaplan is a past member of the National Governing Board of Common Cause and the Civil Justice Foundation.

She founded the Disability Rights Center in Washington, D.C. in 1976 and served as its executive director for four years. She returned to California in 1980 where she worked as Staff Attorney for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund. She also served as Chairperson of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities during that time.

Sue Kroeger, Ed.D,
President , AHEAD
University of Arizona

Priscilla Sanderson

Jim Tobias,

Principal, has worked on accessible and usable technology for more than 20 years. First as a technician at Berkeley's Center for Independent Living, later as the Rehabilitation Engineer at the Matheny School and consultant to a wide range of public and private agencies, he joined Bell Labs and later Bellcore as their in-house expert on disability issues. After 10 years, he left to found Inclusive Technologies, the only firm of its kind offering both technical and non-technical services to companies, agencies, and consumer organizations. Jim is a long-standing member of RESNA, participated in the Access Board's Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee, and helped found the Association of Access Engineering Specialists. Jim's difficult personality and hopeless attempts at humor force us to restrain him to a rather small office.

Gregg C. Vanderheiden

Professor/Director

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Gregg C. Vanderheiden is a Professor in the Industrial Engineering Department at the University

of Wisconsin-Madison, and Director of the Trace Research & Development Center at the

University. The Trace Center is the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Information

Technology Access, and a part of the RERC on Universal Telecommunications Access (both of

which are funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research). He is

also the lead investigator for the National Computational Science Alliance's efforts focused on

universal design of computation science and web infrastructure technologies, and principal

investigator on over 100 grants and projects in the area of rehabilitation engineering, access to

national information infrastructure and next generation information systems, computer access

systems, and augmentative communication & writing systems for children and adults with

disabilities. Dr. Vanderheiden has been working in the area of access to technology for over 25

years. His early work was in the field of Augmentative Communication, where he coined much

of the terminology, including the term "augmentative communication." More recently, he has worked with the computer industry in getting it to build disability access features directly into their standard products. For example, the Macintosh OS has had access features since 1987, OS/2 and the UNIX X Window system since 1993, and Windows 95, 98, NT and 2000 have almost a dozen Trace Center developed features in them. Dr. Vanderheiden's research currently involves the development and testing of guidelines and strategies for building access directly into the full range of information technologies and telecommunications systems.

Dr. Vanderheiden received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Magna Cum Laude), a M.S. in Biomedical Engineering Program, and a Ph.D. in Technology in Communication Rehabilitation and Child Development. He is a member of the Steering Committee of Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) International Program, the National Information Standards Office (NISO) Digital Talking Book Standards Committee, Cost219 bis, a European consortium on ensuring access to next generation information systems, member of Consortium of Rehabilitation Engineering Research Organizations, founding member of International Committee on Accessible Documentation for People with Print Disabilities (ICADD), amongst numerous others. Dr. Vanderheiden was a member of the Telecommunications Access Advisory committee and the Electronic Information Technology Access Advisory Committee for the US Access Board, and served on the steering committee for the National Research Council's Planning Group on "Every Citizen Interfaces," and co-authored the NRC's More Than Screen Deep Report. At the 6th Annual International World-Wide-Web Conference in 1997, he was presented with the Yuri Rubinsky Memorial World Wide Web Award.

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B.A. cum laude, University of Southern California

Expertise: Governmental policy, legislation, implementation and compliance with civil rights laws protecting people with disabilities from discrimination; expert witness and disability rights trial preparation assistance; national and international public policy impacting access to electronic and information technology

Known as the author of the first accessible web design standards for local government recognized as a "best practices" model by the US federal government and the League of California Cities (see <http://www.amcity.com/sanjose/stories/1997/10/27/focus3.html> and http://www.sjpl.lib.ca.us/Home/Archives/awards/hp_award.htm); named to the "Top 25 Women on the Web" by Webgrrls International; frequent author, speaker and trainer on topics relating to disability rights law, access to electronic and information technology, accessible web design, online voting, digital economy, employment and construction.

Chair, Santa Clara County Advisory Commission for People with Disabilities (Advise Board of Supervisors on countywide disability policy)
Co-Chair, Santa Clara County Committee to Prevent Violence Against People with Disabilities
Vice-Chair, State of California Access Code Committee of the Building Standards Commission (Conduct public hearings on CA Title 24 Building Code amendments and advise Building Standards Commission)
ADA Mediator, Key Bridge Foundation USDOJ Referral Program (Serve as pro bono mediator for Americans with Disabilities Act complaints filed with the US Department of Justice)
Member of the Board for The Women's Foundation, California Center for Law

and the Deaf, Wordcasters.com and DPI, Inc.

Member of Advisory Board for the HTML Writers Guild AWARE Center (Accessible Web Authoring Resources and Education Center)

Member, International Accessibility Board, Portuguese Accessibility Guidelines

Participant, "Boosting the (UK) Digital Economy - A Virtual Think Tank"

Participant, World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Accessibility Initiative

Interest Group

Participant, The Internet Society Task Force

National Organization on Disability Representative; consecutive appointments by City of San Jose Mayors Susan Hammer and Ronald Gonzales

Possible Commission representation

Industry

Medicaid -- PA guy? Margaret Doomit

Advocacy -- Andy Imparato, Jim Gashel, Alan Dinsmore, Jennifer Dexter, James Billy, LaDonna Fowler

Academic Experts -- Cynthia Waddel, Greg Vanderheiden, Judy Brewer, Priscilla Sanderson

Non-profit/foundations -- Christina Foundation, Comptia Education Foundation, Kellogg

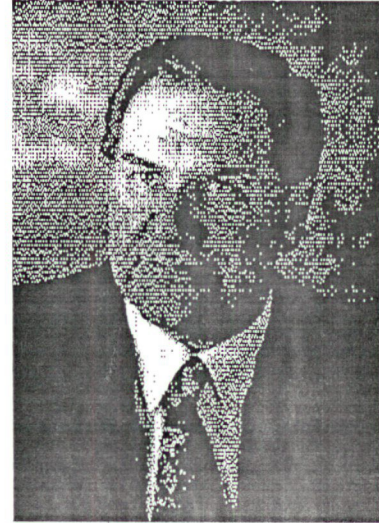
Tech Act (RESNA): Mary Binyon?

Schools: NEA Technology person? Jan Labelle, president of parent training centers

Universities/community colleges: Association of disability offices at universities

Biography of M. Richard (Dick) Shaink

Dick Shaink is the President of Mott Community College, a multi-campus institution serving Flint and Genesee County, Michigan. MCC is currently building a \$41 million Regional Technology Center that will help drive the regions economic development efforts and prepare the regions workforce to succeed in the global economy. His experience is a rich blend of education with business, community and economic development. Dick's solid educational experience and marketing background enables him to communicate effectively with the broad spectrum of community members.



Former positions he has held include President of Central Community College's Platte Campus in Columbus, Nebraska, and Vice President of Community and Economic Development at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska. He was Dean of Instruction at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. At Jackson Community College he served as the Executive Director of the Center for Small Business and Entrepreneurial Development and the Director of the Job Training Institute. His business experiences include the positions of General Manager of the Meridian Mall in Okemos, Michigan, industrial sales representative, production line supervisor, and secondary skill center teacher. He has been a part-time instructor at Michigan State University and Lansing Community College. His Ph.D. is in Educational Administration from Michigan State University. Dick is most proud of his Associate of Arts degree he earned at Jackson Junior College.

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**Carl R. Augusto
President
American Foundation for the Blind**

Carl R. Augusto, President of the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) since May 1991, is well known in the field of blindness and visual impairment, having served in a variety of professional and volunteer leadership capacities since 1971. During his tenure, he has guided AFB toward improved financial stability and greater focus in addressing critical issues facing the field of blindness, most notably the preservation and strengthening of specialized services for blind and visually impaired persons nationwide. From 1985 until his appointment as AFB's President, he served as Executive Director of the Cincinnati Association for the Blind (CAB), a private multi-service agency. His accomplishments included expanding service programs to encompass assistive technology training and early childhood intervention. He guided CAB through its first strategic plan and the development of its first program evaluation system.

From 1975 to 1985, Augusto held several staff and management positions with the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC) in New York City. Appointed NAC's Associate Executive Director in 1981, he coordinated review teams responsible for evaluating services and management practices of agencies and schools in the blindness system nationwide and assumed a leadership role in the revision of NAC's management standards.

Prior to his positions with NAC, Augusto worked as a rehabilitation counselor for blind clients with the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped and Helen Keller Services for the Blind, a private multi-service agency in Brooklyn.

Augusto was a member of AFB's Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1991. He has also served on the boards of Descriptive Video Service and Radio Reading Services of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. He was President of the Cincinnati Host Lions Club from 1988 to 1989 and a past chair of the strategic planning, certification review, and bylaws and structure committees of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER). He presently serves on the boards of the National Assembly and National Industries for the Blind (NIB).

Augusto has published several articles within and outside of the blindness field. He has received numerous honors and awards, including the George Card Award, presented by the American Council of the Blind for outstanding services to blind people, the J. Kenneth Cozier Award for distinguished services in Ohio, presented by the Ohio Chapter of AER, and the Ken Morlock Award for Outstanding Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired Community, presented by the American Council of the Blind of Ohio.

Augusto holds a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from New York University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Connecticut. He and his wife Susan have two children. The family resides in northern New Jersey.



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To: Jonathan M. Young/WHO/EOP

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Subject: Digital divide for service-connected veterans

Good morning Jonathan, Pat O'Neil forwarded to me your e-mail below. Let me first introduce myself. I work for Pat and have been investigating the extent of a digital divide for our service-connected disabled veterans. I am attaching a copy of my preliminary review for your information. I concluded, after my research, that no one had conducted an assessment of the extent of a divide for this particular group and that the first step would be for us to conduct an assessment.

Soon after I completed that review, Dr. Steve Kaye of the US CA released his study titled Computer and Internet Use Among People with Disabilities. According to our VA statisticians, the findings presented in this report would apply to our service-connected veterans who are rated 30% or more disabled, a universe of about 960,000 veterans, according to our records. Therefore, there is no need to conduct an assessment, but rather to explore/identify ways in which to close this divide.

Over the past few weeks I have begun to explore what we can do and how, etc. I met with officials from the National Cancer Institute who have secured a grant from NTIA to establish pilots around the Nation to provide more internet access for health care purposes.
(According to a Jupiter report, a large number of Americans sign on seeking health care information).

I have been in contact with Steve Downs, Director NTIA who will be meeting with Pat, myself and others here at VA next week to explore opportunities for partnerships, pilots, funding, etc. However, NTIA grants are not available for federal agencies. NCI was able to use their research arm to obtain a grant.

I have written the CIOs of the surrounding states of PA, NC, VA, and MD, providing them with a copy of our preliminary review and suggesting that we get together and discuss how we might partner to close this divide.

Also, staff here have begun conversations with AOL grants and the Bill Gates Foundation.

Our thought is that if we could partner the states with funds then we could "enable" the closing of this divide. That, however, is just one of many ideas. We do believe, however, that this divide for our service-connected disabled veterans should be a high priority; with the benefits from closing

it, enormous. These veterans would not only be able to participate as citizens, but given the way we are building businesses today, they might also be able to become gainfully employed and work via the internet.

I am looking for the highest level of support we can gather to bring the funds and right people together to move out on this. We would welcome sitting down and discussing this with you. I can be reached at 202-273-8004 or via this e-mail address.

thanks,

Jennifer Duncan

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--Original Message-----
From: Jonathan_M._Young@who.eop.gov
[mailto:Jonathan_M._Young@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2000 6:48 AM
Subject: [DD] My absence

I apologize for not making a couple of the recent Wednesday calls. Things have been unbelievably hectic the last few weeks with preparations for the ADA's 10th Anniversary, and I've been getting called into lots of meetings, many on short notice. And I've just not kept up with notifying everyone on my change of schedule.

Here's a brief update (and I'll follow-up with more detail) later: We are currently looking at having the President do a Digital Divide trip in late September. July was just too congested with all the ADA activities. Besides, September enables us all to focus on the ADA and then have more time to plan for this significant trip.

I'd like to do some conference calls in the next couple of weeks before the anniversary to review the current status in more detail and explain how you can be of help. In the meantime, please call me with individual questions. I'm attaching an updated list of contact information. (It's in a table format in Microsoft word; let me know if you'd like a different format.)

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