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SIGNET User Access to the Internet a Reality

This month, some 300 users at Headquarters were provided with desktop access to the Internet to facilitate their work. As well, Copenhagen, Detroit and Hong Kong provided a select number of users with Internet access on a pilot basis.

Direct Internet access is provided by a secure firewall between SIGNET and the Internet. The project will be evaluated at the end of the summer and, if all goes well, the

second phase of the service will begin in the fall.

At present, employees can access the Internet from a standalone computer using a commercial service provider. Standalone workstations having access to the Internet can be found in the Library and in the BICOs and LISOs.

The SIGNET User Access to the Internet project is one of the four key projects that make up the Department's Internet

Implementation Plan. The first of these projects, the DFAIT Web Site, was inaugurated in July 1995. The other projects include the Intranet and the DFAIT Research Page.¹

Questions concerning the first phase of SIGNET user access to the Internet should be directed to Jill Morrell (SXCA) at 995-4920.

¹ See "Special Supplement on DFAIT World Wide Web Activities," *SIGNET News* No. 18/96, March 18, 1996.

ICONDESK Upgrade

Over the period July 11 to September 12, 1996, all Headquarters users will receive an upgraded version of ICONDESK that fixes the known problems with the software and addresses many of its irritating quirks. The upgrade will be done one server at a time. You will be advised by broadcast message when the upgrade is to take place on your server.

Once the upgrade has been installed at your workstation, you will notice the following changes in ICONDESK.

1. Changes to Mail

1. **OUTBOX.** The Outbox List Layout will now display the TO field instead of the FROM field. This means that your outgoing messages will show the name of the first recipient rather than your name. All other folders will display the FROM field. Remember, you can amend the

List Layout of any of your folders through Options and change the FROM field to a TO field (or display both TO and FROM fields).

2. **LOGOUT.** You must now close all Mail Manager tasks (Mail, Filing, Profiles, etc.) before logging out of IBIsys. If you have browsed attachments to documents in Filing, you will have to close the attachment's application (WordPerfect, QuattroPro etc.) as well.
3. **SAVED Messages** will now automatically be filed in the WORK folder. Note: when you REUSE a message from this folder, it too will go into the Work folder unless you enter Message Options and choose a different folder. This now provides the true functionality of the Work folder.
4. **ATTACHMENTS.** When adding an attachment, you will have to

Add the Attachment before modifying the Description.

5. **COMPOSE MESSAGE.** ICONDESK will now notify you when the name you entered in the Recipients field (in Compose Message) partially matches that of an Alias.
6. **TEXT wrapping.** Message text now wraps correctly when you print a message using File/Print from BROWSE (in Mail).
7. **DUPLICATE "FROM" Fields.** The "From" field (now named "Author") will no longer be duplicated each time a message is saved and reused.

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