SIGNET-D up to the level of PROTECTED (SENSITIVE), and to sign it.

Another security product, **Permit**, will give you the assurance that your workstation is trustworthy for the performance of daily tasks (i.e., that no one but you can access your workstation). Entrust and Permit should be available to users by the end of this fiscal year." Jean-Maurice Moreau, Systems Engineering (STEE)

Status: Funded

Corporate Applications

Can I expect STD to provide on-going refinements to corporate data?

"The corporate applications are a set of programs available through SIGNET (Missions, Profiles, Other Government Departments (OGDs). The main purpose of these applications is to provide users with tools to obtain, create and distribute Department-based information to assist them in their daily work. STD is continuing to refine these applications (e.g., OGD e-mail addressing), as well as to develop new applications to provide all SIGNET users with better access to corporate data.

To promote data sharing and provide users with high quality data, Bureau data management specialists are working on improving the quality and efficiency of Department data." Colin Burnett, Application Development Section (STED)

Status: Funded

Applications Development

My division is interested in developing informatics applications. What expertise or services can STD provide?

"As part of its mandate to provide technical support, to facilitate the transfer of technology and to serve as a source of expertise to the Department's functional areas that are interested in developing/owning informatics applications, STD assists various divisions to automate their work by providing requirements definition and software development services, such as design and programming. The Bureau's technical specialists develop corporate technical standards and provide consulting on the integration of new applications with the corporate database and SIGNET technical infrastructure.

In addition, STD supports application developers with data modelling, documentation, database design/development and data quality assurance services." Colin Burnett (STED)

Status: Funded (to the extent of limited resources)

SIGNET Standard Software

What new software can I expect to use this year?

"The original SIGNET implementation included an 'office automation suite' of software consisting of WordPerfect, Quattro Pro, and ICONDESK. During the balance of the fiscal year, STD will be testing commercial off-the-shelf software (COTS) to establish Departmental standards in such areas as data base management, local contact management, and presentation. The investigation will be done with the active participation of SNUG to ensure that user needs are met." Larry Hatt, Systems Engineering and Development (STE)

Status: Testing of COTS funded; implementation not funded

ICONDESK 4.4

Are future up-grades to ICONDESK expected?

"ICONDESK 4.4 has been implemented at Headquarters and will soon be installed at missions. This brings us to the end of a phase with Olivetti, the suppliers of the software. While no future up-grades to ICONDESK are forecast from the developer, a small in-house team will work with Olivetti to improve its performance and integration with other Departmental applications." Larry Hatt (STE)

Status: Funded

Workgroup Filing

How will workgroup filing software products help me organize the information I need to manage from my desktop?

"Although SIGNET was introduced with shared I: drive access for short term filing and document access across workgroups, the solution is a limited one and unsatisfactory for long term electronic filing and retrieval. The capabilities of the IBIsys filing system associated with ICONDESK mail systems offers an effective solution to this. A pilot project involving LGB, EER and our embassy in Mexico will start shortly to evaluate the IBIsys software for workgroup filing. The pilot should be completed by the end of July.

The pilot will use the ICONDESK Filing module to enable users to create filing cabinets and folders in which to file documents they create and receive via SIGNET. Access to these cabinets may be personal or shared. To facilitate searching, documents held in Filing may be indexed in full and keywords may be added. If the results of the pilot are satisfactory, and we believe that they will be, Headquarters and missions will have the software installed by year end." Diane Crouse, Records Information Systems (SKRC)

Status: Pilot funded; installation of software not funded