basis. A similar facility for missions will be undertaken at the end of the fiscal year.

Although CD-ROM drives are fast becoming a standard option in the purchase of workstations in the marketplace, where users require multi-media applications or large graphics, for performance reasons these kinds of applications should be delivered on standalone PCs."
Peg Duncan (STEA)

Status: The ongoing operations and maintenance of this service are not funded currently, but a budget is being sought.

Remote Connection

Will it be possible to logon to my e-mail account when I travel?

"Dial-in to SIGNET is a long-standing need that will be implemented. A prototype system has been tested, final integration is now underway, and general availability is planned for the fall of 1995. The capability being provided will permit you to access your SIGNET e-mail account, as well as other services on SIGNET (e.g., file access) when you travel.

As a point of interest, a Secure ID card will be used for MITNET access for voice calls away from the Department. This will be done by means of a secure ID card in North America and secure modems abroad." Larry Hatt (STE)

Status: Funded

SERVICE PORTFOLIO FACTS

FUNDED	UNFUNDED
* Posts not yet "SIGNETized" * SIGNET-C; Secure Lan pilot funded; and Workstation Security funded * Corporate Applications * Applications Development (to extent of limited resources) * Investigation of COTS * On-going technical support for ICONDESK 4.4 * Workgroup Filing pilot * Groupware Options prototype * Internet (basic capability) * Mail-enabled Fax * Shared CD-ROM pilot * Remote connection	* Bandwidth * Implementation of COTS * Installation of workgroup filing software * Installation of groupware products (e.g., Lotus Notes) * Fax gateway at missions * Shared CD-ROM ongoing operations and maintenance, but a budget is being sought

In summary, what's exciting about 1995?

"Exploring and developing the solid base we've assembled.

The Information Systems Bureau is proud to have achieved (classic) SIGNET deployment throughout the Department. That's so gratifying after the considerable time, effort and capital that we've spent over the past three years. Our initiatives and accomplishments have strongly positioned STD for the future, but only through close relationships with our clients will the Information Systems Bureau continue to meet changing consumer needs.

As we move the structure of financial resourcing for informatics to cost-recovery by April 1, 1997, the ratio of STD to client resourcing will virtually switch from majority to minority. This, we hope, will allow for more effective client input. We firmly believe that the people who should be driving the development of new software products and the refinement of current products are those who use them. If you, as a client, want more corporate applications, upgraded workstations, and new software, you will be asked to plan for and identify the funds to support these services.

As I am reminded daily in my work, the challenge for the Information Systems Bureau becomes to develop an on-going consultation process through which the re-thinking of the work of the Department, and the development of better applications of the technology, can be mutually reinforcing." Richard Kohler, Director General (STD)