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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: October 22, 1993

RE: Dole/WID 1992-93 ADA Contract Final Report

The World Institute on Disability (WID) has had a contract with the Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities from September 1, 1992 to August 31, 1993 to provide assistance in the development of a bibliography about the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I have served as the principal investigator for this project from its inception. For the first eleven months of the project I pursued this project in my capacity as a WID employee. Since then I have continued on this project in a consultant capacity.

This report is conceived as a final report for the contract period described in the preceding paragraph. Each item of the contract will be addressed:

CONTRACT WORK PROVISIONS

The Dole Foundation for Employment of People with Disabilities hereby contracts with the World Institute on Disability (WID) to do the following:

1. Solicit materials about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) from a variety of sources, including a nationwide mailing using WID mailing lists.

A nationwide mailing soliciting materials was distributed in early November 1992. This mailer utilized WID's mailing list and generated approximately 50 responses. In addition, requests for materials were placed on the following computer networks: WIDnet, DIMEnet, and Enable, generating about a dozen responses. Finally, 43 specific requests were made during the course of the year as further resources surfaced. Most of these requests were met and are included in the bibliography draft.

2. Compile the best information pieces about ADA targeted to or from a consumer perspective.

All resources collected have been analyzed and placed in bibliographical form. We are currently awaiting the comments of the Dole Foundation Technical Advisory Committee as to whether a "best-of" compilation meets their desires for distribution. This



meeting will occur about November 8, 1993 and it is then Dole's responsibility to notify WID as to their desires about how to proceed with this work.

3. Compile a file of from 10-50 of the best examples we can find that have been published pertaining to consumer involvement in the passage of the ADA.

We originally thought we might find some interesting historical documents regarding ADA passage. During the course of the year, we discovered no particular distinctions between resource material addressing ADA and history of ADA, and have thus not attempted to specialize in this subcategory.

4. Collect and share responses from in-service trainings about ADA and trainings of consumers as available.

Early in the project we discovered this was a far larger task than originally anticipated and a mutual decision was made to ignore this point and concentrate on collection of published resources.

5. Collect 25-75 written materials and computer disks pertaining to consumer responses/evaluations of ADA trainings.

See preceding comment addressing Item #4. In addition some questions of confidentiality arose regarding evaluations and if this item is to be pursued in the future, then the legality of confidentiality issues needs to be explored further.

6. Collect 25-75 information pieces about major consumer complaints and/or claims using ADA.

Complaints and claims moved into publication slowly during the year and some questions arose regarding which complaints or claims were particularly relevant. A mutual decision was made to collect information about claims, but not to worry about analyzing or publicizing them. The decision remained to concentrate on published resources.

7. Develop an annotated bibliography of the best ADA materials.

A draft of an annotated bibliography containing 95 entries, approximately 3/4 of which were contributed by WID was submitted during July 1993. We are awaiting word from the results of the Dole Technical Advisory Committee meeting in early November, 1993 as to next steps with regard to the bibliography and its possible dissemination.