February 8, 1996

Mr. John Lohmeyer, Chairman X3T10 Mr. Robert Snively, Member X3T10 & X3T11

Thank you for your letters of January 17 and January 27th. I am taking the liberty of a collective response to your letters since it appears that they both deal with the same issues and request similar information. I would encourage you to make this letter and its attachments available to others in you committees who share your concerns.

I think that it is most unfortunate that issues involving the IPF have been so disruptive to the work of your committees. It is particularly so when the concerns involve misunderstandings or suppositions as opposed to legitimate differences. While, given the current state of unrest, it may be too much to hope that I can convince anyone to like the IPF program, I can at least provide you with a factual basis upon which to evaluate the program.

One point needs clarification at the outset. That is, who is doing this to you? As pointed out in my November 30th memo, the IPF is <u>billed</u> by various means depending upon arrangements between ANSI and the SDOs involved and the funds are used by ANSI to pay for its cost of administering the international IT program <u>on behalf of the IT industry</u>. The IT industry (for the purpose of funding the IT program) is represented by industry members of the ITCC. The current program was devised by industry volunteers, like yourselves, not by ANSI staff. In addition to ITCC members, the program has been reviewed with the staffs of the SDOs involved and, specifically to your concerns, was endorsed by the representatives to X3 and the JTC 1 TAG. All of the groups I have mentioned are completely open management groups, composed of industry members, that are charged with dealing with matters such as the IPF. The answer to the question is, industry is doing this to itself, and, therefore, I don't think that there is a good basis for any claim of "taxation without representation".

Are changes possible in the program? The answer is clearly yes. For example, we considered the dot group billing issue last July, in the presence of the Chair of X3T11 and at the request of his committee, and again consider it at our 2/1 meeting (reversing our previous position). However, there are some practical factors that ITCC must take into account. A major one is that we are currently in the midst of the 1996 billing cycle so changes to the program, depending upon their nature, will likely have to wait for the 1997 billing cycle. The implication of this is that you need to be mindful of all of the current rules and their implications. In particular, the escrow scheme being considered has no bearing on membership requirements, and if pursued would only lead to the termination of your memberships. ITCC is willing to consider any changes that will improve the system. Failure to resolve an issue in the manner you would prefer, however, does not mean the committee has not given a fair hearing to your issue.

There is one point on which I think we can all agree. That is, the IPF program should be fair in both its construction and its implementation. Of course, what is fair depends upon ones perspective. Several years ago, the program was funded entirely by ITCC member dues (several paying \$75K/year) and by ANSI general funds. That might seem fair to you, but I think that you can understand why the ITCC members and ANSI did not feel that was fair to them. Even today, ITCC member dues (\$15K/year) continue to guarantee for industry the continuation of the program, since IPF receipts have not covered the entire program cost to date.

What ITCC has deemed fair is a broad based program, paid for by all of the industry members that benefit from the existence of the JTC 1 committee. The broader the base, the lower the individual fee, with the intent that a fee that is small relative to other costs of participation (\$300 certainly meets that criterion), while never welcome, is at least not onerous. While the program costs include specific SC Secretariats, it is really the JTC 1 SC infrastructure that is being supported since we must support some as our share, and the specific SCs the US supports will change over time. Our intended outreach, therefore, is to <u>all</u> US committees involved in JTC 1 technology -- "period". The number of TAGs involved, or the number of JTC 1 sub-groups involved, or the number of contributions processed are not relevant. If we attempted to take into account such factors in the design of the billing algorithm, in a system with thousands of participants and hundreds of groups, we would spend more in collections than we would net. Ease of billing is an essential requirement.

The invisibility of "services" that can be directly linked to an individual IPF is due to the fact that what is being "bought" is an infrastructure. For example, your tax dollars pay for roads and bridges that you individually may or may not drive on, but perhaps the truck that delivered your groceries, or the gas for your car, drove on them.

With respect to the implementation of the program (the billing system) we have had some start-up problems. Most of these are behind us now, but some important ones remain. These are mainly committees (in IEEE and TIA and other groups) that should be being billed but are not. ITCC is actively working on these issues. The overwhelming majority of those billed an IPF for 1995 have paid the bill. We collected an IPF from 1737 people in 1995 and we expect to increase this for 1996.

Attached are several ITCC documents that provide the data you requested. These are (this information is being regularly made available to JTC 1 TAG members):

- 1. A summary chart of Income and Expenses by source.
- 2. A summary of the 1995 IPF funds collected indicating the source of the funds (including the current ITCC members).
- 3. A summary of the program expenses for 1995

The question about ANSI vs. ISO style guides is not an issue for the ITCC. If you have specific concerns in this area, I suggest that you refer them to the ANSI Publications Department.

Lastly, I encourage you to discuss your concerns with your representatives on the ITCC or the SDO management committees. If you have further questions about the program, or have specific recommendations for change, I would be happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Gibson Chairman, ITCC

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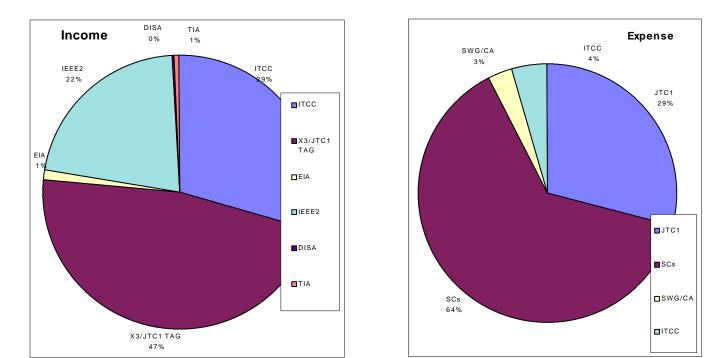
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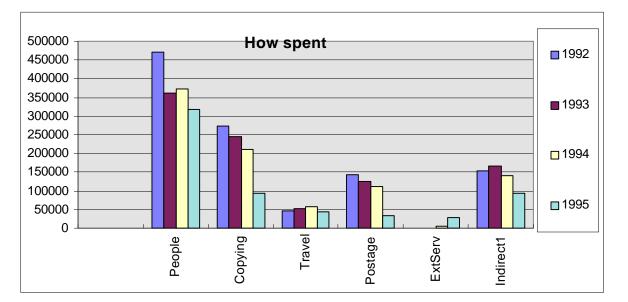
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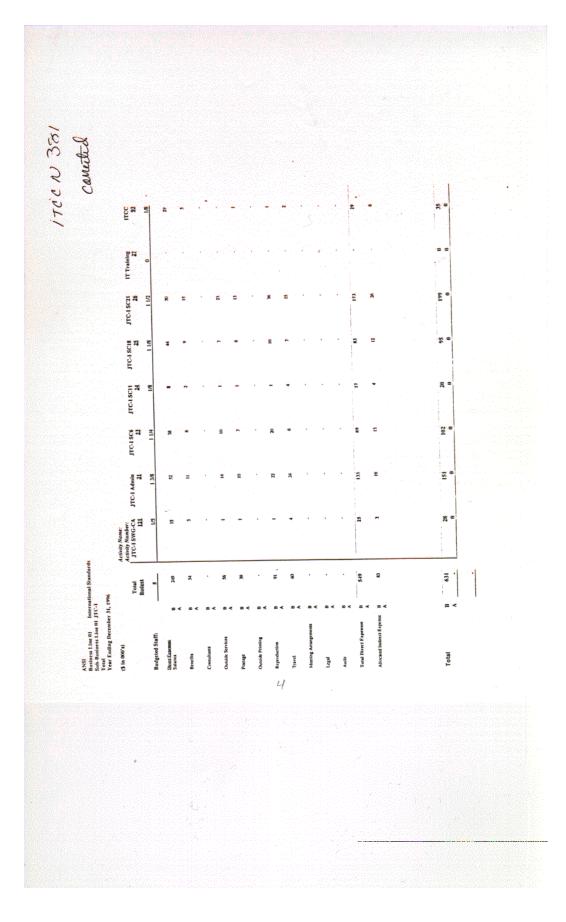
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- 1 Indirect = items such as office space, telephone, etc
- 2 IEEE is comprised of P802 = \$100k, P1003 = \$30k, other committees = \$10k







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