

- Testing of the C modules in a network environment, along with the D software and interface accessories, has been proceeding satisfactorily, and the sign-off scheduled for 10/15/86 should be accomplished on schedule. Shipment of the ITT computer hardware is also expected in October, and this combination of quality approval, software availability, and hardware shipments, will support the scheduled 11/1/86 FCS on the balance of the Connexions program.
- The A Prime product test releases were received for each of the two micro and two mini desktop models, but the mini transcribe model approval has been delayed one month. The standard cassette pilot units were shipped on 9/23, on schedule. However, due to the mechanism design difficulties, the economy version of the standard cassette desktop has been delayed - pilot delivery has been rescheduled from 9/28 to 10/15. Service documentation has been forthcoming from the vendor, and introduction and service manual preparations are underway. Status meetings have been scheduled monthly until product launch in order to coordinate all related support and marketing material, and factory production has commenced, so all action items are in place to achieve the scheduled FCS on all A Prime models.

Small Work Group

- The SDRS FCS has been postponed until January 1, in order to avoid any potential distraction in the field from our fourth quarter push for maximum Connexions sales activity. Accordingly, we have scheduled public introduction for a radiology convention that will take place in late November through early December, but we will withhold product shipments to the District offices until January 1. Testing of the basic SDRS is running about one month late, so it is unlikely that the November 1 FCS would have been accomplished in any event. In a joint Stratford/R&D effort, the idea of integrating the Connexions computer with the SDRS product was originated and feasibility was demonstrated this month - information in the SDRS system was communicated and displayed on the Connexions computer terminal. The desired level of integration has been specified and included in the Connexions enhancement program that is now underway at R&D. In addition to user interface cleanup and improvements, the Connexions enhancement program will now also upgrade the SDRS to a digital system with a CRT monitor/inquiry capability.

→ The pilot delivery of the 1925 Console was completed on October 2, on schedule; this included a full complement of pilot samples for marketing and product test purposes.

* An engineering model of a small digital voice system was demonstrated to Product Planning in Melbourne this month. In a phenomenal engineering effort, Kerry Erendson designed and built (in his basement, in seven months spare time) a system that could serve as small tank replacement or a very cost effective digital call check. The demonstrated fidelity was the best ever for Dictaphone.