

# MEMORANDUM

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TO : Dr. Robert Billings  
Director Regional Liaison

DATE:

*April 7 1982*

FROM : Assistant Secretary, OERI

SUBJECT: National Technology Conference

*Inelling on April 9 told H.F. Technology  
Init. Final Plan NCT approval.*

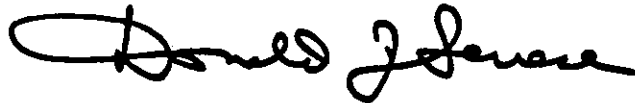
As we discussed, the National Technology Teleconference will launch the Secretary's Technology Initiative. By linking up with Project BEST, the conference will reach 50 state sites as well as up to 272 public television receive sites, through innovative use of audio and video teleconferencing. At each of the state sites, conference participants will include representatives from state and local education agencies, the private schools, the governor's offices, the legislatures, boards of education and institutions of higher education.

The conference, scheduled for June 22 and June 23, 1982, will provide an overview of technology, focus on applications of technology in education to improve the quality of learning and foster excellence in public and private education, and describe cooperative efforts between schools and the private sector, and high-light international technology efforts in education.

I want to thank you for your willingness to involve the regional offices, and your offer of the services of the regions. The first step in the participation of the regional directors of dissemination will be training activities at the University of Maryland, May 10-13, 1982 conducted by Project BEST. The training will focus on information relating to technology and effective educational applications, the necessary skills to coordinate educational technology activities and conference planning, as well as provide an opportunity to meet the state coordinators for Project BEST in their region. I appreciate your commitment to this project as evidenced by your willingness to cover the regional offices' travel and per diem expenses related to the three-day training sessions.

As I see it, the regional offices will have both short term and long term roles to play. In the immediate term the offices will help formulate conference activities, disseminate information about the teleconference in the regions, help insure the participation of key people in the national teleconference, and participate with key educators from the states in

public/private schools, as well as with leaders from the private sector. The Technology conference is the initial activity of the Secretary's Technology Initiative. The regional office staff will have a continuing role as specific activities relative to the initiative unfold over time. While state coordinators will coordinate state-wide technology activities for Project BEST, the regional office must play a key role in facilitating cooperation among the states.

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Donald J. Senese