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TO: ISO/[EC JTC1/SC22/WG5 Members
FROM: Jeanne Martin, Convenor
SUBJECT: Ballots and Other Matters

Varying String Ballot The result of the SC22 ballot on the varying string draft was:

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| Yes without comments | 7 | (Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Japan Netherlands, Romania) |
| Yes with comments | 2 | (Germany, Sweden) |
| No with reasons | 3 | (Canada, UK, USA) |
| Not Voting | 10 | (Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iran, New Zealand, Switzerland, USSR) |

All three no votes objected to Varying Character as an amendment to ISO/IEC 1539:1991. If adopted as an amendment, it would have to become part of the next revision of ISO/[EC 1539:1991. Since this is something we never intended, we need to make another choice as to the document type. See **N877** for the other choices. Bob Follett (Chair of SC22) says (in **N877**) that if we resolve the technical comments, and obtain SC22 approval for a change in document type at the SC22 meeting in September, we can proceed to DIS level. The comments returned with the SC22 ballot appear in **N876**. The project editor has prepared a response to the technical comments in **N876** (see **N878**). An informal WG5 letter ballot is initiated by this distribution to elicit opinion on these points. Note that the due date for this ballot is **May 17, 1993**. The results of this ballot will allow the project editor to create a new document that we can review at the WG5 meeting in July.

Corrigendum Ballot The results of the WG5 ballot on the proposed first corrigendum to ISO/IEC 1539:1991 are summarized in **N881**. Item 39 was withdrawn by X3J3 during the ballot period. A new response to that item was adopted at the 124th X3J3 meeting, so this item will appear in a subsequent ballot. Of the remaining 69 items, 67 passed and 2 (items 13 and 98) were considered to have failed. I believe that decision should be reassessed at the July WG5 meeting, and I draw your attention to the Hirschert comments on (internal) page 8 of **N882**. There were a large number of comments returned with the ballots, some accompanying negative votes. However, no item (other than 13 and 98) received more than 2 negative votes. All of the comments have been sent to the defect editor to review. We should have a draft corrigendum to consider prior to the July meeting.

Other Matters:

SC22 ad hoc meeting on Character Issues in Copenhagen in April Keith Hopper (New Zealand) has been replaced by Lee Dickey (Canada, also Convenor of SC22/WG3 - APL) as Convenor of the ad hoc group. WG5 will be represented at the meeting by Miles Ellis and Dick Hendrickson. We can expect a report from them at the July WG5 meeting.

Retirement of Mike Roth Mike is retiring and will not be attending the July meeting. We will miss him and his capable recording of our activities. He will remain on the membership list, however, and may join us when we meet in Edinburgh in 1994.