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PLANNING TASK FORCE - 1991 INDUSTRY RESEARCH AGENDA

March 19, 1990 TO: RESEARCH COMMITTEE NO. 7-90 RE: PLANNING TASK FORCE - 1991
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number of possible research projects of interest to ICI members. This process is about to
begin for the 1991 fiscal year and I wanted to both bring you up-to-date on how the process
works and solicit your thoughts on research proposals which might be considered for
inclusion. The Committee process to develop research projects includes an important new
step this year. Here is the current plan: New this year, we have established a subcommittee
to collect and screen project ideas prior to discussion by the full Research Committee.
Given the size of the full committee (52 members) and the number of possible projects, we
think this will be an important improvement in the efficiency of the collection process. The
subcommittee was selected to represent the major types of member organizations,
methods of distribution and so forth. This group will meet at ICI on April 24, 1990 with the
objective of producing a short list (say 6-10) of the most promising projects. Research
Committee members will review this list of projects prior to the June 6th Committee
meeting, where discussions will take place. Revised project descriptions will be sent to each
Research Committee member for preference ranking of projects. The results will be
tabulated and the resulting list will guide the ICI in establishing research priorities in the
ICI's budget process for next year. The projects which are funded will be presented at the
full Research Committee's October meeting, and small groups of members will be recruited
to work with ICI staff on each project. We are anxious to identify your ideas on important
topics for research projects prior to the subcommittee's meeting on April 24, 1990. Please
contact any of the subcommittee members listed below with your thoughts. Tom Mack,
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about this undertaking, please phone either Sandy West, (202) 955-3509 or me, (212)
713-2082. Please respond before April 24th.