

MEMO: Accomplishments List
TO: Dennis
FROM: Theresa
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This is a partial list which does not include 1979 & 1980 since those cases are in archives. All case workers will have to sort through at the same time. You will have the information before ~~January 7~~ (Holiday time out and vacation Jan. 3 to 5.

My list does not include the last 4 out of 10 closed case files. The injury I did to my back does not permit me to stand at the closed files too long. (Mona is having the same problem.) You will have any information from these drawers before December 24.

Kevin B. - Enlisted in Army, was told when he would enter and when he would graduate from Boot camp - made wedding plans accordingly. Induction was postponed for a week. At graduation, class was told no week off, only a base pass for the week-end. The Senator got him home for his wedding. Sept. 1982

Boston Architectural Center - Mitch and I worked hard at the request of the solar lobby to get the DOE solar library housed in the Institute of Energy Conscious Design at BAC. June, 1982

David B. - Called by Peace Corps for duty in Senegal - departure to be 3-16-82. Wanted his IRS refund to buy supplies before leaving country. Received check 3-12-82.

John B. - Bought home in Chelsea & agreed to finish remodeling of kitchen. Had been told by realtor that natural gas in house for stove & hot water heater. When they asked for hook-up, Boston Gas was in middle of moratorium and they were told the waiting list might take over a year. We resolved this favorably. May, 1981 (Provisions in the Gas Co. rules.)

Maureen C. - Applied for research position with National Security Agency - Wrote us Jan., 1982 - was hired by agency 4-5-82

Jeanne C. elderly - could not obtain fuel assistance because propane gas handled differently. Spoke with corporate headqtrs and local dealer. Spoke with HHS. Propane company agreed to reconsider if HHS would change some of their provisions. Obtained agreements all around and she got her gas voucher. Jan. 1981 (This helped all propane heat users that qualified.)

Academy at Charlemont - Trying to obtain tax-exempt status during the school discrimination controversy - helped keep their application on track to positive decision. Nov. 1982

Rev. C., Episcopal Diocese of MA - trying to obtain visa to South Africa - Request came in Dec 28 for a Jan 10 departure for Johannesburg. - Visa granted and provided in Johannesburg thanks to his secretary having his itenarary & phoning him to pick it up. We did the rest. Jan, 1982

Total Environmental Action Foundation, Inc. - caught in the change over with CSA end of 1980. Made calls to OMB and continued to try to secure the funding promised. Successful. (Peter had one at the same time & we worked together on this.) Jan. 1981

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Paul De G. - Volunteered for Peace Corps. - mixed instructions regarding a borderline blood pressure reading - application held up and missed being called. We continued to push his case and now serving in Senegal. He and his family happy. 9-15-82

Kosheh G. for Alex D. - 14 yr old Iranian girl with rare eye disease. Went to Frankfort, Germany for operation - unsuccessful. Father was told only chance to save sight in other eye was to have special operation at MA General. At that time we were not allowing Iraninans into U.S. Worked through State Dept. Medical Staff and various desks until cable sent to Frankfort with permission to enter for surgery. All expenses were privately paid for. 2-1981

Zehart H. - Because an intake worker made an error and put down oil in lieu of gas as primary fuel, was told not eligible for fuel assistance. Money ran out before error corrected. We found a way to get her \$600. 7-1981

Dorothy T. of Maryland - her father called and we worked with Senator Mathias' office to straighten out mess with her disability retirement from Department of the Army Civil Service. Too much red tape for a terminal cancer case. Much problem when Dr. can't be specific on how much time patient has left. Military also gives a problem with this type of request for humanitarian discharge or transfer. Doctors always loath to be specific about length of time. Maybe Paul can ask a group of doctors to come up with appropriate language to present to the agencies. Jan-1981 (P.S. we did federal work & Mathias' people did the local welfare and VA work)

Giovanna I. - This is the Ethiopian-Italian "princess" who woke Paul up at 6 AM one morning. Her problem was that she was here and destitute and her government (Italian Consul) was not responsive quickly enough. She was illegal at the time, so we got the INS to write her a ticket for the next plane. (This was more of a constituent service to Paul & the office, but she keeps sending lovely cards from Italy.) ALSO, the man who had her old passport was amazed that we could trace him down so that he could send it to her. Nov. 1981

Marilyn K - Husband died under mysterious circumstances and she and family had to wait for toxology report from the Medical Examiner's office. She was upset because needed cash to pay mortgage, etc. We talked to Med. Ex. off. and confirmed extra time needed. Then talked to her bank and obtained deferment. Bank was great, but lab took 6 weeks - some things you can't rush. 8-82

Dennis M. - In order to save money, he transferred from Blue Cross Blue Shield High Option to National Letter Carriers effective July 1, 82. Told he had to join union & send dues. Then told he could not join union since he was retired. His application for transfer of plans was accepted by OPM, but when he sent in a claim, he was told no Local number on it. Suddenly he feared he had been transferred to a medical plan he was not eligible for and may not be covered, since the NALC plan costs had been charged to his retirement check not the Bl-Cross/Bl-Sh. cost. We got Blue Cross to send letter saying he was covered by them so claims could be processed. Aug. 1982

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Edward R. - Applied for disability retirement from the City of Boston. His records caught up in the mess under subpoena by Postal Authorities & U.S. Attorney's office. Not well and about to be shut off by Boston Gas. We talked to VA, Gas Co., City of Boston and got a postponement of shut-off from July to Nov. 1 when disability checks should be coming. Later in Nov. we went through the process again since City told us checks before Thanksgiving. Put him on payroll the day I called. 11- 1982

DATE: January 25, 1983

Corinne B. - Medically retired small businessman wiped out by medical bills, finally applied for fuel assistance after seeing notice of funds available in newspaper. CAP agency took application & asked for income verification. Upon receipt, told family wrong CAP & referred to another town. After three referrals (over a space of weeks), told no more money. Utility had sent shut-off notice. We worked with corporate officials at the utility, the Ex. Dir. of the right CAP, and the EOCD. Everyone came across & family was helped. This case was very special & took a lot of effort to win. Had to get 1st CAP to admit they were wrong. 6 - 82

Jim C. (Channel Bldg. Co.) - Local developer having problem building plant for solar company in Danvers because of Boston Gas new installation freeze. Needed gas for heat & process. Difficult since Boston Gas in hearings with DPU at the time. Worked with Channel, their client, & gas co. to design an acceptable alternative & prevent solar co. from relocating out of MA. 6 - 81

Tom M. (Merix Corp) - Supported his DOE & NSF proposals. Got both. (4 - 81) Recently applied for Phase II funding, concerned about feds not sending money to MA. We wrote & called NSF. Continued pressure paid off. 1-83

Memet O. - Alien, cancer researcher at MIT for Leukemia Society of America. Worked with INS and the Turkish gov. to provide for his military service at home and be able to return to complete the publication of the research. 7 - 82

Valerie O. - She is 87 yrs old & has had multiple sclerosis for 48 years. Lives in 150 yr old house with little or no insulation. Was on the waiting list with the CAP that services her area. Then changes by EOCD put her town in another CAP. Had to go to the bottom of the list. Spoke with both CAPS & she was put at the top where she would have been without the change in CAPS. 2 - 82

Judy S. - Marine with medical problem was recommended for discharge Nov. 27. On Dec. 4 went to personnel to pick up separation papers. Was told she would have to wait until after Christmas. We got her home for the holidays! Initial call 12-11, discharged 12-21. Because of quick separation, problem arose with receiving final pay check. Called us again & we moved it. 1 - 82

Dorothy S. - Member or legislative rep for Garden Club Federation of MA and National Council of Garden Clubs. Enlisted our help in providing her with acid rain information for her club's display at the Worcester Flower Show. Was thrilled when she won first prize in the education category. 12-81

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Hobart T. - He is a prolific writer (as Mitch knows). However, a particular set of letters, including one back-up from the Ex. Dir. of the Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, wanted some answers from us on the local utility. Only utility could respond. With a few phone calls, Commonwealth Elec. agreed to set up a meeting with Elder Services to discuss all the questions any & all clients may have. Com. Elec. also brought Com. Gas along. Everybody happy. 1-82

Frank W. - Needed experimental drug^s to survive open heart surgery not yet released by FDA. Contacted FDA & Heart, Lung & Blood Institute for info on drugs. Determined how to participate in experiment with one of them & FDA released the other. Had surgery, but implant did not take, but he's alive & surviving. 5 - 81

NEEDay - Each year since 1980 I have attended a school or schools on the day to encourage energy education in jr. & sr. highs. Last year & this year we did a statewide mailing on it. We are also helping to set up a statewide conference 2-5-83 to encourage broader participation. Paul is MA Advisory Board Chairman. Glenn, Dodd, and DeConcini hold same position in their states. We have contacted their staffer to compare notes. We are at a higher level of involvement locally. Both Dodd & DeConcini speak out for NEED program whenever opportunity arises - teachers conferences, high school commencements, etc. Glenn ~~Always~~ presents awards to winners in his state (this is done in DC).