Fwd: State: SMART evaluation

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David, Lynn, and Greg (and Kevin, for at least one of the questions):
I've looked over this, and it is very thorough. I appreciate the analysis. I have a couple questions, comments, or requests.

(1) On the test transfer, how did the technical evaluation occur? Was eyes on the documents, comparing PDFs to XML documents? I am particularly interested in the answers surrounding the major issues, and the missing text or added coding. Also, how prevalent were these problems? It reads like we found one problem or several problems, and I am not clear how representative these problems are given the body of records. Or, are these glitches with one or two or several files; or systemic problems affecting some large percentage of the test transfer (and presumeably all of the SMART repository), or we don't know for sure?

(2) On major technical issues T-2 and T-3 (and particularly T-3), I am interested in Kevin's perspective on the issue, especially in light of the transfer guidance framework project and the other work. More generally, what are the implications of the staff consensus on T-2, and how do we know the resolution is too low? How representative is the lower scan resolution in the files?

(3) Are the five archival issues major or minor issues? Or are they mainly questions that need answers, which would determine the level of concern? These seem to be questions that are at somewhat different level of concern.

(4) I would like to soften the tone of the beginning and end of the letter, and offer to meet with Peggy's staff to discuss and document the resolution of as many of these issues as possible, and to have a discussion of what the significant additional metadata is needed to accompany a transfer. Do you have any problem with this letter requesting a meeting with Peggy's staff to sort out these latter issues.

I would appreciate your views on this by July 11th, with the goal of finalizing a response and sending something to State by July 18th.

Thanks - Paul

>>> Sharon Thibodeau 6/29/2011 8:50 AM >>>
Paul,

Per our conversation, here - with my endorsement - is the report of NARA's evaluation of the State Department's SMART system and a proposed draft communication with State about the results of this evaluation.

Sharon
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