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NARA Selects MMC to Enhance Award-Winning Systems

PRESERVING THE NATION'S ELECTRONIC RECORDS

WASHINGTON, JULY 15, 1998 -- The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has selected Muller Media Conversions to provide software support and enhancement services for its award-winning *APS* (Archival Preservation Systems). The contract covers up to five years of such services, which will include functional enhancement, addition of support for new tape and disk devices, and assurance of Year 2000 compliance.

NARA's Center for Electronic Records is responsible for the preservation of valuable government data that might otherwise be lost due to physical deterioration, obsolescence or incompatible equipment. Computer tapes containing White House backup copies of electronic messages from the Iran-Contra era and tapes containing transcripts from the Warren Commission are just some of the many fascinating holdings currently being preserved at the Center. Concern over preservation of electronic records reached new heights in the early 90's as court rulings emphasized government responsibility to retain e-mail and other computer files.

The *APS* project was launched in 1992 to amplify NARA's ability to meet these needs. NARA selected Muller Media Conversions to develop the complex suite of custom software and hardware. The (currently eight) *APS Systems* are used to transfer millions of the nation's important electronic records in the form of government computer tapes and disks to more stable and standardized storage media. According to Chris Muller, president of Muller Media, "*APS* was specially designed with the ability to recover partly damaged files, maintain a catalog of all preserved data, create copies of that data on demand, and even track the movement of media by bar-code scanning."

By 1996, the project was deemed such a success, that NARA's Section Chief Ms. Fynette Eaton received the **GSA Technology Excellence Award** for "innovative and successful use of technology in the preservation of historically valuable electronic records of the Federal government." MMC's original contract was extended to the five year maximum.

With this new contract, MMC will provide up to five more years of support and enhancement. NARA's *APS* project is an ongoing chronicle of a success*.

A pioneer and market leader in its field, Muller Media Conversions has been providing solutions for the most formidable data transfer challenges since 1978. Other current projects include Wang to PC and other document conversions, document management migration, optical scanning, custom conversion systems, and electronic evidence discovery at many prestigious businesses, law firms and government agencies. For further information, go to www.mullermedia.com on the web, call (212)344-474, or email info@mullermedia.com.