

Reply to Grant Reviewers' Questions

I have read carefully several times the comments of both reviewers of my grant proposal, and I appreciate their positive comments. As both answered *no* to any project modification and *yes* to adequate assessment processes employed, I am responding to Czarnijc's comment regarding the timetable and the conversion of the researched information into HTML format.

He states that with so many writers and musicians there exists the possibility of generating too much information (which he says would be evidence of the project's success), but this voluminous amount of research may be difficult to convert to HTML within our time framework.

In response, we too have considered the enormous amount of material that may be researched by the students. We do not intend to end the project in May as new authors and books and new musicians are constantly making their debuts. We do believe that we can have a very reputable site functioning by the end of May, 1997. The HTML format is not viewed as a problem as students, who have already begun researching some of the information, are being asked to save all writings on floppy disk in text or ascii format which other students, using Netscape Navigator Gold's Editor, will almost instantaneously change into HTML. There is no need to laboriously retype and recode material using this editor.

Some time will, of course, be needed to learn to use the new equipment which we will be purchasing with the grant funds. However, because we are fortunate to have experts at Mississippi State University who have volunteered to help us with this new technology, we firmly believe that we can have a fully functional, interesting, and useful Mississippi Writers and Musicians Web Site up and running by May, 1997.

Reviewer Sorobins also mentioned that the process as well as the product would be of interest. Therefore, I am including the instructions given to students who have already begun to do some of the reading and research on a Mississippi author. As we do not yet have any of the other equipment in place, we are not sure how we will need to modify these suggestions as we proceed, but we will willingly document the process as we adjust.