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Ms Judith Laws,  
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Dear Ms Laws,

RE: MOBILE TRAINING UNIT

In reply to your letter of 27 October 1983 regarding a final report on the mobile training unit project I would firstly like to apologise for not having answered your letter until now.

I am enclosing **ten copies of a supplementary 1983 report** which gives details of the mobile training unit's activities until 31 December 1983.

I am also enclosing a copy of the **1982/83 audited statement**, and for your information, a copy of the minutes of the NFITC Launceston meeting which refers to both the audited statement and the mobile training unit.

With regard to the reporting of this project I must admit to being a little confused as to the NFITC's overall responsibility. Under the "Conditions of the Grant" in the section interpretation the "period of the grant" is defined as being from 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1983. I assumed that this related to the acquisition of the mobile training unit (this was reported in section one of the June 1983 mobile training unit report) and that as the project is an ongoing project the NFITC would be required to furnish periodic operational reports.

In the original and resubmitted grant applications the major objective of the project was stated as being to research, develop and evaluate the promotional training concept and additionally to enable training for certificate requirements to be taken to the ports.

In the approval for the project there was no reference made to promotional training activities. Also at a recent NFITC meeting, one of the industry members of the Fishing Industry Research Committee, Mr F A L Connell, stated that it was his understanding that the Fishing Industry Research Committee gave its approval in relation to providing training for the USL requirements.

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I would like to report that the development of promotional training packages has been undertaken and that some of these packages have been structured into the New South Wales service certificate training courses. However, the overall progress of the promotional training project has been retarded and the projected completion date of December 1983 has not been attained for the following reasons:-

- (1) The delay caused by the need to resubmit the original application.
- (2) The pressure of the NSW catching sector's training requirements.
- (3) The difficulties associated with funding the delivery of promotional training activities.
- (4) The longer than anticipated time required to produce the audio visual displays needed for promotional activities.

With reference to the audited statement, you will note that the statement shows an expenditure of \$61,942-00 in relation to the mobile training unit, whereas the June mobile training unit report shows an expenditure on the development of the unit of \$69,273-84, a difference of \$7,331-95. The difference can be identified through the following comparisons:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>MTU June Report</u>	<u>Audited Statement</u>
Executive Committee Travel	1,534-55	Included NFITC Travel
Insurance	1,731-26	Insurance 2,852-00
Insurance (AWA Equipment)	1,120-28	
Ishihara Eyesight Test Plates	36-00	NSW Training Courses
Course & Bearing Indicators	236-00	NSW Training Courses
Magnetic Board	46-86	NSW Training Courses
Navigational Charts	180-00	NSW Training Courses
Video Player and Profeel	2,447-00	VFITC Reimbursements (reconciliation shown 1983/84 financial statement)
	7,331-95	

The auditors, Messrs Coffey, Hunt & Co., have indicated that a statement verifying these entries can be supplied if required.

In regard to the furnishing of an article suitable for publication in "Australian Fisheries" I wish to advise you that a draft of this article

has been produced by Adept Public Relations. This draft requires some corrections and therefore will be forwarded to you, complete with the photographs of the unit, in the next few days.

Yours faithfully,



Dennis F Mirabella,  
Manpower Development Executive

Attach.