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There are a couple of matters that I'd like to make sure the UTC addresses before the next IRG meeting.

1) We need to have a position on the encoding of Old Han (see document L2/03-452 and L2/03-454).

2) The Wenlin demo in Guilin went well, up to a point. People were very impressed with it as a technological toy but there was no rush to adopt it within the IRG.

In order to have the IRG successfully adopt CDLs in their work, I think we need to check with Tom Bishop and Richard Cook about two things: first, making copies of Wenlin available to IRG editors; and second, making CDL data for as much of SuperCJK as possible available to the IRG. (We may also want to look into adding a kCDL field to the Unihan database.)

3) Given the recent discussion on variant selectors and Han on the Unicode mailing list, I think we've got an uphill battle ahead of us to get WG2 to agree to encode Han variants in the future using variant selectors. I think we need to have Asmus raise this at the next WG2 and, if possible, get WG2 to agree to it (to the extent bureaucratically possible). I also should raise it at the next IRG and have a demo in hand to emphasize that variant selectors do *not* mean that end users will miss out on anything, only that some processes will become simpler.

4) By way of information, I've managed to get Unicode's database of proposed characters to add back on-line. It's currently a FileMaker Pro database hosted at www.tejat.net with the same password as is used for member-only access on www.unicode.org. I'm trying to improve the hosting situation. Web access, at the least, would be nice.

Parties who have proposed characters to Richard Cook or me should probably double-check that the characters are in the database, if possible.

I'm not sure how much longer the IRG will need for Extension C1, but it's possible they'll get it wrapped up at the Chengdu meeting this spring. If so, the time will probably come soon for us to submit characters for Extension C2, and I'd as much lead time as we can get.