In the summer of 1989 editor Hoffner traveled to Turkey to collate and photograph Hittite texts and to visit Boğazköy and see the newest excavated material. He returned with over 400 new photos of tablets.

In December 1988 editors Güterbock and Hoffner sent in to their typesetter, Eisenbrauns, the last of the final drafts for the fourth fascicle of the CHD. The first set of galleys were returned to us for correction in February. By May, staff members had corrected and returned first galleys of the Chicago Hittite Dictionary (CHD) to Eisenbrauns and in July we corrected and returned the second set of galleys. We estimate that final camera-ready copy of the new fascicle will be completed by Eisenbrauns by mid October. The printing and binding will take another two months. We anticipate that the new fascicle, number 4, will be delivered to the Institute's Publications Office for distribution by the end of 1989.

July 1988 - June 1989 was the first year of a two-year NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) grant period for the CHD. In order to raise some of the necessary matching funds for this grant, a good amount of the co-editors' time during the spring was spent in planning for the Visiting
Committee dinner to benefit the CHD. One small exhibition of Hittite artifacts and another display of photographs illustrating the history of the Dictionary Project were set up in the Palestinian gallery. Coordinating the work on the Museum staff was Jim Richerson, with the advice and guidance of editors Güterbock and Hoffner. A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the dinner in the Museum on the night of May 15, 1989 and adjourned to Breasted Hall afterwards to hear the editors give short talks. We would like to formally thank all those who helped and participated in this event.

With the new grant period, there came a personnel turnover in the summer months of 1988. In August Dr. Ahmet Ünal left our staff to assume the professorship of Hittitology at the University of Munich. He contributed much to the CHD and we wish him well in his new position. In September of 1988 Dr. Theo Van den Hout arrived from Amsterdam to begin work as the CHD's new research associate. Dr. Richard Beal continues to fill the other research associateship.