ATTRIBUTING THE DOCUMENT STORY--exercise

Attributing information
All information other than "general knowledge" should be attributed in a news story. This is particularly true of documents. The problem is that attributions can get in the way of the information, making the story bulky and hard to read. So the basic rules are:

1. Attribute as simply as possible, giving only key information that will enable someone else to find the same information.

2. Whenever possible, place the attribution at the end of a sentence, rather than at the beginning. The exception would be when you want to introduce a couple paragraphs of information from the same source and don't want to attribute each sentence. In that case, put the attribution up front.

Attribute the following statements:

"One out of every four U.S. Dailies employs persons with disabilities in the newsroom."


"The policy issues surrounding the Microsoft case raise serious questions about the future of antitrust law."


"So much of the focus of today's journalism is on conflict and so little on substance."


"TV stations in the Twin Cities that used hidden cameras did not deal with issues of significant public importance."
