A/S can process TEXT files that were not created on a Macintosh. It can also process TEXT files that will be sent to these "foreign" systems.

Although A/S will not physically move a TEXT file to or from the Macintosh, once a TEXT file is on the Macintosh, A/S can work with it. You'll need to find a way to move your files that works best for you. There are many options.

The amount of reformatting needed for a TEXT file is determined by the platform on which the document was created and the platform which will receive it. In most cases, the goal is to have the document on the destination system appear to be identical to the one that was originally created.

There are three main considerations when converting files to or from a foreign system:

- How are end of lines expressed? A/S needs to be able to determine the end of lines for most of its processes and is expecting to see CRs.
- Do both platforms use the same character mapping? Custom character remapping may be required for proper processing. If a document contains characters that couldn't have been readily typed using an old-fashioned typewriter (such as  $\tilde{n}$  or  $^{\text{m}}$ ), those characters will probably need to be remapped. See the Character Mapping section for more.
- Are there any special requirements imposed by the intended type of computer or operating system? These may include line length limits, custom codes at the beginning or end of a file, additional end of line codes, or a limited range of characters.