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GDSIS Convention Program

Tuesday, June 24, 1980

1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. GOVERNMENT STATISTICS: SOURCES AND SERVICES IN THE 80'S

Moderator:

Judith Wright
Law Library
University of Chicago Law School

Panelists:

LABSTAT: The Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data Base and Information System.

Stephen Wright
Computer Systems Analysis
Bureau of Labor Statistics
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Information dissemination programs of the Energy
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John E. Daniels
Director, Office of Energy Information
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Population Statistics.

Kenneth Wright
Data User Services Division
Bureau of the Census
Kansas City, Kansas

Getting Statistics from the Government.

Margaret McGowan
Congressional Information Service
Washington, D. C.

Introduction to three major areas of government statistics and an overview of government statistical services.

3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. DOCUMENTS UPDATE

Chairperson and Moderator:

Kathleen Carrick
Associate Director
State University of New York at Buffalo Law Library

Panelists: Government Documents Legislative History Project

Eme House
U.S. Documents Librarian
University of Michigan Law Library

Status of the Congressional Revision of Title 44

Johanna Thompson
Assistant Law Librarian
Delaware Law School Library

Public Access to Government Depository Materials
in Law Libraries: Policies and Practices

Nancy Johnson
Assistant Law Librarian, Reference/Documents
University of Illinois Law Library

William J. Barrett
Deputy Assistant Public Printer
Government Printing Office

Program:

Review of the latest news from the documents field and its implications for law librarians. Representatives from the Legislative History Project and Johanna Thompson, representing the Title 44 Revision Committee, will present brief summaries of the status of their committee activities. The major presentation will be Nancy Johnson's discussion of the problems depository collections have encountered, with Bill Barrett on the podium to answer any questions coming from the floor.

The Government Documents Special Interest Section has come of age with a membership of 261, a newsletter -- Jurisdocs, several publications, special projects and full convention programs.

For the 1980 A.A.L.L. Convention, the Government Documents S.I.S. has planned a program on "Government Statistics: Sources and Services for the 80's" and a session entitled "Documents Update." Making its debut on the program this year, "Documents Update" is to be a permanent feature of the convention providing a forum for law librarians to discuss current documents' issues. For one of the three sessions, William Barrett of G.P.O. will speak on the policies and practices of public access to depository materials. In continuing the custom of presenting a documents bibliography for the convention state, a bibliography on Missouri State documents will be distributed to members during the business meeting. Sales of bibliographies and program materials continue at a steady rate: since 1978, 46 copies of the "Depository Collection management -- An Information Packet" have been sold (\$5.00 each); 10 copies of "The State of California; An Introduction to Its Government Publications and Related Information" (\$1.50 each) were sold this year.

With a big mission and a small budget, the documents' group strives to accomplish bibliographic projects and GPO watchdog services which will disseminate documents information to all of A.A.L.L. This year's projects include: monitoring the 44 U.S.C. revision legislation; compiling bibliographies on Missouri State Documents and on general, labor and energy statistics for the statistics program; and conducting a survey of the 145 law school depositories. The purpose of the survey was to determine the level of public access to depository collections in law schools. Survey results will be presented during the Documents Update program.

The Legislative History Project, granted \$3500 by the A.A.L.L. Executive Board in June, 1979, is in the contract negotiation stages with C.I.S. Also, the Committee has initiated a trial run to test the procedures and performance capability of the project on a small scale. Money paid out to date totals \$917.28, leaving a balance of \$2580.18. A detailed accounting will be made at the Convention.

Credit for the productive 1979-80 year goes to the enthusiastic, willing-to-work members.

Dear Colleagues:

Bulging file folders mark the end of another year for the Government Documents Special Interest Section. As Chairman, it has been a year full of coordinating program activities with program planners, answering letters from people interested in joining our group and people who haven't received Jurisdocs, watching the Gov. Docs. membership grow to 261, keeping up with Title 44 revision legislation and the Legislative History project, making reports to AALL Headquarters and oiling the gears to maintain a smooth-running organization. Through it all your cooperation and strong interest have made the work a pleasant task.

A special end-of-year duty is to officially thank the members who have worked with me: Michael Gehringer, the in-coming Chairman, for his advice and his liaison work with the Legislative History project; Kathryn Ranharter, the Secretary-Treasurer; Margaret Tucker and Judy Gecus, the Statistics program planners; Kathy Carrick for planning "Documents Update;" Johanna Thompson for her watchful eye on the Title 44 revision; Kit Kreilick and Pat Aldrich who are producing the Missouri State Documents Bibliography; Eme House, Phyllis Christenson and Marian Parker for carrying the Legislative History Project; Penny Hazelton for handling the first-time election by mail; Malinda Allison and Colleen Pauwells who have handled publications distribution; Nancy Johnson for her advice as past Chairman and work with the depository collections librarians; and Larry Cheeseman and his staff for Jurisdocs and Susanne Thevenet, the Jurisdocs Business Manager.

Tuesday is Government Documents S.I.S. Day at the Convention! The meetings scheduled reflect the work that has been going on all year. Please attend -- this is your chance to meet other law/documents librarians and participate in our S.I.S. programs and planning periods. The Business Meeting will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24th. In the afternoon on Tuesday is a program at 1:30 p.m. on "Government Statistics: Sources and Services for the '80's". New to the program this year is a session called "Documents Update" which begins at 3:30 p.m.

Seven-thirty is early, I know, but coffee will be available when you arrive for the Business Meeting on Tuesday morning. Come with questions, project suggestions, comments on S.I.S. activity. This will be our 1980 opportunity to meet for discussion. The full agenda contains just a little routine business with most of the time devoted to special reports and discussion of new projects. It is our hope that the Gov. Docs. S.I.S. will become a leader in the Documents field through its substantive projects and initiative in problem solving. The Business Meeting agenda focuses on this goal.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, June 24th, in St. Louis -- at the Business Meeting, the program on Government Statistics and the Documents Update session.

CHECKLIST

BRADDOCK'S FEDERAL-STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY has been expanded to a two volume set (volume 1, 414 pages; v.2, 314 p.) and is available for 19.95 per set (prepaid) from: Braddock Publications, Inc./ 101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20036/ (202) 296-3630. (D.C. residents add 5% sales tax).

Vol. 1 lists names, titles, phone numbers and addresses of officials in the White House, independent and regulatory agencies, congress and judiciary. Vol. 2 lists chief state officials, over two thousand county officials, majors and city council officials of top 100 cities, and more. Handy size and very current.

CONSUMER ACTION UPDATE is a new free bimonthly publication of the U.S. Department of Consumer Affairs. For subscription information contact: Midge Shubow, Lou Cook, or Marion Ciacco, at U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs/ 621 Reporters Building/Washington, DC 20201/ (202) 755-8810.

Monitors pending legislation and administrative regulations of concern to consumer, and offers brief descriptions of new consumer publications.

AIR TRAVELER FLY RIGHTS is available free of charge from: Fly Rights, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009. (Cite publication number 691G).

Describes the responsibilities of airlines regarding cancellations, bumping, luggage, etc.; even tells you where to file your complaints.

DIRECTORY OF WORLD STOCK EXCHANGES is available for \$8.50 (\$9.00 mailed first class) from: The New York Stock Exchange, Inc., Publications Department, 11 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10005, (212) 623-3000. Orders must be prepaid.

Lists names, addresses, and in most cases, the chief officers of more than 150 stock exchanges. Since many foreign countries do not have the equivalent of an SEC, these stock exchanges are often the only source for any public papers filed by the company. (Source: Washington Researchers' Information Report)

FINAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON NEW TECHNOLOGICAL USES OF COPYRIGHT WORKS (CONTU) is now available for sale for \$4.75 from the Superintendent of Documents/ U.S. Government Printing Office/ Washington, D.C. 20402. (Stock #030-002-0014308).

172 page report consisting of recommendations based on the Commission's three years of data collection, hearings, analysis, and deliberations called for in the Commission's enabling legislation. Appended are legislative histories; lists of Commission-sponsored studies; transcripts of meetings; and a bibliography.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF DOE is now available for \$5.50 from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (Stock #061-000-00321-3).

FEDERAL LAW ON CONSUMER DECEPTION: AN AGENCY BY AGENCY ANALYSIS is available for \$6.00 from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (stock #027-000-00825-9).

Comprehensive federal agency-by-agency analysis organizing the compilation of deceptive trade practice law around the individual federal agencies most associated with that law.

FREE! is available for \$10 per year from: Dyad Services/ PO Box 4696/ Station C/ London, Ontario N5W 5L7 Canada.

Six issues per year listing free materials and services.

FSUC NEWSLETTER, published approximately 12 times each year, is available for \$40 annually from: Federal Statistics Users' Conference, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005, (202) 393-3522.

Describes government and private sources of statistics on subjects from agriculture to petroleum.

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GUIDE TO PUBLICATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, 287 pages, by Frederic J. O'Hara, is available from Pierian Press, PO Box 1808, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, for \$29.50 cloth, or \$15.00 paper.

Includes: the purpose of each agency, lists or catalogs of the agency's publications, descriptions of specific publication, such as directories, statistics, research publications, laws and regulations.

LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY, a new publication expected in the Fall of 1980, will be published by Haworth Press, Inc., 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

Planned are practical discussions of useful and newly developed options for handling inquiries and technical questions involving legal materials.

LIBRARIAN'S GUIDE TO 504 is available free of charge from President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped/6th floor, 1111 20th Street, N.W./ Washington, D.C. 20036.

Pocket-sized booklet on the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which forbids discrimination against disabled individuals in any federally funded or assisted program.

LIBRARY AND REFERENCE FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 10th ed., compiled by Margaret Jennings, is available for \$19.50 from: Knowledge Industry Publications, Inc., 2 Corporate Park Drive, White Plains, N.Y. 10604.

Profiles of more than 400 special, public, academic, and Federal Libraries, reading rooms and information centers in Washington, DC.

PEOPLE'S PRINTER: A REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE by Shawn P. Kelly, 65 pp. is available for \$5.00. Checks should be made payable to and sent to the Public Interest Research Group, PO Box 19312, Washington, DC 20036.

History of GPO, its current structure and problems, and the revisions Congress will soon vote on.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS TASK FORCE'S FOURTH ANNUAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP ON MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL DOCUMENTS (held at NYU, June 9-10, 1977), edited by Mildred Lowe and Ruth Macy, is available for \$7.50 from NYLA Publications, New York Library Association, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1242, New York, N.Y. 10017.

PUBLIC FILES OF THE SEC is available for \$1.00, plus 15 cents postage from: Freedom of Information Center, Box 858, Columbia, MO 65205, (314)882-4856. Request Report no. 408.

Report on how to use records of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PROCESSING SERVICES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, 42 p., is available free upon request from Processing Services/ Library of Congress/ Washington, DC 20540.

Brief guide to the organization and functions of LC Processing Dept.

PUBLISHERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF THE UNITED STATES, 233 p., is available from Bowker/ PO Box 1807/ Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Lists names address, phone numbers, etc., for over 12,000 publishers and distributors in the U.S.

SEC PUBLICATIONS, a recently revised pamphlet describing the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission publications available from the Government Printing Office, is available free of charge from: U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission/500 North Capitol Street/ Washington, DC 20549.

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ALA Midwinter

by Johanna Thompson

Government Printing Office

AUTOMATION

Item selection lists will be automated from the third correction process of the lists that is now under way. Automation of distribution is expected to begin on March 1, 1980. During the first year, addition and deletion of items will be done quarterly. Subsequently, changes will be keyed as received.

It had been originally planned that libraries would review their lists of selections quarterly. However, librarians at the meeting who have been through this time-consuming process suggested that the lists sent to libraries only include changes occurring during the quarter. Mr. Livsey was open to the idea, and will check on feasibility.

A side benefit of the automation of the items lists is the creation of union lists by item number. The first product will be lists of libraries within states, and these lists will be sent to Regional libraries.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

The master fiche for this long-awaited series are now in the hands of the contractor, and it is expected that he will start shipping to depositories in late March. The first year, the index to the Histories will be paper; later it will be on film.

PUBLICATIONS REFERENCE FILE

A new "unit" of this tool will soon be available: a separate "exhausted sales publications" file. Once a library has that in hand, it will then only need to retain the most recent regeneration, the most recent supplement, and the exhausted file.

This file will be available as a depository item, and for sale for \$25.00.

ACQUISITIONS PROGRAM

Norman Barbee, a staff member of G.P.O.'s library division, has been given the added responsibility of contacting regional printing facilities. His purpose is to increase their cooperation in furnishing copies of what they print to G.P.O. so that they go into the depository program, and are included in the Monthly Catalog. Librarians expressed appreciation for the progress Mr. Barbee has made in this area, but felt that a greater allocation of staff time is needed if true bibliographic control of government publications is to be achieved. A motion was made to recommend that the Public Printer put greater emphasis on acquisitions.

DOCUMENTS CATALOGING

In October, 1980, G.P.O. will begin using A.A.C.R. II, which means they will be three months ahead of Library of Congress in implementation.

And, this spring, G.P.O. will become a CONSER participant.

The 1980 semi-annual index to the Monthly Catalog will be the first to include the keyword index. This index enhancement is the result of implementation of a recommendation by the Depository Library Council.

SuDocs class numbers will be searchable on OCLC beginning in July, 1980. G.P.O. catalogers began in November 1979 to input those numbers to the data base, retrospectively through July 1976, for records that had not included them.

G.P.O.'s library division now has a 36 work-day backlog of cataloging, and the government's rate of publishing continues to increase. G.P.O.'s aim is to eliminate the backlog such that Shipping Lists can include the OCLC number. Since their physical limitations are such that they cannot increase the number of catalogers, contracting out some of the cataloging is being considered.

Joint Committee on Printing

This committee has the authority for approving agency requests for new printing equipment. They have begun using this power as a means of obtaining agency compliance with their regulations.

There is a proposal being considered by the Committee to automate the Congressional Record. The hope is that within a year the system will be generating a daily index using C.R.S. vocabulary, either on paper or fiche, and that the Record itself will be available to Congressional offices on line. Later, when capability for indexing on line is developed, the index would arrive at libraries simultaneously with the Record itself.

The Committee is also looking at automating the Journals and Calendars so that eventually all current Congressional information would be available on line.

Library of Congress

Last year, a Godort committee studied the handling of government documents by the Library of Congress and made the recommendation that a separate documents unit be created. They also suggested ways in which the unit could enhance the public's access to documents.

Library of Congress has now formed a documents unit, and has implemented many of the Committee's suggestions. However, Elizabeth Stroup, Director of General Reference at L.C. told Godort that two of the recommendations would not be followed:

- Nine cooperative publications (e.g. the National Union Catalog) will not be included as depository items, as that would be far too costly for the Library.
- Documents will not all be put into a separate, uncataloged collection, but many will be "mainstreamed". That is, for example, legislative materials will be in the Law Division, maps in the Map Division, etc. It is felt that this will make processing more efficient, and increase usage.

Title 44 Revision

Mark-up of H.R. 5424 has now been completed by the House Administration Committee, and it is expected that the report on the bill will be filed by February 20. Informed estimates are that it will reach the House floor by the end of February.

Following are some of the major changes made during mark-up:

- the term "Public Document" was changed throughout the bill to read "Government Publication". There was concern that there would be confusion with the specialized use of "document" in the Freedom of Information Act.
- Control of the N.P.A. (National Publications Agency) has been moved to the legislative branch of the federal government. Of course, that is the locus for the G.P.O. now, but H.R. 5424 had originally specified (Chapter 3, p.301) that the N.P.A. would be in the executive branch. This makes the bill more appealing to Congressmen, but will likely erode support from the executive agencies.
- Language has been added to 707 (a) (3) enabling a library to obtain Audio-Visual materials on long-term loan if they have a program which entails regular use of the material.
- The definition of "Public Document" (now Government Publication) has been changed. The phrase "as determined by the issuing Government entity" has been deleted. Currently, executive agencies develop their own guidelines as to which of their publications will be released to the depository system. This change in definition is being interpreted to mean the N.P.A. will write regulations governing what agencies will put into the system.
- Also deleted from the definition is the phrase "and is without public interest or educational value". The existence of this phrase in the current Title 44 has been the means for getting much purely administrative material into depository libraries. These publications are frequently helpful to drafters of state and local administrative procedures as exemplary. They also are useful to individuals or groups affected by an executive agency's actions. Through examination of the agency's administrative publications, the individual or group can gain insight into its actions.

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The House Committee apparently has some insight into the problems this change in the bill might cause, and may attempt to add language indicating there is no intention of reducing the number of publications sent to depositories. Since this issue is still unsettled, however, it would be wise for anyone concerned to contact a member of the Committee to express their views.

There is still nothing in the bill providing for Regional Depositories. The usual legislative response when this issue is raised is that Regionals will be called for in regulations to be written once the bill is passed. That, however leaves documents librarians with a very insecure feeling. While writing to your legislator, do include a plea that Regionals be specifically included in the bill.

GODORT Business

A) A committee is being formed to investigate the possibility of automatic updating of holdings information. The proposal is that programming be developed such that, at the time a document is cataloged at G.P.O.'s library, the depression of an additional key would automatically add that publication to the holdings records of all depositories that have selected its item number. If this were implemented, a library could determine which other libraries held a particular document, as well as using the terminal to access its own holdings records.

B) At A.L.A. annual meeting, in New York June 28 - July 4, Godort members will be participating in presenting at least four major program meetings:

- Pre Conference, June 27 & 28
United Nations Documents
- June 29 Census Bureau speaker
- June 29 Acquiring and using state publications in support of reference
- June 29 Documents of Western European Countries.

DOCUMENTS TO THE PEOPLE

This newsletter is being indexed. The index will be distributed to current subscribers.

There is also a request pending before the Wilson Company editors that DttP be added to Library Literature.

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SELECTED DOE HEADQUARTERS PUBLICATIONS, DOE/AD-0010/6, November 1979, is available free of charge from: DOE/Technical Information Center, PO Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830.

Provides listing of programmatic reports for October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1979. Includes availability and contact person for each report.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1979 is now available from Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 783-3238. Paperback \$9.00 (stock no. 003-024-02130-7). Clothbound, \$12.00 (Stock no. 003-024-02129-3).

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE FTC is available from: FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection, Washington, DC 20580.

For Reference Only

The ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW, summer 1979 issue, (vol.31, pp. 405-442) features Henry P. Tseng and Donald B. Pedersen's "Acquisition of State Administrative Rules and Regulations -- Update 1979".

Features an extensive checklist of the administrative rules and regulations for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam Territory, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the Virgin Islands. Gives the official title (where one exists), its price, where to write to obtain a copy and miscellaneous notes that will prove useful in trying to acquire them. Article reports that 38 of the 50 states now publish codes or soon will. Supercedes an earlier article in the Spring 1976 issue (v. 28, p.277) of Administrative Law Review.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has a telephone reference service that will answer quick questions about commerce and business. Call 202-377-2161 or write:

Library
Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

The FEDERAL EXECUTIVE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, a bi-monthly publication, lists nearly 27,000 organizational entries, containing name, title, phone number, and address. 22.6% of them change in each issue. Available from: Carroll Publishing Company, 1058 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007. \$96.00 for a one year subscription of six issues.

The GUIDE TO STATE LEGISLATIVE MATERIALS, (AALL Publication Series no. 15), 304 p. looseleaf, is (as far as we know it) the most complete source of information on state legislative histories -- telling you exactly what is available in each state and how you should go about obtaining it. If you do any work in State legislation, you need this guide.

Available for \$28.50 from Fred B. Rothman & Co., 10368 West Centennial Road, Littleton, CO 80123.

INFORMATION CENTRAL of the American Society of Association Executives, a source for hard-to-find names and addresses of associations, has moved. Their new phone number is (202) 626-2742, and address is: Information Central, 1575 Eye St. N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

The U.S. Department of State publishes a 48 page INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTORY, which identifies and provides information about many terms, phrases, acronyms, catchwords and abbreviations used in the conduct of foreign affairs. It is available for \$2.30 from: Superintendent of Documents, US Govt. Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

LEGIS (Legislative Information and Status System) is an automated legislative support system of the U.S. Congress that contains the status and abstracts of House and Senate bills and resolutions, floor amendments, public laws, executive communications, Presidential messages, petitions and memorials. You can query the system by bill number, title or subject. While the primary function of LEGIS is to serve Congressional needs for legislative information, it is available to the public via the telephone and overnight printouts (255-8646), but the access is limited by the computer capacity.

During 1980, parts of the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS will be moving into its new James Madison Memorial Building. Researchers who plan to visit the Library to use legal materials are urged to call (202) 287-MOVE to be sure that materials they need will be available at the time they hope to visit.

The Public Affairs number at the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION in Washington has changed to (202) 272-2650. The Public Reference number (202-523-5360), and the number of the Freedom of Information Act Office (202-523-5530) remain the same.

Best Bets

CONSUMER'S RESOURCE HANDBOOK

A 76 page "what-to-do, where-to-go manual for resolving consumer problems", compiled by the White House Office of the Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs.

The Handbook is intended to help locate the right source of assistance -- from both governmental and non-governmental sources -- for satisfactorily resolving problems with products and services, but it is also an excellent directory of Consumer services offered by Federal, state, and local agencies.

The Handbook is arranged by subject areas ranging from "Advertising" to "Weights and Measures". Section I outlines steps to take in resolving consumer problems. Section II lists and describes Federal offices, gives their addresses, phone numbers (toll-free, if available) and gives a brief description of the functions, services, and information they offer. Section III similarly lists 800 state and local offices where consumers can go for help in resolving problems.

Single copies of the Consumer's Resource Handbook may be obtained by writing the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 532G, Pueblo, CO 81009.

CRS MAJOR ISSUE BRIEFS

The CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE publishes and records on cassette tape hundreds of major issue briefs which are used by members of Congress and their staff to keep informed about important current issues. Among some of the subjects reported on are: copyright law revision, reform of the antitrust laws, attorneys' fees, criminal code reform, product liability, sunset laws, tax reform, labor law reform, private pension reform, Tort Claim Act, Toxic Substances Control Act implementation and numerous others.

While the reports have been available free of charge through your Congressional connection (most often your own Representative or Senator) it has been a problem knowing just what subjects were covered.

Well, this problem has been solved. The Washington Researchers have published in their Information Report a two part series listing the subjects of the reports available and their publication numbers. The lists appear in the November - December 1979 issue (vol. 5, no.6), and the January - February 1980 issue (vol. 6, no. 1).

If you are unable to find copies of these, we will lend you ours. Just enclose a self-addressed mailing label with your request and mail it to our editor: Larry Cheeseman, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Law Branch, 95 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06115

DIRECTORY OF KEY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

A handy 108 page pocket size directory listing the names, titles, office and telephone numbers of 1,798 persons in key government positions. Includes the White House, independent and regulatory agencies, Congress and the Judiciary.

Available free of charge from: Ms. Terry Brown/ Hill and Knowlton/ 1425 K Street N.W., Suite 1000/ Washington, DC 20005.

PERIODICAL & SOURCES

A 20 page list of approximately 900 federal statistical publications and their 150 issuing sources. Arranged alphabetically by title, information given includes: periodicals' frequency, issuing source, availability from issuing agency and from GPO (whether available for sale or as a depository item), price, and depository item number. The 1979-80 edition is available free of charge from: Periodicals and Sources/ Congressional Information Service/ 7101 Wisconsin Avenue/ Washington, DC 20014.

