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NEWS FROM THE CHAIR

Detroit Convention

The Detroit Convention will be organized in a new way, allowing the SIS programs to be part of the convention program instead of at only certain times. This will allow more flexibility for the SIS's and give the convention new vitality. Margaret Leary is the AALL program chairperson and has requested the SIS's that are planning programs for the Detroit Convention get organized very early. The preliminary ideas were to be in on August 1st with more definitive plans by September 15th. This, obviously, gave us very little time for input on the convention program. There was a brainstorming session held following the business meeting and the following programs were selected for 1982:

In Search of the Elusive Administrative Document.

It will be a panel bringing new light on how to retrieve those hard to get decisions, rulings, orders and other similar material from administrative agencies. Suggested areas for discussion are Tax, Labor, Securities, and Trade. The Coordinator of this program is Phyllis Christenson, U.S. General Accounting Office, Law Library; Rm 7056, 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20548 (Phone 202 - 275-2585).

Referral Services in State and Federal Government: How to Make Them Work For You.

This panel discussion will examine such groups as State Legislative Reference Bureaus, Congressional Staffers, Council of State Governments and other such groups with the object of making us more aware of what these groups can do for us. Program Coordinator: Chris Entman, Northern Illinois University College of Law Library, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (Phone 312 - 858-7200).

Documents Update.

This will be the third annual program bringing information on the recent happenings in the various areas of documents and giving a preview of what's coming in the near future. Program Coordinator: Judy Gecas, University of Chicago Law Library, 1121 E 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637 (Phone 313 - 753-3425)

All of the program coordinators are anxious for your input, so please contact them about any ideas or suggestions you might have. Remember a list of proposed speakers must be in by September 15th, so contact them as soon as possible.

Committee Memberships

I have received a number of names of interested people to serve on committees for the coming year. I have not completed contacting people regarding the membership but will do so very soon. Anyone interested in participating on any of the committees or projects, please contact Colleen Pauwels, Indiana University Law Library, Law Building, Bloomington, IN 47405. The committees are as follows:

- Documents Exchange Project
- By-law Revision Committee
- Citation Reform and Revision
- State Bibliographies

Attention: Ohio Libraries. With the 1982 Convention in Detroit, we hope to compile bibliographies, not only of Michigan Documents, but also of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. We have volunteers from the other states, but need interested people from Ohio for that bibliography. Anyone interested in participating in the publication, contact Colleen Pauwels, Indiana University Law Library, Law Building, Bloomington, IN 47405, 812 - 337-9666.

Note of Thanks

A special note of thanks must be given to Michael Gehring and Kurt Adamson for all their work this past year for the GDSIS. We are especially pleased with the new broadening the membership rules so that Michael can continue as an active member of the section. It has been a productive year for the section and this was made possible by his fine leadership.

Colleen Pauwels

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
June 30, 1981
Washington Hilton

Michael Gehringer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. in the Monroe West Room. Michael began the meeting by introducing the head table (Colleen Pauwels, vice-chairperson and Kurt Adamson, Secretary-Treasurer).

The minutes of the 1980 GDSIS business meeting, as printed in the June edition of JURISDOCS, were approved. The Secretary-Treasurer also reported that the Section had over \$1,200.00 in its accounts as of May 31, 1981.

Marian Parker was introduced to report on the election results of the mail ballot for officers. Of the 241 ballots mailed to members of the Section, 151 ballots were returned. Two of the 151 ballots were declared invalid. The results were that Judy Gecas was elected as Vice-chairperson and Pat Aldrich as Secretary-Treasurer for 1981/82. It was further reported that the Section bylaws failed to properly specify that Vice-chairperson automatically became the Chairperson for the following year. Michael Gehringer moved the suspension of the bylaws in order to properly elect Colleen Pauwels as Chairperson and Judy Gecas as Vice-chairperson/Chairperson elect for 1981-1982. The rules were suspended and a voice vote of the membership elected the officers.

Michael then proposed an amendment to the bylaws to repair the oversight in the original text, i.e. the automatic succession to the Chair after one year. Article V, Sections 1 and 2 were then approved as proposed to the membership. The new text reads:

Article V, Section 1: Officers. The officers shall consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson/chairperson elect and a secretary/treasurer. The vice-chairperson/chairperson/chairperson elect and the secretary/treasurer shall be elected annually by the Section. The vice-chairperson/chairperson elect shall automatically become chairperson after one year and shall so serve during the second year following his election.

Article V, Section 2: Duties of Officers. The chairperson, vice-chairperson/chairperson elect and secretary-treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the membership.

Margaret Lundahl reported on the activities of the Documents Exchange List Project Committee. She then submitted a copy of the Committee's report on the results of a Spring questionnaire. The Committee's recommendations based on the questionnaire were that state documents not be included on the exchange list; that all federal document categories be offered on exchange, except "other serials" on one of the regular duplicate exchange lists; that items having numbers be listed by number and those not having numbers be listed by issuing agency/author, title, and date/Congress; and that only subscribers to the duplicate exchange lists be allowed to make offers; but that the resultant lists be offered for separate sale to those non-subscribers having needs. Margaret also reported that the next exchange list will be distributed as the last list for 1981-82.

A report was given by Stuart Basefsky on initial success of the GDSIS in submitting citation revision and reform proposals to the editors of the Blue Book. The GDSIS committee prepared a submission for the preface to the thirteenth edition which will explain the purpose of citations and distinguish style from content of a citation. Stuart indicated that not only has it been accepted, but that the GDSIS committee has now been asked to give advice on revisions for future editions. Stuart will continue to coordinate this work. Anyone with proposed revisions should provide documentation on what is to be changed, the precise nature of the improvement, and the reason(s) why the change is necessary. Further information will be published in JURISDOCS. Michael Gehringer then indicated that the AALL Executive Board has affirmed that the GDSIS committee will act as liaison between all members of the AALL and the editorial board of the Blue Book.

Larry Cheeseman, editor of JURISDOCS, informed the members that "some" back issues of JURISDOCS were now available. He also indicated that he hoped we could increase the number of issues from three to four per year, or more. He strongly urged that the section seek more members. Larry also said that there would be a few new columns in the future issues of the newsletter such as "Worth Reading" and "Informed Sources" (people).

The legislative history project has come to an end. Michael Gehringer reviewed the comments at a final meeting between the committee and CIS representatives. Our project just is not feasible currently, however, we will provide advice to CIS on its own ongoing project.

It was announced that Sue Dyer will become the Executive Board Liaison for next year.

Colleen Pauwels commented on the SIS's programs during this year's convention and asked for ideas from the members for next year's meeting. A program will have to be filled out by mid-September. Next year's convention theme will be "Interlink II," a fairly broad theme subject to many interpretations for SIS activities. A brainstorming meeting was to be held right after the end of the business meeting.

Michael adjourned the business meeting at 8:50 a.m. Respectfully submitted,
L. Kurt Adamson, Sec./Treas.

DOCUMENT EXCHANGE LIST PROJECT

The Project Committee, after careful consideration of the results of the questionnaire, makes the following recommendations:

- 1) That no exchange of state documents be attempted since the responses were too disparate to indicate a proper community of interest.
- 2) That all federal document categories be offered for exchange, except "other serials", on one of the regular duplicate exchange lists.
- 3) That items having numbers be listed by number and those not having numbers be listed by issuing agency/author, title, and date/congress.
- 4) That only subscribers to the duplicate exchange lists be allowed to make offers; but that the resultant list be offered for separate sale to those non-subscribers having needs.

The committee prepared and distributed 500 copies of the questionnaire. Approximately 220 were sent out with Duplicates Exchange list no. 139 in February 1981. The questionnaire was also included in Jurisdocs April 1981 issue (v.2 no.3). Due to the late issuance of Jurisdocs, response from GD/SIS members not already participants in the Exchange was practically non-existent. Approximately 40% of the Exchange respondents were also members of GD/SIS. The response rate from exchange list subscribers was 42% and from GD/SIS members was 16%. Table 1 analyses the responses by type and Table 2 by state. Of the 95 responses, 9% were negative and 4% very enthusiastic. Two places filled out the questionnaire twice. The general level of interest in each category analyzed may be found in Table 3. Table 4 shows more detailed responses. The questionnaire and suggested format instructions are included as appendices 1 and 2.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to answer our questionnaire with a special vote of thanks to those who offered their help on this project:

Sylvia Dresser
 Mary Lynn Hyde
 Carolyn Moore
 Nancy Johnson
 Judy Gecas
 Maryruth Storer

Respectfully submitted,
 Margaret Lundahl
 Documents Exchange List
 Project Coordinator

Table 1
 Total Responses by Type

Membership	Exchange only	Both	GD/SIS only	Totals
Type				
Academic	15	25	1	41
Private	23	10	1	34
Governmental	17	3		20
Totals	55	38	2	95

Cont'd

Exchange Project (cont'd)

Table 2
Total Responses by State

State	Number	State	Number	State	Number	State	Number
AZ	2	IL	11	NE	1	SC	1
CA	11	IOWA	2	NJ	2	TX	2
CO	1	LA	1	NM	2	VA	4
CT	2	MD	1	NY	10	WA	1
DE	1	MA	1	NC	1	WI	2
DC	9	MI	2	OH	4	<u>CANADA</u>	
FL	2	MN	3	OK	2	ONT	1
GA	2	MS	1	OR	3	SAS	1
ID	1	MO	3	PA	2		

Table 3
General Level of Response

Category	Percentage	Category	Percentage	Category	Percentage
USC	20	Other Serials	6	Mon Cat	30
Stat	26	CR	33	Mon Check	12
USTIAS	33	Hearings	34	CIS	32
W. Pres. Doc.	27	Reports	26	State Code	33
FR	41	Docs	25	State reg	22
CFR	37	Serial Set	20	State ann rep	21
Adm Dec	47	Com Pts	36	State serials	4
Ann Rep	29	Mono- graphs	33	State mono- graphs	22

CCRR Update

The Committee on Citation Reform and Revision (CCRR) is setting up a national clearinghouse for legal citation. The first project for the clearinghouse will be a complete critical review of the 13th edition of A Uniform System of Citation (The Bluebook).

Since no one person is skilled enough to criticize intelligently every part of the Bluebook, the general membership of the AALL is being solicited for its cumulative expertise.

The goal is to get individual experts or persons with long-standing pet peeves to submit their constructive criticisms and suggestions for improving citations in a systematic and methodical form. After assembling these reviews, the CCRR will categorize the submitted material and send it on to the editors of the Bluebook. With these rational criticisms in hand, the Bluebook editors will be able to make changes for some citations between printings of this edition or prepare major reforms for future editions. If the editors do not approve of the suggestions submitted, their reasons for maintaining their citation format will have to be justified in the same systematic and methodical form. In this way, the CCRR hopes to gather a list of citation justifications for every part of the Bluebook.

All persons interested in submitting criticisms and suggestions should use the following format to express their ideas.

- 1 Identify the specific part(s) of the Bluebook that you wish to criticize. (If you are criticizing the Bluebook because it lacks something you wish it included, please state that at the outset; give your reasons; and, suggest where it should be placed in the Bluebook with an example).
- 2 State whether you object to the style of the citation or the content of the citation or both.
- 3 If you do not object to a citation but to the explanation that accompanies it or the indexing that leads to it, please state that at this point.
- 4 Give the reasons for your objection. Be clear, concise, and to-the-point. Keep in mind that citations have three functions. They must (1) identify who or what is the source of the information being cited; (2) describe the source in a manner which distinguishes it from other or similar references; and, (3) provide information, in the description, which will allow a reader to locate the source with relative ease. When possible, relate your objections to these three concepts.
- 5 Provide an example of how the citation can be improved. Be sure to include an explanation of why this version is an improvement.

Send all statements to

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The D.H. Hill Library
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Please note: The 13th edition of the Bluebook is scheduled to be available for distribution on or about September 15th. With the delays that have already occurred, October seems the likely month for its appearance.

INFORMED SOURCES

ENERGY DATA CONTACTS FINDER

This free 4-page pamphlet lists the names and phone numbers of over 400 key information contacts at the U.S. Department of Energy. Included are contacts for energy publications, press releases, data, forecasting and analysis, and program development.

For a copy contact: U.S. Department of Energy/ Energy Information Administration/ Office of Energy Information Services, 1F-048/ Forrestal Building/ Washington, D.C.20585/ (202)252-8800.

TELEPHONE CONTACTS FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH MAJOR STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

This free booklet provides the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 40 government offices which collect statistics.

For a copy contact: Director/ Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards/ U.S. Department of Commerce/ Washington, D.C. 20230/ (202)673-7959.

WHITE HOUSE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

The latest White House Telephone Directory covering the Reagan Administration is available for \$4.00 from the: National Journal/ 1730 M Street, N.W./ Washington, D.C. 20036/ (202)857-1400.

Economic Indicators

The following is a listing of the major economic indicators produced and published by the Federal government. If you depend upon receiving this information in some detail or in a timely manner, contact the appropriate issuing office.

SUBJECT	ISSUING OFFICE	FREQUENCY
Capacity Utilization: Manufacturing and Materials	FRB	Monthly
Consumer Price Index	BLS	Monthly
Construction Expenditures	Census	Monthly
Corporate Profits	BEA	Quarterly
Credit, Consumer Installment	FRB	Monthly
Earnings	BLS	Monthly
Employment Situation	BLS	Monthly
Export Sales and Orders	Census	Monthly
Gross National Product	BEA	Quarterly
Industrial Production	FRB	Monthly
Interest Rates	FRB	Monthly
Homes, Sales and Inventories of Single-Family	Census	Monthly
Housing Starts	Census	Monthly
Leading, Coincident, and Lagging Indicators (composite indexes)	BEA	Monthly
Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders	Census	Monthly
Manufacturing Inventories and Sales	Census	Monthly
Money Stock Measures	FRB	Weekly
Personal Income	BEA	Monthly
Plant and Equipment Expenditures	BEA	Quarterly
Producer Price Indexes	BLS	Monthly
Productivity	BLS	Quarterly
Retail Sales	Census	Monthly
Wholesale Trade	Census	Monthly

Issuing Offices:

FRB: Division of Research and Statistics/ Federal Reserve Board/ Washington, D.C. 20551/ (202)452-3301

BLS: Office of Publications and Information Services/ Bureau of Labor Statistics/ U.S.Department of Labor/ 441 G Street NW/ Washington, D.C. 20212/ (202)523-1913

BEA: Bureau of Economic Analysis/ Current Business Analysis Division/ U.S. Department of Commerce/ Washington, D.C. 20230/ (202)523-0777.

Census: Public Information Office/ Bureau of the Census/ U.S. Department of Commerce/ Washington, D.C.20233/ (301)568-1200.

Source: Washington Researchers' The Information Report

DOCUMENT UPDATE 1981

Remarks of William J. Barrett to the Annual Convention of the American Association of Law Libraries, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC, June 30, 1981.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Barrett report on GPO to the AALL! It's great to be with you again, and I want to extend to you a belated but cordial welcome to Washington. For those of you who toured our facilities this morning, I hope you liked what you saw.

Collen Fauwels asked me to give you a status report on GPO, and that is what I would like to do now.

- As of today, 1,350 libraries hold depository status. Included in the total are 49 regionals and 107 law libraries.
- We presently offer 5,144 active item selections. This number is expected to remain static during the remainder of the year.
- You may be interested to know that the average number of libraries selecting a particular item is 427, while the total number of items selected by individual libraries average 1,242.
- With the processing of item selection information in an on-line computer application available on our CRT's, claims are at an all-time low, averaging 1,500 on hand, in process daily.
- Effective with the January 1981 Monthly Catalog, we began AACR-2 cataloging. At that time, the Library of Congress ceased descriptive cataloging of Federal Documents. Gpo now is the authoritative source for federal documents and enters catalog copy into OCLC on the master mode.
- By popular demand we have made the KWIC Index in the Monthly Catalog, a permanent portion of our catalog.
- With the severe budget constraints facing us in FY81 and 82, we could be forced to convert distribution in microform more rapidly than anticipated. Costs to issue in microform are 80% to 90% less than in hard copy, and savings in postage could be as much as 85%. I'll have more to say on this subject in a few minutes.
- We have successfully brought the PRF up in test mode on the Lockheed Dialog International Retrieval Service. Testing and fine tuning will be accomplished during the remainder of July and is expected to be made public the first of August. We are also working with the R. R. Bowker Co. to make our files available through their acquisition system.
- The PRF has been completely remodified and with the addition of an annotation field, scheduled for July 1981, will be capable of creating subject bibliographies totally by the computer. The file is now being sold as a subscription in magnetic tape form with updates every two weeks. The PRF Users Manual has now been printed and will be distributed to all depository libraries.
- The 1981 Exhaust Purge from the PRF contains a total of 9,079 records. The 1981 Exhaust File is not cumulative with the previous exhaust file because of the new record format. Future files will be consolidated.
- GPO has recently acquired a Data Base Management System (DBMS) called "ADABAS" (The Adaptable Data Base System). With this new system, we will be able to reduce development time for data base application and to provide better and faster service. Our subscription fulfillment system will be one of the first applications under ADABAS.
- The Depository Library Program and the Cataloging and Indexing Programs are financed by our salaries and expenses appropriation. In fact, funding for these two programs amount to about 85% of the total appropriation. For fiscal year 1981, we originally appropriated a total of \$23.4 million dollars. Unexpected increases in the volume of depository and cataloging workload and particularly the costs associated with depository printing, led us to request nearly three million dollars in supplemental appropriations. The Congress has been working to trim all budgets, however, and approved only \$600,000.00 of our requests. Our appropriation request for fiscal year 1982 was for slightly over \$29 million dollars. As yet, no final action has been taken on this request, but we expect to be told to find ways for operating at a lower funding level. One of these ways will be, as I have already pointed out, to speed up the conversion to microform in the depository distribution area.
- One of the casualties of our reduced budget is GAO's legislative history file. As a matter of fact, the House Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee recommended a minor delay in issuing the legislative history

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file, but the Senate Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee removed all monies intended for depository distribution of the Legislative History File. As many of you know, the Legislative History File consists of about 20,000 laws on 42,000 microfiche, from the 65th to the 95th Congresses. They are arranged in chronological sequence, beginning with the Public Law and ending with the print of the bill as initially introduced. Compilations contain prints of the bills in all forms, printed amendments, committee reports, debates and general remarks from the Congressional Record, hearings and also related bills arranged in the same manner as the basic public law history. They are a valuable collection but would require a very large expenditure, easily definable. As a matter of information, it would cost over \$1 million dollars to send the legislative history file to the 500 or so depository libraries which had selected to receive it. So you can see that it is a very costly item, which easily stood out in a budget which was cut drastically. Also for your information, the House Legislative Appropriations Committee on page 240 of House Report 97-29, urges the superintendent of Documents to enlist the cooperation of Depository libraries in speeding up the conversion of publications sent to those libraries from hard copy to microfiche.

So the severe budget constraints I just mentioned are forcing us to accelerate conversion of publications from expensive paper format to less expensive microform publication. Costs to issue in microfiche are 80 to 90 percent less than hardcopy, and savings on postage can be as much as 85 percent.

GPO has been working closely with the Joint Committee on Printing to encourage federal agencies to publish in microfiche. To this end, we have had meetings in recent weeks with the departments of energy, defense, agriculture, and the U.S. geological survey, among others.

We have taken steps to identify both series and serials which lend themselves to conversion to microfiche. Individual monographs are also being examined on a case by case basis. At present, most periodicals are not being considered for conversion. An exception to this is in the replacement of shortages with a microfiche complement. However, should a periodical be chosen for conversion, this would be done with the first issue of the volume, or the beginning of the year.

There is a great concern by the Government Printing Office, the Joint Committee on Printing, and the Depository Library Council to maintain usable access to Government Documents. We fully recognize that certain publications are important reference tools which receive wide use (the U.S. Government Manual and the Zip Code Directory come immediately to mind). Other publications form a browsing collection (such as the Country Handbooks found in most public libraries) and could not be effectively used in microfiche.

Recognizing this, we have developed criteria which will be useful in determining the most effective formats for distribution. Physical characteristics and intended use are the primary considerations. Let's look at the types of publications which lend themselves to microfiche conversion.

First of all, these include statistical publications (excepting standard reference works). These would involve statistical monographs and serials, such as: Statistical Analysis of the World's Merchant Fleet, and Fish Kills Caused by Pollution.

Secondly, scientific, technical, and research publications are included. This involves specialized series, such as the "Smithsonian Contributions to Marine Sciences", and the "Environmental Protection Technology Series". Basically, these have a limited audience which is likely to have ready access to fiche readers and reader-printers.

Thirdly, conference publications are candidates. These are the proceedings and papers from conferences and meetings with a limited, specialized audience. Whenever possible, we will convert them to microfiche.

Fourthly, annual reports are to be microfiched. These will include both the annual reports of government agencies, as well as some annual reports on specific topics (such as the "Annual Report on the Administration of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972").

Fifth, and last, highly specialized reference works. This will involve some directories, indexes, and manuals on very specific topics. We have also decided to place on microfiche all federal telephone directories which are not widely used outside of the agency itself. cont'd

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Special consideration will be given to the physical characteristics of publications. For example, one containing colored anatomical plates would be a poor candidate for black and white fiche -- and would be exempt. A doctor might have trouble finding your appendix using just black and white illustrations! Which brings us to criteria for not putting publications on microfiche. These would include:

First, publications whose physical characteristics would diminish their use to a very high degree. The example just given highlights the importance of color plates in some publications. This would also embrace colored maps, charts, posters, brochures and flyers. It includes loose-leaf publications needing frequent inserts for updating purposes, and publications of very few pages would prove uneconomical to fiche. Whereas, oversize publications would prove awkward to fiche if pages had to be broken into a number of frames.

Second, popular publications designed to promote such things as health or consumer information. This would include "Home and Garden Bulletins", or such a work as "Medicine for Laypeople".

Third, standard reference works, like the ones earlier cited, or the Congressional Directory. We would exempt here most legal materials, as well as bibliographies and publication catalogs.

Fourth, and last, periodicals which are important for browsing, such as "American Education", or the Army's "Soldiers", Magazine with its pin-ups. This will also embrace most newsletters and many bulletins.

In all cases, the professional judgment of librarians on GPO's staff, as well as the wise guidance of librarians on the Depository Library Council, with input from working depository librarians, including law librarians, will help us make the best decisions in the interest of both citizen use of depository materials and economy in the operation of the depository program.

Finally, I want to give you the latest information we have on the publishing and release of the 1980 census material. Due to budget constraints, the census bureau has decided that four major series originally announced for dual format publication will be available only in microfiche. These series are: Block Statistics; Census Tracts; Detailed Population Characteristics; and Metropolitan Housing Characteristics. It is possible that the maps used in connection with block statistics and Census Tracts may be issued by Census in paper copy. This decision of the Census Bureau has generated some dissatisfaction among the 200 depository libraries which earlier opted to select the previously scheduled paper version. However, the possibility of having maps for two of the series in printed form will help users. Also helpful is the willingness of census to cooperate fully with GPO in providing SUDOCs classification numbers in the header areas of the microfiche. Just to give you an idea of the "big money" involved, we calculated that issuance of just one of the four series, the Block Statistics, in paper copies, would cost about 2.6 million dollars for the 200 copies selected by depository libraries. You may be interested in the tentative release dates of the 1980 census material by the Census Bureau. They are:

PHC80-1	Block Statistics	11/81-4/82
PHC80-2	Census Tracts	6/82-1/83
PHC80-3	Summary Characteristics for Governmental Units	1/82-7/82
PC80-1-A	Number of Inhabitants	7/81-12/81
PC80-1-B	General Population Characteristics	10/81-3/82
PC80-1-C	General Social and Economic Characteristics	6/82-12/82
PC80-1-D	Detailed Population Characteristics	1/83-9/83
HC80-1-A	General Housing Characteristics	6/82-12/82
HC80-2	Metropolitan Housing Characteristics	1/83-10/83

Census has no information at this time on what form the Summary Tape Files will take. We know many depositories want them, and we will keep you posted.

Well, that completes my status report on what is going on at GPO. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them.

State Bibliographies

Copies of the three state bibliographies distributed to members attending the business meeting at the Annual Convention-- District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia-- are available for \$5.00 each from: PATTY ALDRICH, GDSIS Secretary-Treasurer / 6151 N. Meridian / Indianapolis, IN 46208. Make check payable to: AALL/GDSIS.

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