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Government Documents Special Interest Section

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By now everyone has probably received their convention mailing and noted the documents-related programs that will be offered. We have some interesting offerings this year, following a trend of late, and I believe that those who do attend these programs will not be disappointed in their quality and scope. Also, it is not too soon to be thinking about programs for next year and I hope that we can get some good ideas for 1989 at our meeting this summer in Atlanta. So begin thinking about possibilities for future programs now!

A number of people have volunteered this year to prepare state bibliographies. As many of you may already know, these bibliographies are now produced as part of the Occasional Papers Series of the AALL. The profitability of this arrangement may now be questionable and I am working with Publications Committee Chair, Merle Slyhoff to consider alternatives or options available to us for restoring the profitability of the project. The Publications Committee is planning to advertise the Occasional Papers more frequently. A separate accounting arrangement at Headquarters may also be necessary. We will have to discuss this at the annual meeting in Atlanta, so I want members of the SIS to have some background of the situation. The advantage for having AALL publish and distribute the bibliographies is that the burden is no longer upon one individual or institution to handle that great task. The disadvantage

of the use of AALL Headquarters may simply be the lack of separate accounting, causing our profits to be subsumed by nonrelated Occasional Papers. Ms. Slyhoff is studying this matter now. But another concern is that some individuals who have contacted Headquarters seeking to obtain the bibliographies are told that they aren't handled at Headquarters anymore. A policy decision of which neither our SIS nor the Publications Committee had any notification. So while it is desirable to have the AALL handle the bibliographies, it is not desirable for us to lose the proceeds (profits) that we are supposed to receive in order to support publication of Jurisdocs. So while our treasury is healthy for the moment, action must be taken to insure that it is not eroded by the sudden nonprofitability of the Occasional Papers.

I have requested a Monday morning timeslot (7:30 - 9:00) for our annual business meeting. This seemed to work well last year in terms of getting matters attended to early in the convention. Also Donald Fossedal, Superintendent of Documents, and Mark Scully, Library Program Services Coordinator at GPO have been invited to attend our meeting.

Also of note, AALL President Al Brecht has ordered a study of SIS', similar to the study undertaken by the AALL Committee on Committees. To that end, Roger Jacobs, a committee member of this SIS study group, contacted me with various questions about the

activity and health of our SIS. I was pleased to report that our SIS has an interested and active membership. My only suggestion was the hope that some sort of national liason, similar to ALA's, could be set up in order to respond to political situations such as last year's Government Printing Office funding problems. It would be helpful to have a direct means for contacting AALL to get a policy position on important legislation affecting not only our SIS but also other groups within AALL as well as AALL as a whole.

Keith Buckley is now busy appointing a nominating committee for the 1988-89 officers. Ballots should be sent out and returned sometime before the next Jurisdocs. So don't forget to vote!

Mary Anne Royle

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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to thank all members of the SIS who contributed articles and information for this issue of Jurisdocs.

Please be sure to read Mary Anne Royle's "Letter from the President" for a review of the SIS' arrangement with AALL Headquarters for sale of our "state bibliographies". Revenue raised from the sale of the bibliographies helps to support publication of Jurisdocs.

Chris Corcos, Vice-President/President-Elect has been busy planning what will certainly be an interesting and informative slate of SIS

sponsored convention programs in Atlanta. See her article for more details.

March 16th has been proclaimed "Freedom of Information Day" by the U.S. Congress. In honor of this event, Cheryl Nyberg has prepared an annotated listing of freedom of information resources that includes not only government documents but also commercial publications.

Recent publications issued by the United Nations and by the International Labour Office are provided by Veronica Maclay. Veronica has included ordering information for those who might find a particular title of interest.

Susan Tulis continues to keep us informed on current happenings at the Government Printing Office in her column, "Relations with GPO".

As always, if anyone is interested in contributing to Jurisdocs please let me know. Your contribution could serve to increase the membership's awareness of a particular area or it could provide new information.

Susan Dow

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#### SIS TO SPONSOR THREE PROGRAMS AT AALL

The government Documents Special Interest Section is sponsoring three very interesting and unusual programs at the Atlanta convention in June.

Sally Holterhoff is coordinating a program called

"Creative Approaches to Researching State Legislative History" which will feature Nancy Johnson from Georgia State Law Library as moderator, and Carol Roehrenbeck from Nova University Law Library, Thomas Stallard, Director of the Legislative Intent Service, and Sally Wiant from Washington and Lee University Law Library as speakers. The program will emphasize the difficulties of finding evidence of legislative intent at the state level and introduce techniques which will be helpful to researchers doing state legislative histories. This program will be of interest to general reference staff and to acquisitions librarians as well, who might pick up some tips on where to obtain elusive legislative materials. The section is co-sponsoring "Creative Approaches to Researching State Legislative History" with the Reader Services SIS.

Penny Hazelton is coordinating and moderating a program on native American law called "The Constitutional and Governmental Status of American Indian Tribes," in which Deana Harragarra Waters, Law Librarian at the National Indian Law Library in Boulder, Colorado, and Professor Charles F. Wilkinson of the University of Colorado School of Law will participate. This program will introduce

listeners to the legal and constitutional status of American Indian tribal governments within the United States. Reference librarians will find this program of particular interest.

Cheryl Nyberg is coordinating and moderating a program called "Beyond the Depository Library: Non-Traditional Access to Government Information". Mary Redmond from the New York State Library, Thomas F. Field, Executive Director of Tax Analysts, and Richard Leacy, Georgia Institute of Technology, will discuss the alarming decrease in the amount of government information available to the public and suggest some practical methods of obtaining information no longer available through traditional channels. Acquisitions librarians can undoubtedly pick up tips on obtaining documents through alternate suppliers and library administrators will find policy discussion of the decreasing flow of government information useful.

All three of these programs will offer stimulating ideas as well as practical and useful information and are certain to be of interest to the general AALL membership as well as documents librarians.

Christine Corcos

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## INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS

This bibliography will focus on recent international publications published by the International Labour Office and the United Nations.

## International Labour Office

Publications and subscriptions may be ordered through sales agents and major booksellers all over the world, ILO offices in many countries, or directly from the ILO in Geneva. The complete addresses are: International Labour Office, 1750 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20006. Phone (202) 376-2315. ILO Publications, International Labour Office, CH-1211 Geneva 22. Phone 99 6111; Telex: 22271. Cable address: INTERLAB GENEVE, Telefax: (022) 988685.

Recent releases include:

- Annotated Bibliography on Child Labour. 1986. 69pp.  
[92-2-105465-9]. 15 Sw.frs.
- Annotated Bibliography on Clandestine Employment. 1987. 132pp. (International Labour Bibliography No. 2).  
[92-2-105726-7]. 17.50 Sw.frs.; US \$12.25.
- Annotated Bibliography on Working Time. 1986. v+ 100pp.  
[92-2-100543-7]. 17.50 Sw.frs.; US \$12.25.
- Employment Creation Policies and Strategies: An Annotated Bibliography, 1980-86. 1987. 400pp. (International Labour Bibliography No. 3).  
[92-2-106173-6]. 22.50 Sw.frs.; US \$15.75.
- International Trade, Employment and Structural Adjustment in the United States. H. Peter Gray, Thomas Pugel, Ingo Walter. 1986. 108pp.  
[92-2-105325-3]. 25 Sw.frs.
- Labour Protection Laws in ASEAN. 1987. 481pp.  
[92-2-105891-3]. 30 Sw.frs.; US \$21.00.
- Labour Relations Laws in ASEAN. 1986. 365pp.  
[92-2-105434-9]. 17.50 Sw.frs.; US \$12.25.
- Rights of Salaried Authors and Inventors. 1987.  
[92-2-105910-3]. In preparation.
- Subject Guide to Publications of the International Labour Office, 1980-85. 1987. 614pp. (International Labour Bibliography No. 1). [92-2-106076-4].  
30 Sw.frs.; US \$21.00
- World Recession and Global Interdependence: Effects on Employment, Poverty and Policy Formation in Developing Countries. Edited by R. van der Hoeven and Peter J. Richards. 1987. 139pp. [92-2-105609-0].  
30 Sw.frs.; US \$21.00.

## UNITED NATIONS

To order from the UN Sales section: United Nations Publications Sales Section, Room DC 2-0853, New York, NY 10017. To order from UNIPUB: UNIPUB, 4611-F Assembly Drive, Lanham, MD 20706-4391. Toll Free No. (800) 274-4888.

### Recent releases include:

- Disarmament - A Periodic Review by the United Nations, Vol. X, No. 2, Summer 1987. [92-1-142130-6]. \$6.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.IX.4.
- Disarmament - A Periodic Review by the United Nations, Vol. X, No. 3, Autumn 1987. [92-1-142131-4]. \$6.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.IX.5.
- Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries in Marine Affairs. 1987. 68pp. [92-1-104206-2]. \$9.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.II.A.12. (ST/ESA/19).
- Energy Statistics Yearbook. 1985. [92-1-061112-8]. \$51.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.86.XVII.13. (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.J/29).
- Foreign Direct Investment, the Service Sector and International Banking. 1987. 71pp. (UNCTC Current Studies, Series A, No. 7). [92-1-104209-7]. \$9.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.II.A.15. (ST/CTC/SER.A/7).
- International Monetary and Financial Issues for the Developing Countries. 1987. 328pp. [92-1-112229]. \$38.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.II.D.3. (UNCTAD/ST/MFD/4)
- Motor Insurance and Compensation of Motor Accident Victims in Developing Countries. 1987. 51pp. [92-1-112224-4]. \$12.50. Available from UN Sales Section. E.86.II.D.6. (TD/B/C.3/209).
- Prospects of World Urbanization: Revised as of 1984-85. 1987. 268pp. (Population Studies No. 101). [92-1-151163-1]. \$34.00. Available from UNIPUB, Order No. UN87 13 3. Also available from UN Sales Section. E.87.XIII.3.
- Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Vienna, 17-26 June 1987. 1987. 143pp. [92-1-100320-2]. \$17.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.I.18. (A/CONF.133/12).
- Report of the Interregional Seminar to Promote the Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging. 1986. 46pp. [92-1-130111]. \$7.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.86.I.5. (ST/ESA/181).
- Study of the Problems of Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations. 1987. 46pp. [92-1-154069-7]. \$11.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.86.XIV.3. (E/CN.4/SUB.2/1986/7/Add.4).

UNITED NATIONS (continued)

- Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia: United Nations Public Hearings Volume III (Statements and Submissions). 1987. 518pp. [92-1-104181-3]. \$54.00. Available from UNIPUB, Order No. UN86 2A8. Also available from UN Sales Section. E.86.II.A.8. (ST/CTC/68).
- Transnational Corporations in South Africa and Namibia: United Nations Public Hearings Volume IV: Policy Instruments and Statements. 1987. 444pp. [92-1-104182-1]. \$65.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.86.II.A.9. (ST/CTC/68).
- UNCITRAL Legal Guide on Electronic Funds Transfers. 1987. [92-1-133299-0]. \$17.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.V.9. (A/CN.9/SER.B/1).
- United States and Drug Abuse Control. [1987]. [92-1-100314-8]. \$5.00. Available from UN Sales Section. E.87.I.8. (DPI/906).
- World Economic Survey 1987: Current Trends and Policies in the World Economy. [1987]. [92-1-109113-6]. \$22.00. Available from UNIPUB, Order No. UN87 2C1.
- Yearbook of the International Law Commission, 1985: Volume II, Part I: Documents of the Thirty-Seventh Session. [92-1-133279-6]. \$25.00. Available from UNIPUB, Order No. UN86 5 SPT1. Also available from UN Sales Section. E.86.V.5.

Veronica Maclay

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:

RESOURCES

March 16 was proclaimed Freedom of Information Day by Congress (100th Cong., HJR 408 and SJR 126, text appended). In commemoration, this article presents a miscellaneous collection of current materials and information dealing with this topic of vital and enduring interest to law and documents librarians.

Government Documents

Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act: Hearing before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 98th Cong., 2d Sess. (1985. 175pp. Y 4.J 89/2:S.hrg 98-128. Item 1042-A or -B)

Hearing on unsuccessful Senate bills 1335 and 2395 regarding exemptions for information regarding national security, terrorism, and foreign counterintelligence.

A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records (House Committee on Government Operations, 1987. 50pp. 100th Cong., 1st Sess., House Report 100-199. Y 1.1/8:100-199. S/N 052-071-00752-1. \$1.75).

A revision of the popular 1977 Citizen's Guide on How to Use the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act in Requesting Government Documents (House Committee on Government Operations. 59pp. 95th Cong., 1st Sess., House Report 95-793. U.S. Serial Set 13174-2) which was incorrectly cited in the 1987 edition as House Report 95-796. The current revision reflects changes in the statutes through 1986 and includes texts of both laws. Omitted is the directory of more than 100 federal departments, agencies, bureaus, commissions, boards and offices that appeared in the original edition. The 1987 edition does refer readers to the United States Government Manual as a source of descriptions and addresses of agencies and in a footnote indicates that the Manual is sold by the Superintendent of Documents and that "[v]irtually every public library should have a copy on its shelves". At least one commercial publisher has already reprinted the new Guide. Commerce Clearing House has issued a retitled version of the first 32 pages (omitting the text of the laws) as supplements to its Standard Federal Tax Reports (Number 43, Part II Oct. 14, 1987) and Trade Regulation Reports (Number 831, Part II, Oct. 19, 1987) (reprint title: Citizen's Guide to the Freedom of Information Act).

FBI Oversight and Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 1988: Hearings before the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, 100th Cong., 1st Sess. (1987. 315pp. Y 4.J 89/1:100/5. Item 1020-A or -B. \$9.00)

Provides answers to questions on the FBI's policies and plans for polygraph screening and drug testing of Bureau applicants and employees (pp.141-62) and includes copies of FBI documents released under the FOIA on investigation of two groups, the Physicians for Social Responsibility and Jobs with Peace. Almost all of the FBI material is completely blacked out; the other disclosed material consists of newspaper clippings.

Federal Register (National Archives and Records Administration. daily. AE 2.106: Item 573-C or -D. \$340/yr. paper; \$185/yr. microfiche.)

Agency rules implementing the FOIA are common entries in the Register, and cover procedures, uniform fees schedules, and administrative guidelines.



FOIA Update (Department of Justice, 1979-date, quarterly. J 1.58:. Item 717-B-11. S/N 727-002-00000-6. \$5/yr.)

Contains short articles; selected reprints of new amendments, regulations, guidelines, and executive orders; abstracts of significant judicial decisions; and notices of workshops, seminars, and other training opportunities for federal personnel. The latest issue (vol. 8, no. 3, Fall 1987) includes a cumulative subject index.

Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1986: Hearing before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, 99th Cong., 2d Sess. (1986. 187 pp. Y 4.G 74/7:F 78/5. Item 1016-A or -B)

Hearing on H.R. 4862 on confidential business information.

The Freedom of Information Act for Attorneys and Access Professionals (Department of Justice, 1984. 2 vols. J 31.2:F 87:. Item 717-C-13.)

These volumes, prepared for a Legal Education Institute seminar, contain an assortment of original and republished material: The seminar outline; FOIA Update articles; a guide to managing and responding to requests; sample affidavits, memorandum, and orders; and a copy of Executive Order No. 12356 (1982) on National Security Information.

Freedom of Information Case List (Department of Justice, 1979-date, annual. J 1.56:. Item 717-B-7. S/N 027-000-01284-1. 1987 ed. \$15)

The 1987 Case List supersedes earlier editions and includes an alphabetical listing of published and unpublished judicial decisions on access issues under the FOI and Privacy Acts; a topical index to the decisions; texts of the FOI, Privacy, Government in the Sunshine, and Federal Advisory Committee Acts; a Justice Department guide to the FOIA; a bibliography of basic FOIA government documents (noting that out-of-print documents are "[a]vailable in most law libraries"); and a chronological list of law review articles from 1965 to 1987.

Freedom of Information Reading Room (Internal Revenue Service, 1987. 1 sheet. Publication 1118. T 22.44/2:1118. Item 964-B.)

Describes hours, access and photocopy policies, and types of documents available for inspection in the National Office Reading Room in Washington. Some of the less familiar items are actuarial rulings, evaluations of the Art Advisory and Art Print Panels, Privacy Act resource materials, technical information releases, and background file documents relating to written determinations.

**The Freedom on Information Reform Act:** Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, 98th Cong., 2d Sess. (1985. 1155 pp. Y 4.G 74/7:F 87/4. Item 1016-A or -B.)

Hearing on S. 774 on fees and fee waivers and exemptions to protect privacy and law enforcement operations. Interesting insertions include: a "catalog of statutes invoked by Federal agencies under the (b)(3) exemption," 1975-82, by the American Society of Access Professionals (pp. 1044-56); a list of "Actions Taken by the Reagan Administration to Restrict Public Access to Government Information," 1981-84, by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (pp. 145-55); and a Congressional Research Service compilation of "Press Notices on Disclosures Made Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act," 1972-84 (pp. 703-68).

**Health and the Environment Miscellaneous (Part 1):** Hearing before the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, 99th Cong., 1st Sess. (1986. 1080 pp. Y 4.En 2/3:99-64. Item 1019-A or -B. #29)

Reviews Consumer Product Safety Commission's procedures for and restrictions on release of manufacturer and product information.

**Privacy Act Issuances Compilation** (National Archives and Records Administration, 1975-date. annual. AE 2.106/4:. Item 573.)

Describes agency files maintained on individuals and procedural rules for requesting information.

### **Commercial Publications**

**Federal Information Disclosure: Procedures, Forms and the Law,** by James T. O'Reilly (Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, 1977. 2 looseleaf vols. updated to Dec. 1987. \$170 plus annual upkeep.)

Exhaustive coverage of FOI, Privacy, and Government in the Sunshine Acts.

**Former Secrets: Government Records Made Public Through the Freedom of Information Act,** edited by Evan Hendricks (Campaign for Political Rights, 1982. 204 pp. \$15)

Arranged by broad subject areas (consumer product safety; labor and civil rights; fraud, waste and government spending), this list summarizes 500 FOIA requests and their results (publication of newspaper and journal articles and books, lawsuits, and changes in agencies' policies and procedures).

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The Freedom of Information Act: A Comprehensive Bibliography of Law Related Materials, 3d ed. by Frank Houdek (University of Texas School of Law, 1985. 95 pp. Tarlton Law Library Legal Bibliography Series No. 30. \$28)

The bulk of this selectively annotated bibliography is devoted to law review articles under a subject and case note arrangement. Almost 90 Congressional committee hearings, prints, and reports; a handful of presidential and departmental publications; a number of ALR annotations; and over two dozen legal treatises and practical guides are also listed. Coverage extends from the 1960's through 1984.

Guidebook to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, 2d ed. compiled and edited by Justin D. Franklin and Robert F. Bouchard (Clark Boardman, 1986. 1 looseleaf vol. \$75)

Covers FOI and Privacy Acts, obtaining business information, a chronologically arranged bibliography of law review articles, CFR citations to agencies' FOI and privacy regulations, directories of FOIA offices and federal information centers, and full text of state FOI laws.

How to Use the Federal FOI Act, 6th ed. (Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 1987. \$3) not available for annotation.

How to Use the Freedom of Information Act (Washington Researchers, 1986. 50 pp. Briefcase Series Vol. 2. \$30)

A practical guide which includes the text of the law, advice on how to keep fees low, sample request forms, a directory of FOI offices, and a guide to FOI indexes.

Information Law: Freedom of Information, Privacy, Open Meetings, Other Access Laws, by Burt A. Braverman and Frances J. Chetwynd (Practising Law Institute, 1982. 2 looseleaf vols. \$135) not available for annotation.

Litigation Under the Federal Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act, 11th ed. edited by Allan Adler (Center for National Security Studies, 1986. 121 pp. \$35 for attorneys, government agencies, libraries, and institutions; \$12.50 for tax-exempt organizations and law students and faculty)

Text in outline format with citations to bills, statutes, regulations, guidelines, cases, and legislative history documentation. Published annually since 1976.

"Symposium: Toward a Government Information Policy--FOIA at 20," 46 Public Administration Review 603-39 (Nov.-Dec. 1986).

Your Right to Government Information, by Christine Marwick (Bantam, 1985. 288 pp. American Civil Liberties Union Handbook Series. \$4.95)

Familiar ACLU question-and-answer format with footnotes. Includes sample letters, text of the law, directory and descriptions of organizations who may provide legal assistance, and a directory of over 100 federal agency FOIA offices, including FBI field divisions.

### Sources of Current Information

Church of Scientology of California v. Internal Revenue Services, 108 S. Ct. 271 (1987).

The most recent Supreme Court case arising from an FOIA request. For other decisions, use West Key Numbers Records 50-57.

Federal Executive Directory (Carroll Publishing company. bimonthly. \$140)

Included in the perfunctory section is a directory of FOI offices. The Jan.-Feb. 1988 issue listed 56 offices.

Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 19367, Washington DC 20036 (202) 785-3704.

Founded in 1972, this organization "[p]rovides legal and technical assistance to public interest groups, citizens, and the press in the effective use of laws granting a right of access to government-held information" (1986 Encyclopedia of Associations, entry 13561). Will answer telephone and written requests for information and assistance. Staff participates in workshops, engages in litigation, and assists in the preparation of the Litigation Manual. Write or call for a copy of their user's guide to the FOIA.

National Security Archives, 1755 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington DC 20036. (202) 797-0882.

This non-profit research organization was founded in 1985 with three main purposes:

1. to assemble documentation obtained by FOIA requests specifically on the topic of U.S. foreign policy,
2. to enrich the public policy debate by the revelation of this information, and
3. to combat the growing restrictions on access to government information.

The organization came to national attention when it compiled The Chronology: The Documented Day-by-Day Account of the Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Contras (Bantam, 1987. 678 pp. \$5.95). Scott Armstrong, of The Brethren and

Watergate-reporting fame, was a founder and is the executive director. The group has ambitious plans to issue sets of documents on microfiche or CD-ROM, with detailed indexes, and to publish a quarterly academic review entitled National Security Journal.

News Media & the Law (Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, 1977-date. quarterly. \$5/yr.)

Brief accounts of current cases and issues and periodic compilations of state laws on FOI, privacy, open meetings, and other related laws.

Appendix--Text of SJR 126

A Joint Resolution to designate March 16, 1988 as "Freedom of Information Day."

Whereas a fundamental principle of our Government is that a well-informed citizenry can reach the important decisions that determine the present and\* future of the Nation;

Whereas the freedoms we cherish as Americans are fostered by free access to information;

Whereas many Americans, because they have never known any other way of life, take for granted the guarantee of free access to information that derives from the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the guarantee of free access to information should be emphasized and celebrated annually; and

Whereas March 16 is the anniversary of the birth of James Madison, one of the Founding Fathers, who recognized and supported the need to guarantee individual rights through the Bill of Rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 16, 1988, is designated as "Freedom of Information Day, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

\*Note: HJR 408 does not include the words "present and." At this time, there is no citation available for the Presidential proclamation.

Cheryl Rae Nyberg

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## RELATIONS WITH GPO

Since there is no one big issue to be discussed, this will be a mixture of information that I have obtained over the past few months.

### Microfiche Situation

There really isn't much to report in this area in terms of progress. Although GPO has split up their microfiching into ten different contracts instead of just one to avoid a recurrence of the present situation, only one contract (for the CFR) has been awarded at this point in time. It will probably be April and May before the others are awarded. Fact - August 28, 1987 was when the last microfiche contract was awarded. Fact - the CFR contract went to the contractor who produced the defective fiche last year. I have been told he has cleaned up his act.

Now what about those 1800 embargoed microfiche print orders? GPO has been given the go ahead to reproduce this fiche, but it means writing a new microfiche contract!

LPS has just recently discovered that there is a problem with the current microfiche copies of the daily Congressional Record and the Federal Register. The distribution of this is about two months behind. It is being worked on and also note that these titles are not sent out from LPS.

Can anyone come up with another heading for the "microfiche situation"? One that would make a good title

for a book?

### Item Number Index to the List of Classes

Although Bonnie Trivizas announced at ALA Midwinter that this index would be coming out in the December 1987 issue, it will not be available until the March 1988 issue. A misunderstanding with the programming people.

### Foreign Relations of the United States

Yes, this is one of the titles converted to microfiche and is in that backlog of embargoed microfiche. A number of volumes have come out and are for sale by GPO. If you need them for your collection I would suggest buying them now.

### Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service

In case you have not noticed, you haven't received the 1985 or 1986 edition of this title through the depository system. Yes, it still is a depository item, but once again the "microfiche situation" has stuck. In this case there is a further complication, GPO is not selling the hard copy through the Sales Program. INS asked GPO if they wanted to sell it and GPO said no because it would not bring in enough money. INS went to NTIS and asked them to sell it. In fact, NTIS is selling hardcopy editions back to 1965.

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Order number and prices for the last few years are as follows:

1986	PB87-217238	\$19.95
1985	PB87-113015	\$15.50
1984	PB87-113007	\$24.95
1983	PB87-112991	\$24.95

There is some confusion at INS - it is not true that GPO is no longer distributing this title through the depository system, just not in hardcopy. Also, GPO is not selling this title. Again, I would suggest buying this title if your library needs it.

**Concerns/Comments**

The above problem with the Statistical Yearbook is but one example of what I see as a continual problem resulting from the "microfiche situation". We as documents librarians have no way of knowing for certain if a particular title is part of the embargoed microfiche or if there has been a glitch in the system and we just haven't received it. What should we do? Send in a 3794 Depository Library Inquiry Form? Wait for the microfiche copy? (Who knows when or if that will appear.) Or spend our library's limited resources and purchase a copy from whatever available source before it goes out of print? One final comment. Space problems or not, when the item selection update rolls around in May, I would think long and hard about switching from microfiche to paper for those dual format titles. At least

then you might receive something. Of course, this can reek havoc at GPO - all their counts will be wrong, there won't be enough money budgeted to provide sufficient copies so we will all get rainchecks. At least then we're getting something!

Hope this information is of some help. Please contact me with other problems, concerns, suggestions, etc. at:

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University of Virginia  
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**NEWSWORTHY NOTES**

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**MONTHLY CATALOGS AVAILABLE**

Arkansas Supreme Court Library has a number of old miscellaneous issues of Monthly Catalog available, including issues from 1962 through 1980. These were offered through Needs and Offers, July 1987, but remain unspoken for. If interested, please contact:

Margaret Beam  
Supreme Court Library  
Justice Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201-1080  
Phone (501) 682-2148.

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## GAO SURVEY OF FEDERAL INFORMATION USERS

The General Accounting Office has sent a survey questionnaire to a sample of federal depository libraries to "determine their current and future information needs and if and how technology might help meet those needs". The results of this survey will be given to the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment for use in their study, "Technology, Public Policy, and the Changing Nature of Federal Information Dissemination".

Questions on the survey involve what sources of obtaining federal information are used and how frequently by the responding library (i.e. direct from the government, via the media, from commercial sources/vendors and from other libraries); what formats (i.e. paper, microformat, electronic mail, on-line databases, magnetic tape/disk, floppy disks, videodisks, compact optical disks, film and videotape) are used to locate the following types of federal information: Congressional Record/hearings/reports/bills, laws/statutes, scientific and technical reports, consumer pamphlets, press releases/bulletins, catalogs/abstracts/bibliographies

/indices, agency operational manuals, agency contractual specifications/documents, agency program/project reports, agency decisions/administrative opinions, agency rules/regulations/directives, maps/charts/photos, computer models/programs, statistical data, and satellite imagery data.

Using the same categories of federal information, the respondent is asked to specify which formats the library would like to use to access the information in the next three years. Other questions deal with the usefulness of paper, on-line, and CD-ROM access to federal information. A question deals with the price that a library would be willing to pay for online access to information with choices ranging between \$1-19 to \$100.00 or more per hour. Prices for access to CD-ROM products range from \$1-19 to \$1,000.00 or more per disk.

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The Depository Library Council met March 9-11th in Charleston, South Carolina. A report on the meeting will be in the next issue of Jurisdocs.



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