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TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE

1979 Annual Program

*Local Government Publications:
Are They Of Value?*

The 1979 TLA Government Documents Roundtable program will be on local government publications. The program is intended to be an introduction to this little known area of publishing. Topics covered will include: kinds of publications produced by local governments, using them as sources of information, bibliographic control, and how to develop a collection.

Participating as speakers will be Pamela Bannell, Librarian, City of Dallas Management Services Library; and Milt Ternberg, Dallas Public Library.

The program will be held on Thursday, April 5, 1979, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

LC/TSL BEGIN COOPERATIVE CATALOGING PROJECT

The first joint cataloging venture between the Library of Congress and a state library will get underway when LC and the Texas State Library begin performing cooperative name authority work in establishing corporate names for State of Texas governmental bodies. This project will last for an initial period of six months, but may be extended by mutual consent. It is expected that the project will be functioning by February 1, 1979.

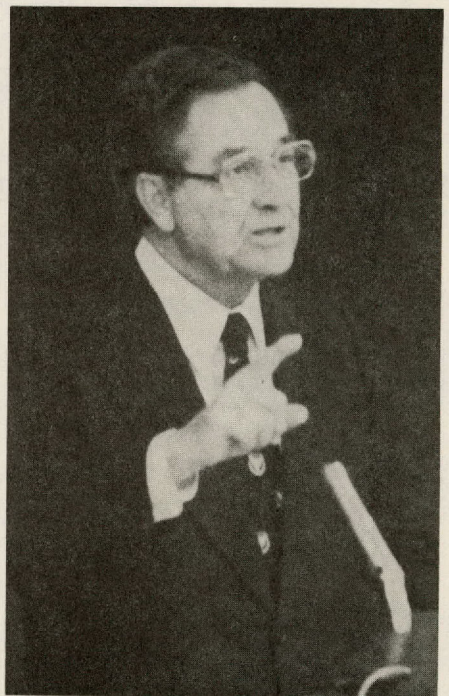
General procedures for this effort have been agreed upon and will involve the Texas State Library searching its own authority file, OCLC, NUC, Mansell, and LC's Name Headings with References to obtain an LC established heading. If the search is not successful, the State Library will do the necessary authority work, and record the resulting information on a name authority worksheet for transmission to Washington. The Library of Congress will compare the heading with its own records, verify the form and cross references, do any additional work necessary, and return the verified form of the heading to the State Library. The LC heading will then become part of the State Library's local authority file to be used in its cataloging and for distribution to other libraries in Texas. The Texas State Library will follow LC's practice of superimposition when working with a subdivision of a body established under previous rules in a non-AACR form.

In preparation for this project, the State Library has obtained a copy of LC's corporate name authority file for Texas, and has integrated that copy into its own file, so that LC's records will serve as the core of authority work in this area. In addition, the Library of Congress has agreed to provide the State Library with authority cards and printed cross references, including information references, for newly established Texas

State corporate names which originate as part of this project. Communication between Texas and Washington, D.C., will take place by telecopier.

Texas State Library staffing for this project will include one professional cataloger and one support person, each working part-time. Carol Burlinson, cataloger in the Technical Services Department, traveled to Washington for a two-week training session at the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress has provided copies of the current procedure manual for use of the name authority worksheets, as well as updated policy decisions that relate to corporate

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Texas Congressman J.J. 'Jake' Pickle addressing the 2nd Annual Government Documents Conference - story on page 5

Publication Schedule For

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Persons interested in submitting articles or information for publication in Public Documents Highlights for Texas should forward the materials to the Editor according to the following deadlines:

HIGHLIGHTS ISSUE:	SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Spring 1979 - Vol. I, No. 3	April 6, 1979
Summer 1979 - Vol. I, No. 4	July 6, 1979
Fall 1979 - Vol. II, No. 1	October 5, 1979

Notes from the Editor

Reaction to the first issue of Public Documents Highlights for Texas has exceeded my every expectation. Of our initial mailing, we have had a better than 60% return of requests from libraries who want to receive Highlights on a continuing basis and we found it necessary to reprint the first issue. As a result of some national exposure in the library literature, the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse is starting to receive a large number of requests from other states about both the Highlights newsletter and the documents activities of Texas in general.

There are two new features starting with this second issue of Highlights. First, an 'Inside This Issue' section will appear on the front page of each issue of the newsletter. By pointing out special material contained in that issue, I hope to prevent articles or notices from becoming too dated, i.e. information about workshops, etc. The second new feature is a 'Highlights Publication Schedule' to inform possible contributors of publication deadlines for the next three issues. I hope that this will further encourage people to submit material for publication, hopefully on or before the submission deadlines. If you run across news for the newsletter and there isn't sufficient time to submit written copy, please call the Clearinghouse and the details can be taken over the telephone.

Some people have informed us that due to an incorrect address, or, routing problems in a library system, copies of the Clearinghouse publications (Texas State Documents, Public Documents Highlights for Texas, etc.) are late in reaching them, if they reach them at all. If you are experiencing problems in receiving your mail from the Clearinghouse, please contact us

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Don't forget to attend the TLA GODORT program on municipal documents.



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headings as established under the project. Mrs. Burlinson will be the contact person with LC and will administer and supervise the State Library's participation in the project.

Bibliographic records utilizing name authority headings that result from this cooperative effort will be input to OCLC as part of the cataloging records for Texas State documents. Verified headings and their references will be input to LC's automated name authority file, which is distributed by the Library's cataloging distribution service. Thus, those libraries utilizing these records will benefit from the shared authority control of Texas entries between LC and the State Library.

While this is a "pilot" project, both libraries hope that the effort will be successful and continue beyond the trial period. The ALA Council has gone on record as encouraging this type of cooperative cataloging.

DOCUMENTS WORKSHOP

BRYAN, TX - 3/24/79

A workshop on U.S. documents for the small and medium-size public library and school library will be held at the Bryan Public Library on March 24, 1979, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The meeting is sponsored by the Government Documents Round Table of the Texas Library Association and by the Texas State Library. Although it is primarily intended for District 3 TLA librarians, anyone is welcome to attend.

Speakers for the sessions will be librarians presently working in libraries which are depositories for U.S. government publications.

Presentations will include information on reference materials suitable for smaller collections; periodicals; materials of popular interest, such as pamphlets for consumer education; acquisition of materials from the government; and technical processing for the smaller library.

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Legal Briefs

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LIBRARIANS IN THE COURTS

-----Two recent cases involving librarians did not turn out well for our colleagues. Madeleine Sumpter, a GS-9 working on a California Marine Corps Base was removed for inefficiency after three negative reports on her library by the Navy Regional Librarian. Ms. Sumpter claimed that her co-workers and others were out to get her and that she was forced to work with "persons of below average intelligence." To add to her woes, the base golf course received more money than the library. Unfortunately, the U. S. Court of Claims, found itself "...faced with the formidably documented record evidence of plaintiff's inability satisfactorily to perform her job" and denied her request for reinstatement with back pay. The librarian here in question had started work as a library technician (GS-7) and worked her way up to librarian - which doesn't speak well of coming up through the ranks, (Sumpter v. United States; Court of Claims No. 398-77, 6/27/78; reported in BNA's Government Employee Relations Report, n. 770, July 31, 1978) ----- The bumper sticker may say that "Librarians Are Novel Lovers", but that doesn't mean you can't get too novel to sue your board of trustees. Rebecca Hollenbaugh, a librarian at the Carnegie Free Library in Connellsville, Pa. (pop. 11,000) was fired from her job for living in an "open and adulterous" relationship with a fellow employee. The board of trustees objected to the fact that her co-worker happened to be married to someone else at the time they took up house-keeping. After both had been fired, they went to court claiming they were denied both equal protection of law and their rights of privacy in their private lives. The judges did not agree and on December 11, 1978, the Supreme

Court refused to hear the case. Justice Marshall in dissent said that the court was allowing "administrative meddling with important personal rights." He could not accept the contention that the "open and adulterous" relationship of the two really affected their job performance. "This reasoning, Marshall argued, "reduces to the conclusion that Hollenbaugh was incompetent as a librarian because some members of the community disapproved of her lifestyle." (Hollenbaugh v. Carnegie Free Library; 47 US Law Week 3406, 39 CCH S. CT. BULL., p. B368)-----The Federal Register of December 4th, p. 56727 asks for comments on the development of an educational program to explain how the Feds make regulations, with emphasis on how the public can participate in rulemaking. It seems to me that such a program would be of great help to librarians both in their research and, especially, in trying to explain the maze of regulations to their patrons. Comments should be forwarded as soon as possible.-----The Court of Civil Appeals at Amarillo, agreeing with an earlier Attorney General Opinion (H-254, 1974) has struck down Section 4 of Article 5172a (VATS) which provided for overtime pay for women employees working over 40 hours a week. The statute was found in conflict with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in that it provided benefits for women that it denied to men. Even though the statute had been declared void by a federal court, the plaintiff had planned to have the courts extend the various provisions to men rather than making them null altogether. The court declared that to do so would be contrary to the underlying purpose of the statute. (Vick v. Pioneer Oil Co. ; 18 EDP 8690)-----That's it.

Dallas Public Library Offers Patrons Course on Using Gov't Documents

This fall Dallas Public Library offered a series of courses dealing with library services and uses. One of the courses offered was "Using Government Publications". It was a six hour course taught in six sessions from October 3 to October 19 and an entry fee of \$7.50 was charged. The instructors were Milt Ternberg, John George, Virginia Messer, Marie Hartman, and Frank Pouzar. The main purpose of the course was to instruct

the user in how to locate and use United States and Texas publications and maps.

The Documents Division was gratified to have all thirty places filled for the course, selling it out. The participants were mainly special librarians from the Dallas area, who wanted to become more facile in the

use of U. S. publications and more knowledgeable on the holdings of Dallas Public Library.

The first session was conducted by Milt Ternberg and Marie Hartman. It was an introduction to, and an overview of the United States Government Printing Office depository system. A history of the system and an explanation of its workings were offered. Marie Hartman conducted a slide show purchased from the University of Texas on how to use the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications, which she modified to cover the needs of her presentation.

John George covered "Keeping Up With Congress" in the second session. His purpose was to acquaint the participants with all the various methods used in conducting a search for legislative history and congressional intent. His presentation covered both Federal and commercial tools.

The Texas State publications were treated in the third session by Frank Pouzar. Topics covered included: an overview of the Texas depository system, what types of information are available in Texas Documents, and how to locate that information.

A brief presentation on patents, how to locate them, and the patent holdings of Dallas Public Library was given by Mr. Pouzar in the fourth session. Virginia Messer gave a detailed introduction to the types of maps available, how to read a map, sources of government maps, map networks, and the extent of the map holdings in the Dallas Public Library collection.

The fifth and sixth sessions were given by Milt Ternberg and Marie Hartman on specialized subjects. Mr. Ternberg covered the standard business information sources published by the Government Printing Office. Ms. Hartman treated a wide range of subjects covering some of the geological, agricultural, consumer, and statistical publications.

At the conclusion of the course, participants expressed interest in knowing when the course would be repeated for those who had been unable to secure a place this fall. Generally, they felt that the course was informative and filled a definite need for the users of government publications.

Frank Pouzar
Documents Librarian
Dallas Public Library

[Highlights would like to hear more about workshops that never get into the literature. If you have sponsored a recent workshop on documents please contact the Editor.]

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ACCESS

THE SUBJECT APPROACH TO DOCUMENTS

BY: KATE ADAMS
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[Editors Note:

Kate Adams is the subject indexer for the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse and responsible for the production of the Texas State Documents Subject Index and Title Index. It is hoped that this new column will provide information about the methodologies and practices of the Clearinghouse in the production of these finding aids — reader reactions to both the indexes and this column are encouraged and should be addressed to Ms. Adams care of the Publications Clearinghouse.]

The purpose of the TSD Subject Index is to provide subject access to the information contained in the monographs listed on the monthly Texas State Documents checklist. A significant portion of the monographs listed contain statistical and descriptive information for Texas cities and counties on one or more of the following subjects: population, housing, education, employment, crime, income, industry, health and transportation. Where a monograph deals with a specific city or county, this information is easily indexed and is easily accessible under the appropriate city or county name.

Unfortunately for the purposes of indexing and retrieval, it is much more the exception than the rule that state documents deal with a single city or county. More common are documents covering a region, such as a state planning region, a health service area, an SMSA, or a manpower consortium. Documents concerning these regions usually contain descriptive and statistical information on many Texas counties and cities.

The regions and the regional governmental bodies which administer them differ in size, organization, purpose, authority, and responsibility, and the documents they generate reflect this diversity. For example, state planning regions are administered by local governmental associations. These regional councils are, in many cases, the designated agencies for areawide planning in the areas of criminal justice, drug and alcohol abuse, aging, water quality, transportation, and economic development. In some areas of the state, however, these planning responsibilities are assumed by municipal water districts, river authorities, cities, or multi-county associations.

For the purposes of indexing, however, these regional documents are

alike in that they focus on a distinct geographical area about which a significant amount of statistical information is provided. This information is usually broken down by county, and sometimes by major cities, within the region. This may mean as few as two counties (or even one county and portions of others) or as many as forty or more counties.

The dilemma when indexing documents is obvious: it is essential to index the information and thus make it accessible, but the amount of information available for each county and city is so great that to index it under subject headings for each city or county mentioned is far too time consuming. In addition, the regional planning agency administering the planning function is not uniform either by function or region.

It was decided, therefore, to index these regional documents according to the following principles:

1. Documents dealing with distinct geographical regions are indexed using the name of the region (not the regional administrative agency) as the subject heading. For example: Capital Area Planning Region, Texas Health Service Area, Austin SMSA, Colorado River Basin.
2. Subdivisions under the regional name subject heading include divisions under which the statistical information is listed. For example: demographic characteristics, crime and law enforcement, health status, and, where appropriate, the regional administrative agency. Additional notations indicate if the information is broken down by county or city.

The advantages of this arrangement are that it makes city-county statistical information in regional documents accessible in the index, it saves time in index preparation, it

maintains consistency in the index, and it permits the easy incorporation into the index of other regional publications which may include city-county information, for example, publications on regional education service areas. As the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse acquires new kinds of regional documents, index users can expect to find subject headings for them.

Using the name of the region as a subject heading does, however, require additional effort on the part of the index user. Users seeking information on a city or county must consult not only the city or county name heading but also the heading for the region or regions within which the city or county is located. "See Also" references and an appendix in the 1977 TSD TITLE/SUBJECT INDEX listing Texas cities and counties with the corresponding planning regions and health service areas for each should facilitate this search.

As regional agencies produce more and more planning publications and as the Clearinghouse acquires them, it becomes increasingly important for index users to consult regional subject headings for city-county data. The example of the Houston area is a case in point. Current statistical and descriptive information on Houston and Harris County is available in documents issued by a number of different governmental bodies and planning agencies. In several of these cases Houston or Harris County make up only part of the region which is described. Nonetheless, statistical data is broken down by these specific geographical entities. Therefore, a thorough index search for all available data requires that the user consult the subject headings for the following regions of which Houston and/or Harris County is a part: Houston, Tx.; Harris County, Tx.; Houston SMSA; Houston-Galveston Planning Region; Houston-Galveston Health Service Area; and San Jacinto River Basin.



CITY OF DALLAS

City of Dallas

Municipal Documents Collection

The Dallas Public Library has been collecting local government publications for more than 30 years. While a few items date back to the early 1900's, the majority of the collection consists of publications from the City of Dallas, County of Dallas, and other regional organizations such as the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Specific publications acquired include: budgets, annual financial reports, annual reports, newsletters, consultant reports, planning studies, long-range plans, ordinances, audit reports, etc.

The City of Dallas does not have an ordinance designating a particular library as the depository for City publications. Those acquired by the Public Library are individually requested from the issuing department, or, come as the result of being on a mailing list. Recently, the City of Dallas, Office of Management Services, established a formal municipal documents library in the new City Hall building and hired a full time professional librarian to coordinate this collection. This library is charged with the responsibility of trying to acquire all City of Dallas publications and making these documents available to city management staff. The combined efforts of this new Management Services Library and the collection at the Dallas Public Library have greatly improved the availability of City of Dallas municipal documents.

The Public Library's collection is housed in the Municipal Reference Section of the Government Publications, Maps, Municipal Reference Division of the Central Library. Duplicates and many of the older municipal publications are also available in the Texas/Dallas Division. A separate classification scheme for municipal publications has not yet been developed. The tradition has been to classify according to the Dewey Decimal System and integrate these municipal publications with the other monographs in the Municipal Reference Section. This method will continue for primarily two reasons:

- 1) The use of other classification schemes is often confusing to both the staff and public in that it creates another place to look, and,
- 2) At the present, only those materials classified according to Dewey are in the catalog or the Master Bibliographic Data Base. In order to make these publications easy to find we have found the catalog to be the best way to access them.

The local government publications at Dallas Public Library is used mainly by the general public, but also serves as a backup for materials which have disappeared from City Hall. For many of the older City publications, the Public Library is the only source. The most frequently used local government publications include: the Revised Code of Criminal and Civil Ordinances of the City of Dallas, Texas; City of Dallas Operating Budget; Dallas Police Department publications (annual report, Monthly Summary of Crime, and Murder Analysis); and certain consultant reports. Newspaper reporters occasionally use some of the older planning studies to trace the development of a particular City project.

Publications from other cities are received on a limited basis through an exchange program. As municipal budgets dwindle, so do the number of publications received through the exchange. To improve our capacity to answer questions about other cities, we have recently subscribed to the complete Urban Documents Microfiche Collection from Greenwood Press. This service provides us, on a quarterly basis, microfiche copies of publications from other cities. The use of this collection is steadily increasing as urban researchers learn of its existence.

Although the extent and, in some cases, the quality of publications on the local government level do not compare with state and federal publishing, they are a valuable resource which in too many cities is neglected.

Milt Ternberg
Dallas Public Library

DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE

Report from the Chair

by Dale Propp

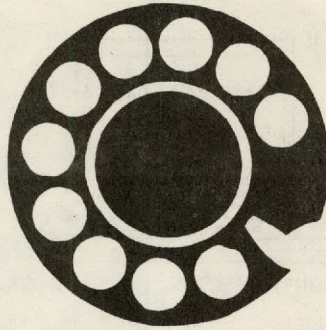
Members of the Documents Roundtable have been very active since the 1978 annual meeting in Fort Worth. Committees have worked hard on three special projects, and a district workshop has been planned.

The State Documents Depository Law Committee, chaired by Dorothy Glasser of Houston Public Library, drew up recommendations for strengthening the Texas Depository Law. Recommendations have been approved by the State Library and included in the new law now being drafted by the Texas Legislative Council. The new law will be introduced to the 66th Texas Legislature by Senator A. R. Schwartz of Galveston.

Barbara Kile of Rice University and Carol Watts of University of Texas at El Paso have prepared an information brochure describing the Government Documents Roundtable. Designed for potential members of the Roundtable, the brochure should be ready for distribution at the upcoming meeting at San Antonio in April.

A third committee investigated the status of municipal documents collections in the state. Committee chairman Milt Ternberg of Dallas Public Library reports that surveys were sent to 150 libraries and municipal governments concerning their municipal documents holdings. With 60 per cent of the surveys returned, indications are that there are very few organized municipal documents collections in existence and that even municipal administrative officers have little ready access to comprehensive collections of their own documents. A more detailed report on municipal documents collections will be presented at the annual meeting of the Documents Roundtable on Thursday, April 5, at 3:30pm. The program for this year's annual meeting has been arranged by Milt Ternberg; it promises to be of value for anyone with an interest in municipal documents.

Finally, Roberta Palen of Texas A&M, the Roundtable Vice Chairman-elect, has organized a half-day workshop on the use of U.S. government publications. The workshop is designed specifically for small or medium-sized libraries in the area. Sponsored jointly by the Documents Roundtable and the State Library, this workshop represents the first of what I hope will be a continuing series of workshops, conducted on a regional basis, which explore the use of all types of government publications. Those interested in participating in future district or regional workshops should contact Roberta.



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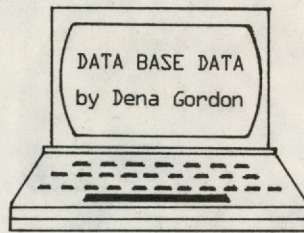
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GPO MONTHLY CATALOG DATA BASE

In December of 1978, Lockheed Information Systems made the GPO Monthly Catalog data base (File 66) available online to its users. The data base, which corresponds to the printed version of the Monthly Catalog, currently includes entries from July 1976 to the present; there are approximately 30,000 records in the base. Records from the online file closely correspond to the format found in the printed Monthly Catalog; the information has been rearranged only slightly.

Some advantages to searching the Monthly Catalog online include:

1. Speed--In order to search for an item for which you have no date, you currently have to consult seven indexes to search back to July 1976 (1976 Cumulative Index; 1977 Cumulative Index; 1978 Semiannual Index; July, August, September and October 1978 issues). In the online version, July 1976 to present is searched in one operation.
2. Cost--At \$35 per hour of online time and 10¢ per offline print, the base is one of the least expensive to search. This price compares with \$90 for the ASI, CIS and Federal Index files, and \$80 for the Federal Register file.
3. Additional Access Points--Monthly Catalog online is also helpful for searching subjects for which there is not currently an LC subject heading that is suitable. I have received many requests for information on cogeneration, a process whereby electricity is generated in conjunction with process steam, although LC uses some similar headings, I have really wanted to search the term cogeneration. Because the online Monthly Catalog can be searched by any word appearing in the title, abstract (any explanation appearing after the notes--usually absent), descriptors (LC subject headings) or notes, simply searching for the word cogeneration will yield the articles I need (Example 1). In addition, searching for a document without having the exact title is easy; you merely search by the key words in the title (and agency name) that you do know are correct (Example 2). Other access points searchable in the online file include: International Standard Book Number (ISBN), International Standard Serials Number (ISSN), Superintendent of Documents classification number, LC call number, LC card number, Dewey Decimal call number, Universal Decimal classification number, journal CODEN, edition (e.g. final vs. draft), geographic location, journal name, language, conference title, conference year and conference location.
4. Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) Service--Monthly Catalog online also means that firms and organizations that have been routing copies of the Monthly Catalog to their users can now perform online searches for the purpose of keeping users aware of new publications. A current awareness profile is developed for each user (Example 3) and is run anywhere from monthly to quarterly; he/she is made aware of any new publications in the specified subject area or areas (Example 4).

Convenience of using the Monthly Catalog online should increase as the file grows; you may now search 2-1/2 years at once, but the file should grow to contain at least five years if it follows the pattern of other Lockheed data bases.

Finally, I have found that the Monthly Catalog data base is not as useful as some online files because of the extensive indexes already available in the printed version; I feel that the printed indexes are quite adequate for most routine searching.

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Collection Counterparts Non-documents For Documents Collections

[*Editor's Note:*

'Collection Counterparts: Non-documents For Documents Collections' will focus on the large number of commercially published materials, both reference and circulating, which are found to be of a complementary nature to a documents collection. Rather than relying on any one person to coordinate or write this column, all documents librarians and researchers are encouraged to submit to the Highlights Editor brief reviews of materials that they have found particularly good or, as the case may be, bad. Persons interested in submitting reviews of a group of like materials for purposes of comparison should contact the Editor for additional details before submission.

It is our hope that reaction to this column will be positive and possibly lead to a more comprehensive annual review of these types of materials to aid libraries in acquisition and collection development.]

While it is true that there is a great demand for the publications of government, often the information needed is actually about government. In the worlds of business, research and study, and legislative investigation, there is a desire for up-to-date information about the myriad of agencies and people involved with "government." Of the growing number of publications which can provide answers to questions about the federal government, the following are some which have proven to be very useful:

THE FEDERAL YELLOW BOOK, published by The Washington Monitor, contains the most complete and current breakdown of all of the component parts of each department of the federal government. For each division in the executive branch, the departments, and the independent agencies, it provides the names of key personnel with their titles, addresses, and telephone numbers. Names and addresses for the regional offices of federal agencies are given for each state. Because it is updated every 2 months, being in convenient loose-leaf format, the information is very current.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YELLOW BOOK, also published by The Washington Monitor, provides quarterly updated access to the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the members of Congress and their staffs. Arranged and indexed by the name of the Congressman, this publication enables the user to have instant knowledge of the key staff aides of each legislator, as well as his committee assignments, legislative responsibilities, and other posi-

tions, such as task force and study group membership. One can find the jurisdiction, legislative responsibilities, and names of all members and key staff aides for the committees, subcommittees, and joint committees of the current Congress. In the last section, the user can find the names and party affiliation of each state delegation, as well as the address and telephone number of the regional office of each Congressman. The loose-leaf format makes updating quick and easy.

THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DIRECTORY is of enduring, but not as current, value. Prepared by The Congressional Staff Directory, this annual guide to Congress contains authoritative biographical sketches of the staffs of the Congressional branch. There are also useful appendages. There is a listing, by state, of each Congressional district with its component cities and a unique list of cities with populations over 1500 providing Congressional district and representative for each. Key personnel, addresses, and telephone numbers for Congressional organizations, such as the Bull Elephants, the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, and the Congressional Staff Club, for example, can be found.

THE WASHINGTON INFORMATION DIRECTORY, published by Congressional Quarterly, Inc., has a unique subject arrangement. With this highly respected publication, the user can find names, addresses, telephone numbers, key personnel, and a functional description of governmental, quasi-governmental, and non-governmental agencies in Washington, D.C. The book is divided into 16 chapters (such as Communications

and the Media, Education, Congress & Politics). By looking in the detailed subject index, under such subjects as jazz, inland waterways, meat, or minorities, one has immediate information about the agencies dealing with that specific subject. Another highly useful feature is the listing by agency of regional federal information centers in each state. Lists of national labor unions, employee associations, and foreign embassies complete the most frequently used sections of this directory.

THE ALMANAC OF AMERICAN POLITICS, published by Dutton, contains some of the most interesting political analysis obtainable in a single, relatively inexpensive (\$16.95) publication. Profiles of each state and Congressional district give a detailed, if condensed, picture of their ethnic, political, and socioeconomic makeup. The dossier on every Congressman includes a picture, voting record on 15 key issues, and rating by watchdog and special interest groups. Access is by the name of the Congressman or by state.

While all of these publications contain some of the same information, each has a unique feature which makes it valuable for inclusion in a search for answers to questions about the who and what of current federal government organization.

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