

the foreign aid grants of all departments; and the more important statements made by our Canadian representatives at the U.N.

When I began to collect this material for sample months it became quickly apparent that the volume, done on uniform-size paper or not, would in a very short time be much too great to be contained in any one annual volume; that binder after binder would rapidly stretch out on the library shelves, and, from a space standpoint, soon become unmanageable. This because normally only one side of a sheet of paper is used; a large amount of white space is devoted to margins; press releases and personnel appointments may often be only a paragraph or two in length; and paper used is rarely of airmail thinness.

It did not seem to me feasible for an editor, through whom this material might be channeled, to put it into shape for the record before it was sent out; select what he thought was sufficiently important; decide when full texts, or just extracts, should be used; arrange for abstracts where texts would appear only in the language of origin; and get done whatever re-typing was required, especially of material from other departments. In addition there would be the indexing and continuous pagination to look after, and not least, to arrange for translation where needed. All this would mean prolonged delay in getting out the material.