## 2.8.5  CULTURE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

A consultant has been retained to study the requirements of the Cultural and Public Information Bureau for systems to support its activities. The focus of the study will be on ways to improve the Bureau's ability to manage its budget, and to prepare and distribute information in response to user requests. The consultant's study is expected to be completed around the beginning of FY 1985 and a project will be prepared and presented to the EDP Policy Committee for consideration and approval in FY 1985-86.

## 2.9  POSTS

Several projects involving Posts have been discussed under other priorities. Under this section other projects are discussed.

### 2.9.1  FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AT LARGE POSTS

Funds were approved in the 1985-86 Multi-Year Operational Plan for a computer to be installed in Washington to accommodate the Post's Financial Management system which is now housed at a local service bureau. Funds were also approved for an installation at another large Post such as Tokyo or Brussels. Funds should be included in the Department's resource allocation process for 1986-87 and for the subsequent years of this Plan to carry this program forward. The most important benefit of this program has been to improve the effectiveness of the Financial Management and Immigration operations at the Posts so far involved (London and Paris).

### 2.9.2  EXPANSION OF USE OF EXISTING EDP SYSTEMS AT POSTS

The potential for other uses of EDP systems at Posts should be developed without delay. Additional uses have already been identified by Post Management in London, and similar exercises should be undertaken for Bonn, Washington and, eventually all other Posts when major installations are planned. Some assistance has already been provided to Paris by Headquarters in developing additional uses for its installation, but additional personnel resources will be required to carry this project forward.

### 2.9.3  MEDIUM AND SMALL POSTS

The project to provide San Francisco, Bogota and Singapore with standard Financial Management systems has already been approved and funded for 1985-86. Future funding for extension of the project to other Posts should be decided on the basis of an evaluation of the results with these three Posts and included in the Department's resource allocation process for 1986-87 and beyond.

A pilot project for medium and smaller Posts should be developed to identify their detailed Informatics requirements for use in the preparation of a medium to long term plan for Posts not discussed above.