

desirable to have as great a coverage available for potential use as is possible. Over the years a file of considerable historical benefit could be built. The original parameters of this study were phrased in terms of coverage from 1970 onward. If the financial resources were available it would certainly be advantageous to begin at that point since it would link in with the existing bibliography prepared by Professor D. Page. <1>

Given the time it would probably take to implement the system it may be more realistic to plan on comprehensive coverage (within whatever parameters are established) from the year of implementation onward. As part of the first few years of operation an attempt could be made to add as much retrospective material as possible. Failure to include any retrospective coverage would severely limit the usefulness of the system in the early years of operation.

(3) Types of material: The list provided in section 1 above provides an indication of the types of material that might be included within the scope of this system. Although it is presently possible to gain access to many of these materials through a wide variety of existing sources, nowhere are they pulled together in a fashion that would directly meet the needs of the Department.

All the various types of materials listed above have potential value in meeting the information needs of members of the Department, but some limits must be drawn in order to avoid creating an impractical monster. Two