

interested at the moment -- the foreign policy record -- and do a cost analysis of how it might be produced by various alternative methods. They could do this, they think, in about ten days; i.e., for around \$2000. I don't think it is possible for a layman to examine these alternative methods on his own and come up with any sensible cost estimates. All are complex, and much experience is needed to understand and apply them. But if there are efficient methods of producing the record cheaper than those offered by Alphatext I think we should look into them. The \$2000 fee would be soon absorbed if any substantial savings were possible, and over the long haul it would be a small sum indeed.

(6) Sometime or other, if we go ahead with the record, a decision will have to be taken as to which of External's divisions should have the primary responsibility for producing it. As you know, some think the job ought to go to Information, others that Historical might be more appropriate. Our chairman, ^{today,} Allan Roger, is strongly opposed to the proposed record going to his division, which he maintains has all the work it can possibly handle now and for a long period ahead. He is, however, prepared to help from his budget in funding the project if another division were to take it on. At the risk of making a mortal enemy of Mr. Roger, I would express my personal belief that the logical division to