

final version for the record. If this final version were not sent to them each month, what they would lack would be most of the official material emanating from other departments, and the non-official material, if that is to be included. Some may ask, do the posts really need this other material? Would they read it? Would they ever need to refer to the annual volumes of the record as these began to accumulate on their shelves? Among those who are familiar with the habits of posts there are skeptics. And one must bear in mind that the posts do already get a good deal of current information from newspapers, magazines and other material sent them. And in the welter of day-to-day developments the need to look up historical data may come only rarely.

In any event, if the record were not distributed to the posts, except perhaps to a few of the larger and more important ones, some part of the duplication in printing and mailing charges involved in this plan for producing a permanent record could be avoided.

However, as I noted in my earlier report, in the publishing business the initial costs are the heavy ones; once the page prints are obtained it costs relatively little to run off extra copies. And because the final version of the record, compactly edited, would be printed ~~is type~~ on