

In conceptual terms the data base created by this system would include bibliographic information and abstracts of a wide range of materials covering subjects of interest as identified by the Department. Material in the following forms might be included:

- Books
- Theses
- Reports
- Briefs (eg. to committees, commissions etc.)
- Symposium reports
- Journal articles
- Newspaper articles
- 1. Audio-visual materials (films, audio & video tapes)
 - Statements and speeches
- 1. Published government documents
 - Unclassified (but unpublished) government documents
 - Parliamentary debates (including committees) 1
 - UN debates & votes (and other international organiz.)

Obviously the list for potential inclusion can be great and it becomes essential to establish clear and specific parameters for the data base in terms of type of material, chronological coverage, levels of material, sources and subjects. <see Section 2 below>