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described in Stereotypes and Status: Librarians in the United States by Pauline Wilson (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1982), which compares librarians' interests favorably with those of practitioners in "art, law/politics, music, public speaking, and

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A privately sponsored and privately funded committee was organized to identify and propose means by which governments at all levels might rid themselves of needless and wasteful records while ensuring the preservation of that fraction of the documents deserving to be kept. The committee concentrated on problems and solutions within the federal government, but the principles underlying the conclusions and recommendations can be adopted by individual states and localities. This report of the committee includes an introduction and sections on: 'Development of Records Management''; "Records Management 1950-1984" ; "Computer Generated Records"; "Special Charac-teristics of Electronic Records"; "Information Resource Management"; and "Importance of Leadership." Five major conclusions and three detailed recommendations complete the report. A draft of a proposed executive order is at-

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writing" and other "verbally oriented occupations." This is not such bad company to be in; perhaps the career changers would like to reconsider.—Laura Fuderer, Memorial Library, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

# ABSTRACTS

tached as well as a list of participants and additional interviewees. Appendixes include overviews of the government records programs and conservation efforts, a technology assessment report of the National Archives and Records Service, and additional information, including significant related legislation and regulations; selected surveys and studies; elements of a comprehensive government records program; principles for state archival and records management agencies; National Archives and Records Service appraisal guidelines; and examples of federal government records schedules. An index is provided.

*End-User Searching Services*. SPEC Kit 122. Washington, D.C.: Association of Research Libraries, 1986. 134p. ED 269-022. MF—\$0.75; PC—Not available from EDRS.

In mid-1985, researchers contacted librarians at twenty-three United States and Canadian universities to determine what end-user activities were taking place with the involvement and cooperation of the library. Although most of those contacted were members of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), a few non-ARL libraries known to have active end-user programs were also called. This Systems and Procedures Exchange Center (SPEC) kit contains information on the SPEC telephone survey (questions asked and libraries contacted); one grant proposal (University of Illinois); five program descriptions (Cornell University, Memphis State University, Pennsylvania State University, Texas A&M University, and University of Pennsylvania); four examples of publicity (same libraries as above except for Pennsylvania State); nine sets of instructional aids and references tools (same libraries as program descriptions-two items from Pennsylvania State-plus Drexel University, Johns Hopkins University, and University of Ottawa); six evaluations/questionnaires (Cornell, Drexel, Memphis State, Pennsylvania State, Texas A&M Universities, and University of Ottawa); and a select bibliography. A brief introductory sum-

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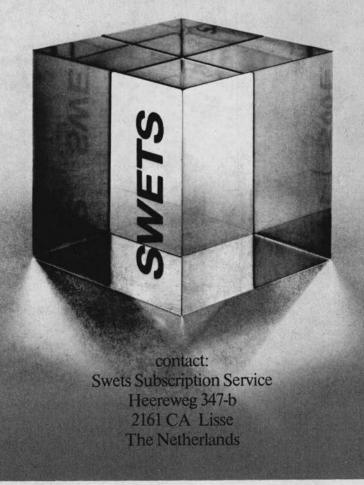
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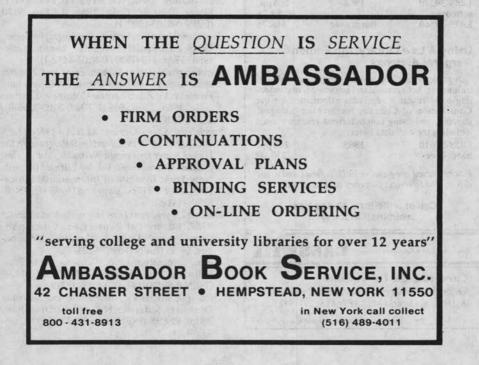
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