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## INTRODUCTION

The Federal Government Information Guide is intended to aid GAO personnel in using the materials contained in the GAO Library system and related inhouse information services to find information important to the legislative process. The Guide is meant to be a source of basic information, telling the user how to answer such questions as: How do I find the legislative history of a bill?; What is the organization and staffing of a government department?; or What dollar amounts and specific programs are associated with certain sections of the federal budget? Materials selected for inclusion in this guide are the key sources available in the Library and related offices for locating this information. Users should note that reference librarians are available in both the Technical Library (Room 6536, phone 275-5180) and the Law Library (Room 7056, phone 275-2585) to aid in finding information, particularly on more difficult inquiries.

The Guide is divided into four major sections. The first covers organizational information and how to obtain publications from the legislative branch of the federal government, including the GAO. The second provides similar information for the executive branch. The third lists and describes sources of federal economic and statistical information. The fourth lists computerized information systems available in the GAO Library system which can provide added depth to the information available to

meet a request as well as immediate response in many cases to complicated inquiries.

Following the major sections of the Guide is a subject index which indicates by item number each publication which contains information on the topic under which the item is indexed. This index is the most efficient way to locate sources of specific information, for example, addresses of Congressional offices.

Books are located in the Technical Library circulating collection (Room 6536) unless otherwise noted, i.e.:

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I. Legislative Branch

A. Biographical and Directory Information

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1011  
.A37
1. United States Congress.  
Official Congressional Directory. 47th - Congress; 1st  
- session; Washington: U.S. Government Printing  
Office, 1881 - . Annual.

The Directory contains biographies of current members of Congress, State delegations, alphabetical list of members with home and D.C. address, information on Congressional service terms, Committee information, session statistics, Capitol information, Executive departments' descriptions, Judiciary information, D.C. organization, maps, and press and radio information.

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JK  
1010  
.A5
2. United States Congress  
Biographical Directory of the American Congress,  
1774 - 1971. Washington, U.S. Government Printing  
Office, 1971.

Members of the Administrations of George Washington to Richard Nixon's 1st Administration and members of Congress from the Continental Congress (1774) to the 91st Congress (1969-71) are listed by Administration or Congress. The Biographical section is divided into Presidents who were not members of Congress and those listed who have served in Congress.

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1021  
.C56  
1976
3. Congressional Quarterly, Inc. Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress. 2d.ed. Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1976.

The Guide contains information on the origin &

development of Congress, powers, procedures, housing & support, electorate, texts of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and Constitution, as well as Congressional rules and facts, biographical index of members 1789-1976 (giving party, State, dates served and dates of birth and death), and a glossary of Congressional terms.

REF  
JK  
1012  
.B5

4. Congressional Yellow Book. Washington: Washington Monitor, 1976 - . looseleaf.

This is a current directory of members of Congress, their Committees and aides. An index is at the beginning of each section for that section.

REF  
JK  
271  
.A4

5. The Almanac of American Politics: The Senators, the Representatives, the Governors -- Their Records, States, and Districts. New York: Dutton, 1973- . biennial.

The Almanac examines each State by census data, economic base, voters, and political makeup (Governor, Senators, Representatives). The Governor and Senators are described (election results, voting records), then each district and its Representatives is reviewed. Also included are Senate and House Committee members and maps of each State showing districts.

REF  
JK  
1011  
.A32

6. Congressional Pictorial Directory. 93d - 1973 - Congress. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office. biennial.

Information in this directory includes 1) pictures of the President, Vice President, members of the House and Senate, including political party, number of term being served, and district represented; 2) list of State delegations; and 3) list of Senators, Representatives, Delegates and Resident Commissioner of each state and their home post office and political party. Arrangement is: 1) alphabetically by State, then numerically by district; 2) alphabetically by State; and 3) alphabetically by last name.

REF  
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1012  
.C65

7. Congressional Staff Directory. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1959 - . annual

The Directory contains biographies of members and staff to committees and subcommittees, district, state and Washington office of members with names of staff in each office, and office addresses and telephone numbers. Other sections include names, addresses and telephone numbers of key executives and Congressional agency personnel and a list of 9900 U.S. cities and the member representing each. Major sections have color coded pages keyed to an "Instant Reference" guide inside the front cover. The end of the volume has



an alphabetical index of all individuals listed.

B. Guides to Publications of the Legislative Branch

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49  
.C62  
Also in  
Law

8. Congressional Information Service, CIS/Index to Publications of the United States Congress. Washington: CIS, 1970 - . Monthly, with annual cumulations.

This publication indexes all Congressional documents, including hearings, Committee prints, House and Senate reports, and other documents. An online version of the index is available. Microfiche copies of all documents listed in the CIS Index are in the Law Library, room 7056.

Law

9. United States. Congressional Research Service. Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. 92d - Congress. Washington, 1971 -

The Digest is published each session of Congress in two cumulative issues with monthly supplements and a final cumulation at the end of the session. The two cumulative issues and the final edition are each divided into four parts: Action Taken During the Congress; Digests of Public General Bills and Resolutions; Indexes; and Factual Descriptions. Part 1 lists public laws in numerical order with legislative histories and digests, and latest actions on other measures. Part 2 lists all House and Senate bills by bill number with digests and legislative histories. Part 3 indexes bills by sponsor and cosponsor,

identical bills, short title, and subject.

Part 4 gives brief factual descriptions of each bill. The Digest is also available online through the CRS SCORPIO system. The online version is updated daily.

REF  
Law

10. United States. Congressional Research Service. MLC - Major Legislation of the Congress. Washington, monthly. 94th - Congress (1975- )

Monthly summaries of major legislative activity are organized by subject.

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11. United States. House of Representatives. Calendars of the United States House of Representatives and History of Legislation. Daily during session. Latest only in Law Library, earlier issues in Legislative Digest.

Indexed weekly, the Calendar provides in chronological sequence the status of bills in conferences, bills through conference, index key and history of a bill, and the status of major bills.

12. Legal Information and Reference Service (Room 7510)

The Service, a branch of the Office of General Counsel, is divided into three sections: Legislative Digest, Index Digest, and Index and Files. Legislative Digest (275-5561) produces legislative histories for all public bills introduced in Congress. Each bill has its own file with copies of the bill and related documents, such as hearings and committee prints.

Subject and citation indexes are maintained for these files. The section also prepares a daily digest of the Congressional Record, and distributes copies of bills to GAO offices.

The Index-Digest section (275-5436) maintains files of published and unpublished Comptroller General decisions, and of related correspondence. The correspondence files are arranged by B number keyed to the decisions. There are subject index files to the decisions and correspondence.

Index and Files (275-5436) receives and indexes correspondence addressed to the Comptroller General. The section also provides copies of Comptroller General decisions (275-5308) and related materials on request.

REF  
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.ALU538

13. United States. Congressional Research Service. Research Notification System. Washington, 1976 - .

The Service lists projects in progress or completed within the past 6 months by the four Congressional agencies. Reports are listed by subject within two major divisions: completed or in progress. Information reported for each project includes title, source, agency contact for further information (with telephone number), date project initiated, anticipated or actual completion date, nature of end

product, liaison with other Congressional agencies where such contacts have occurred, and a brief description of the project. The list appears monthly with weekly updates. Use is restricted to Congressional agency personnel.

C. Guides to GAO Publications

REF  
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1223  
.ALU47

14. GAO Documents. Washington: U.S. General Accounting Office, v.1- ; 1977- . Monthly

This listing of GAO publications includes audit reports, staff studies, memoranda, opinions, speeches, testimony and Comptroller General decisions. Publications are abstracted and indexed by subject, agency or organization, personal name subject, recipient legislators and Congressional committees, laws, issue areas, GAO division and budget function. Use of pre-1979 issues is restricted to GAO personnel.

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Desk

15. KWOC Index to GAO Reports. Washington, General Accounting Office, 1973 - .

This key word index to titles of GAO reports covers FY 1973 to date. Reports are listed once for each significant work or number in the title. Use is restricted to GAO personnel.

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16. United States. General Accounting Office. Monthly List of GAO Reports. Washington, 1967 - .

Current reports are listed in this publication. Technical Library has 1976 to date. Law Library has the full run from 1967. (1967-72 in GAO News-letter).

Law  
GAO  
Room

17. United States. General Accounting Office. Annual Report of the Comptroller General of the United States. Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1921- .

Each report has a list of GAO reports for that year in the back.

Law  
GAO  
Room

18. United States. General Accounting Office. Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States. Washington, U.S. Govt. Printing Office., v. 1 - 1921/1922.

Selected decisions of the Comptroller General (currently about 10%) which are the most significant or have precedential value are included. The basic index covers 1921-67, with 5 year cumulations thereafter. Unpublished decisions are available to GAO staff in the Index-Digest section of Legislative Reference Services, Room 7510, 275-5436.

19. United States. General Accounting Office. Library. A Guide to Sources for Identifying General Accounting Office Reports. Washington, 1980.

The Guide describes all available ways of tracking GAO publications, 1921 to date, including annual reports of the Comptroller General, the KWOC Index, GAO Documents, and online systems.

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421  
.A3

## II. Executive Branch

### A. Biographical and Directory Information

20. United States Government Manual. Washington: Office of the Federal Register, 1939 -

The Manual lists recent changes in government, guides to Federal Agencies, information on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches, details about Executive departments, agencies, boards, committees, and commissions, organization structure, and personnel

REF  
E  
176  
.B576

21. Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch, 1774 - 1977. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1977.

The Directory provides biographical sketches of Presidents, Vice Presidents, and cabinet leaders confirmed by the Senate. It is a companion volume to the Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1961. (Item #2). Appendices include cabinets of all Presidents, and other government service, education, birth state, etc, of persons listed.

REF  
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.W3

22. Washington Information Directory. 1st ed. - .Washington: Congressional Quarterly, Inc. 1975- . annual.

This directory is divided into three categories: Executive branch agencies, Congress, and private/nongovernmental organizations. Each subject usually has three entries, each of which has two paragraphs: the first gives the name, address, phone number, director; the second gives a short description of the agency/committee/organization's work. Also included is information on the Congress (Senate and House members, Committees, characteristics), White House staff, Executive departments and

Federal Agencies, Judicial information, foreign embassies, regional Federal information sources, religious organizations, State and local officials, and major city mayors.

B. Information on Federal Programs

23. LAPIS (Available through GAO Program Analysis Division).

The Legislative Authorization Program and Budget Information System is a data base containing information on over 7000 Federal programs, activities, and projects, including administering agency, budget function and subfunction, citation of authorizing law, appropriation account number, authorizing committee, amount authorized, and authorization date. The file is updated annually. For further information contact Gayle Condon at 275-1907.

HC  
110  
.P63  
A554  
Latest in  
Reference

24. United States. Office of Management and Budget. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Washington, 1967- .

An annual publication with semi-annual updates, the Catalog lists and describes Federal programs and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the public. Each program is described in terms of assistance provided, eligibility requirements, purpose, and instructions for applying.

Z  
1223  
.A1U532  
Latest in  
Reference

25. United States. General Accounting Office. Program Analysis Division. Recurring Reports to the Congress: A Directory. 1st ed., Washington, 1976 - . (Congressional Sourcebook Series.)

This inventory of recurring reporting requirements, both statutory and nonstatutory, of the Executive, Congressional, and Judicial agencies, independent agencies, and Federal chartered corporations, describes reports to be submitted to the Congress and their frequency. It is indexed by subject, agency, Congressional bodies, laws, and budget functions. It is also available on the CRS SCORPIO system.

Z  
1223  
.A1U53  
Latest in  
Reference

26. United States. General Accounting Office. Program Analysis Division. Federal Information Sources & Systems: A Directory for the Congress. 1st - ed., . Washington, 1976. (Congressional Sourcebook Series.)

The Directory describes major information sources and systems of Federal agencies. It is indexed by subject, agency, Congress, public law, budget function, and program. It is also available online on the CRS SCORPIO system.

Z  
1223  
.A1U5323  
Latest in  
Reference

27. United States. General Accounting Office. Program Analysis Division. Federal Program Evaluations: A Directory for the Congress. 1st - ed., Washington, 1976 - . (Congressional Sourcebook Series.)

This inventory of 1700 program evaluation reports produced by departments, agencies, and commissions of the Federal government is indexed by subject,



agency, budget function, program, Congress, and public law number. It is also available online on the CRS SCORPIO system.

REF  
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7164  
.E8N35

28. National Planning Association. Policy Analysis Source Book for Social Programs. Washington, 1976.

Abstracts of about 3750 books, articles, and reports on policy issues and the evaluation of social policy or program alternatives are provided by this sourcebook.

C. Regulations and Executive Documents

Law

29. Code of Federal Regulations. Washington: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives, and Records Service, General Service Administration, 1937 - .

The Code is a subject arrangement of Federal regulations currently in force, in 50 titles similar to those of the United States Code. It is cumulated annually, 1/4 of the titles each quarter. The Cumulative List of CFR Sections Affected, issued monthly, lists changes in CFR since the last cumulation.

Law

30. Federal Register. Washington: Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1936 -

This daily list of regulations and proposals for regulations (Presidential proclamations,

executive orders, reorganization plans) published by all Federal agencies, contains the full text of the regulations. It is indexed monthly, quarterly, and annually. Cumulative List of Parts Affected notes section of the Code of Federal Regulations changed by that day's regulations.

Law

31. Regulations Collection

An historical collection of Federal regulations, issued by both civilian and military agencies makes up a large part of the Law Library collection. Regulations covering procurement, personnel matters, claims, and property management are maintained in both current and superseded sets. Orange labels, or the designation "SUPERSEDED PAGES" and a range of dates, distinguish superseded editions on the shelf. This collection is the most complete of any maintained by a Federal agency.

Law

32. United States. President. Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents. Washington: Office of the Federal Register, 1965 - .

This weekly publication of Presidential speeches, executive communications and other documents is indexed quarterly and annually.

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33. Federal Index. v.1- [Oct. 1976 - ]. Cleveland:  
Predicasts, 1977 - .

Indexed are the Congressional Record, Federal Register, Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, and Washington Post. There are monthly issues with an annual cumulation. The index is also available online on the DIALOG system.

### III. Federal Economic Information

#### A. Government Economic Reports

HC  
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.A272

34. United States. President. Economic Report of the President Transmitted to the Congress. Washington U.S. Govt. Print. Off. 1968 - .

The Report analyzes economic problems, interprets trends, projects economic outlooks and discusses economic policy. It includes the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors and is issued annually with a supplementary report in July.

HF  
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.A585

35. United States. President. International Economic Report of the President Transmitted to the Congress. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off. 19-- - . annual.

This report provides figures and analyses on the U.S. position in the world economy, international economic policy, and selected international economic issues.

HD  
5723  
.A43

36. United States. President. Manpower Report of the President. Washington, U.S. Govt. Print. Off. 1963-1975.

An annual description of national manpower requirements, resources, utilization, and training is provided by this report. It is continued (1976- ) by the Employment and Training Report of the President, which is Item #6404-2 in the American Statistics Index microfiche collection.

B. Budget Documents and Sources

HJ  
2051  
.A59

37. United States. Office of Management and Budget. The Budget of the United States Government, . [1922/23- ]. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1921 - .

This overview of the President's budget proposals for each fiscal year includes explanations of budget proposals, estimated receipts, and summary tables. A separate Appendix volume contains detailed budget information for each agency including proposed text of appropriations language, budget schedules for each account, explanations of the work to be performed and the funds needed, proposed general provisions applicable to appropriations for entire agencies or groups of agencies, and schedules of permanent positions. A separate section of the Appendix lists supplements, budget amendments and deletions for the current year, and new legislative proposals.

HJ  
2051  
.A597

38. United States. Office of Management and Budget.  
Special Analyses: Budget of the United States  
Government. [1967/68- ]. Washington:  
U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1968 - .

Each issue is composed of collections of special analyses of the year's budget, including alternative views of the budget, economic and financial analyses of the budget covering government finances and operations as a whole, and government-wide program and financial information for selected Federal programs.

HJ  
2051  
.A5974

39. United States. Office of Management and Budget.  
The United States Budget in Brief. [1950/51- ].  
Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1951 - .

This Budget in Brief provides a concise overview of the budget for the general reader. It includes a summary and historical tables.

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HJ  
2051  
.S47  
Latest in  
Reference

40. Setting National Priorities: The Budget. [1971-  
]. Washington: Brookings Inst., 1970 - .  
Annual.

This annual survey, appearing in spring, details issues surrounding the national budget for the next fiscal year, with essays on major budget areas.

HJ  
2051  
.A47

41. United States. Congressional Budget Office.  
Budget Options for Fiscal Year 19--. Washington:  
U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1976 - .

Budget Options examines alternative levels of revenues, budget authority and outlays, and tax expenditures. It includes discussions of how

allocations of budget authorities and outlays would meet major national needs.

REF  
HJ  
2051  
.A574

42. United States. Office of Management and Budget. Current Services Estimates for Fiscal Year (date) As Required by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Washington, 1976 - . annual.

This is an estimate of the coming year's budget if current programs continued at the same spending level without policy changes.

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.P63H55

43. United States. Community Services Administration. Federal Outlays; a Report of the Federal Government's Impact by State, County and Large City. [1969/70- ]. Washington, 1970 - .

The Federal Outlays lists dollar outlays of the Executive Branch by agency, program, and influence activities for every county in the U.S. and all cities of 2500+ population. It includes Federal and State summaries.

#### C. Statistical Services and Sources

HA  
37  
.U3  
1975

44. United States. Office of Management and Budget. Statistical Policy Division. Statistical Services of the U.S. Government, 1975. Rev. ed. Washington: OMB, 1976.

This basic reference document on the statistical programs of the Federal government covers mainly economic and social statistics. It lists and describes statistics collecting operations, statistics collected, and agency responsibilities.

HA  
202  
.A33

45. United States. Bureau of the Census. Statistical Abstract of the United States. [1943- ]. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1944 - .

In this annual summary of statistics on the social political, and economic organization of the U.S. emphasis is placed primarily on national data. Regional, State and city data are also provided. References are given from the table to sources of more detailed data.

REF  
HA  
202  
.A36  
1977

46. United States. Bureau of the Census. County and City Data Book. 1977. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1978.

The Data Book provides economic and social data on counties, cities, metropolitan areas, urbanized areas, and unincorporated places, with populations of 25,000 or more. Subjects covered include agriculture, bank deposits, birth and death rates, business firms, climate, crime, education, employment, government revenue and expenditures, home equipment, housing, family income, migration, mineral industries, presidential election voting, public assistance, savings, and social security. Updated every five years.

REF  
HA  
205  
.A5  
1973

47. United States. Bureau of the Census. Congressional District Data Book, 93d Congress; a Statistical Abstract Supplement. Washington:

This guide presents U.S. census information by congressional district.

REF  
HD  
8051  
.A62  
no. 1312

48. United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment and Earnings, United States. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off.

Library keeps the latest edition only. Each volume cumulates from 1909 and is based on the 1967 standard industrial classification. It contains similar data for the United States as that on a local basis in Employment & Earnings: States and Areas.

REF  
HD  
801  
.A62  
no. 1370

49. United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employment and Earnings: States and Areas. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off.

Library keeps the latest volume only. Each volume cumulates from 1939 and reports monthly national, state and area statistics on employment, unemployment, hours, earnings, and labor turnover rates.

REF  
Z  
7554  
.U5A46

50. American Statistics Index; a Comprehensive Guide to the Statistical Publications of the U.S. Government. Washington: Congressional Information Service, 1974 - .

ASI indexes all governmental statistical publications and selected non-government statistics. Included are demographic, natural resources, social, economic, scientific, and technical data. An online version of the index is available. Microfiche copies of all documents listed in this index are in the Technical Library.

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51. Business Conditions Digest. U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Bureau of Economic Analysis. monthly.



This is a compendium of statistical series reflecting business conditions. It includes composite indexes, cyclical indicators, and diffusion indexes.

- P 52. Federal Reserve Bulletin. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. monthly.

Detailed appendices of financial and nonfinancial statistics, particularly banking data, are provided in each issue. Technical Library has Sept. 1949 to present.

- P 53. Monthly Labor Review. U.S. Dept. of Labor. Bureau of Labor Statistics. monthly.

This is a key reference source for studies of methods of collecting and compiling labor statistics and for interpreting their meaning and significance. Detailed tables of current labor statistics include employment, price, and productivity data. Technical Library has 1969 to present.

- P 54. Social Security Bulletin. U.S. Dept of Health, Education and Welfare. Social Security Administration. monthly

The Bulletin provides detailed social/financial statistics reported monthly in 48 series under the topics of income maintenance program, social security trust funds, OASDI cash benefits, Medicare, supplemental security income, public assistance,

black lung benefits, unemployment insurance, and economic indicators. Technical Library holdings begin in 1974.

55. Survey of Current Business. U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Bureau of Economic Analysis. monthly.

Detailed business statistics included in this survey cover an extensive range of industries and government activities. Technical Library has 1965 to present.

56. Treasury Bulletin. U.S. Treasury Dept. monthly.

Detailed financial statistics, U.S. and international, including such topics as Federal fiscal operations, Federal debt, capital movements, and foreign currency positions appear here. Technical Library has holdings from 1956 to present.

#### IV. COMPUTERIZED REFERENCE SOURCES

Entries in this section represent automated data systems accessible by computer in the Technical Library unless otherwise stated. These systems contain citations to books, journal articles, government documents, reports, dissertations, legal and legislative information, research in progress, and organizations. The systems are accessed by librarians acting on search requests from library patrons. To initiate a search request, contact the Reference Desk at the Technical Library (Rm 6536, 275-5180).

More detailed information on this process, and an index of the files available on these systems, can be found in:

57. United States. General Accounting Office. Library. Computer Assisted Information Retrieval Services: Data Files Available Through the GAO Library System. 1979. (Available in the Technical Library.)

58. SCORPIO (Congressional Research Service)

The system is composed of twelve files in six areas: legislative information on bills and resolutions of the 94th-96th Congresses, published literature on various subjects, entries from the Library of Congress catalog, briefs on major issues of policy, Congressional Record abstracts for 1976-79, a directory of information source organizations, and two GAO sourcebooks.

59. DIALOG (Lockheed Missiles & Space Co.)

DIALOG comprises approximately ninety bibliographic information files in selected areas of science, humanities, business and economics. Dates of coverage vary. Average coverage is the last ten years.

60. ORBIT (System Development Corp.)

Approximately fifty bibliographic information files in selected areas of science, applied science and technology, social science, and business, including the legislative and statis-

tical files of the Congressional Information Service, Inc. make up the ORBIT system. Average coverage is the last ten years.

61. THE INFORMATION BANK (New York Times)

This is a one-file system containing citations from over seventy major U.S. newspapers and periodical publications. Coverage extends back to 1969 for the New York Times, and to 1972 for other publications.

62. JURIS (Department of Justice)

Four file groupings cover American case and statute law and selected agency briefs. Case law citations date back to 1756, statute law to 1970 edition of the U.S. Code. This is accessed by the Law Library (275-2585), Rm 7056.

63. RECON (Department of Energy)

Twenty files cover information in energy-related fields, including nuclear energy, water resources, petroleum, and the environment. Most files cover from about 1968 to the present.

64. MEDLARS (National Library of Medicine)

Approximately fifteen files of bibliographic information in various medical and chemical fields are available, including specialized research files dealing with cancer, epilepsy, toxic sub-

stances and related areas. Coverage extends back to 1966 in the major medical journal file, MEDLINE.

65. LEGIS (House Information System)

This data base system, produced by the House Information System of the U.S. House of Representatives contains detailed information on bills and resolutions introduced in the Congress, amendments to bills and resolutions, and other legislative items such as Executive communications, Presidential messages, petitions, and memorials reported in the Congressional Record. Included in the descriptive and legislative activity data presented for each bill or resolution is a detailed chronology of actions, both in committee and on the floor. This information is available for the 93rd Congress to the present.

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