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## 1970 Census Data Access Program

The Center for Research Libraries has announced that it has been awarded a grant of \$225,000 by the Ford Foundation for support of a program to provide the widest possible access to machine-readable forms of the 1970 Census Summary Data and public use samples on magnetic tape, and to reduce the cost of using these data for research purposes.

The program for which the grant has been given was developed according to the recommendations of representatives of the major universities that are members of The Center for Research Libraries and other experts in electronic data processing and social science research. Although the program will be administered by The Center for Research Libraries any academic nonprofit research institution or organization is eligible to participate and secure matching funds, whether it is a member of the Center or not. Other institutions may participate in the program but will not receive matching funds.

The program provides for compacting the 1970 Census Data on Magnetic Tape, provides programs for reading and using the tape, makes available expert advice on the data base and the research utilization, and provides a clearing-house operation to encourage further sharing of programs and of special data arrangements. Computer programs are available for delivery now, and the compacted tapes will also be available as soon as the basic summary tapes are released by the Census Bureau.

The funds from the Foundation are divided into two parts. One part is an outright grant of \$125,000 to help subsidize the cost of acquiring a complete set of magnetic tapes from the Census Bureau, making from these a master set in compressed form, and providing basic computer programs and other fundamental services. The remaining \$100,000 is available for matching grants to participants in the program. If a participant elects the START-1 program, the matching grant is \$2,500, leaving \$5,000 to be paid by the participant. If the START-REGULAR program is elected, the matching grant is \$5,000, with \$19,000 to be paid by the participant. START-1 participants will have the right to buy magnetic tapes included in the program, to gain access to special computer programs for use of the tapes, to acquire staff training through regularly scheduled seminars, and to receive copies of the materials explaining the program and its use.

START-REGULAR participants will have the rights of START-1 participants with the following additional benefits: the right to the File Analysis System, a computer system specifically designed for use of the 1970 Census Data; the right to stated personal and individual training of staff members; regular individual training of staff members; and, regular individual review of the participants' Census Data requirements.

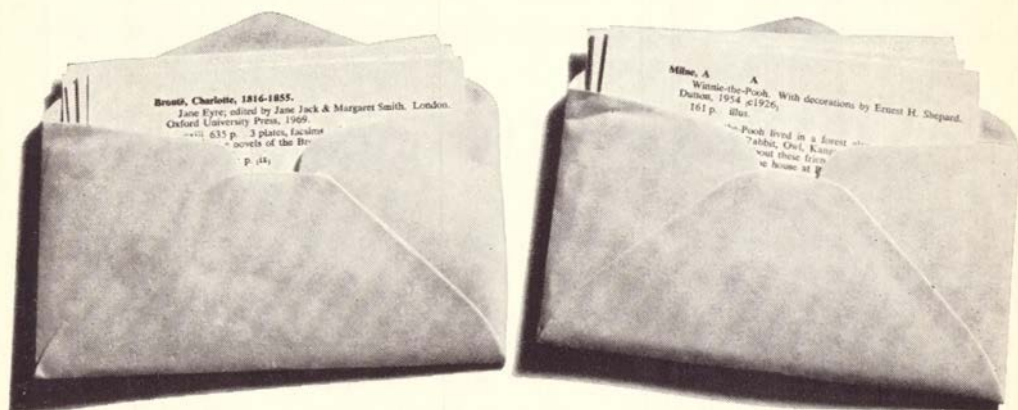
To provide the services required The Center for Research Libraries has contracted with the National Data Use and Access Laboratories,

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Inc. (DUALabs), Arlington, Virginia, as the agency whose experience and existing capabilities will enable it most quickly and most efficiently to satisfy the program objectives. (National Data Use and Access Laboratories, Inc., is incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as a nonprofit corporation.)

Participating institutions will sign an agreement directly with DUALabs since the participants will receive all services directly from DUALabs in accordance with the agreement and the supporting contract between the Center and DUALabs.

In outline, participants will receive the following benefits:

1. The right to buy at marginal cost (approximately \$35 to \$40 per reel) reproduction of

the 1970 Census data in compacted form. In this form the data will occupy about 300 reels instead of the approximately 2,000 issued by the Census Bureau.

2. Programs usable on any IBM computer model 360-30 or larger for reading, tabulating, and summarizing the data.
3. A master index to the complete count data base and full technical documentation.
4. Training sessions and seminars from the DUALabs staff covering the census data base and research of the data program.

Questions about any phase of the program outlined above should be directed to the Center for Research Libraries and marked to the attention of Gordon Williams, Director. ■■

## From Inside the DLP

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Perhaps you have already received a letter notifying you that the president of your institution has received a set of application materials for a college library resources grant under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act. If you have not yet seen the application, you should call your president's office and ask to have the materials sent on to you for filling out and submitting to the Division of Library Programs in Washington by March 15. Perhaps your institution has designated a person or office to prepare grant applications for the whole campus and the materials may have been sent there instead of to you, but you should be aware of some big changes in this year's program which reveal that only one library in three will receive any money in contrast to the previous five years when almost all libraries were awarded basic grants.

You will remember that for four years the basic grant was \$5,000 provided that the amount could be matched. In 1970 when the appropriation for Title II-A shrank from \$25,000,000 to \$9,816,000, the basic grant was \$2,500 or less. This year only the neediest institutions are to be awarded basic grants of up to \$5,000. In order to determine which are the neediest, criteria have been devised to score the supplemental applications which you are asked to submit with the basic one. Approximately the highest scoring third of the institutions submitting the double application will be award-

ed a \$5,000 basic grant (or whatever portion they are able to match in nonfederal funds) and a supplemental of up to \$10 per FTE student, the amount depending upon the points they score. The other two-thirds (the lower scorers) will receive nothing. The scoring is based chiefly on the deficiency in volumes in the library in relation to the FTE students on its campus and on the number and percentage of the student body coming from homes with less than \$5,000 annual income or who are receiving federal work-study aid.

Fifteen percent of the \$9,900,000 appropriation expected will be devoted to special purpose grants. Type A and Type B applications from institutions in or adjacent to model cities areas will be scored on the criteria described in the instructions accompanying the application forms. The Type B grants will be awarded to a very few libraries which have developed collections on the right to read, drug abuse, environmental pollution, or early childhood education which they are willing to share with their communities. Type C grants will be awarded to a few consortiums of institutions, some preference being given to those including community colleges in their membership.

The applications for special purpose grants are due April 15. The awards must be matched by one-third in nonfederal funds. ■■

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