

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MINUTES

January 17 and 18, 1985  
Arlington, Virginia

- Members Present:** Helmut Alpers; Gordon M. Ambach; Charles Benton; Carlos A. Cuadra (Thursday only); John E. Juergensmeyer (Friday only); Byron Leeds; Bessie B. Moore; Jerald C. Newman; Philip A. Sprague; Margaret S. Warden; Julia Li Wu; and Elinor M. Hashim, Presiding
- Commissioners-Designate Present:** Daniel W. Casey; Patricia Barbour; Wanda L. Forbes; and Margaret Phelan
- Staff Present:** Toni Carbo Bearman, Executive Director; Sarah G. Bishop, Dorothy P. Gray; Diane Yassenoff Rafferty; Mary Alice Hedge Reszetar; Gerald J. Sophar; Carl C. Thompson; Christina Carr Young
- Guests Present:** Warren J. Haas, Council on Library Resources; Ernie H. Matthias, Jr., Department of Agriculture; Nettie Taylor, Maryland State Librarian; Randy Strothman, University of Pittsburgh; Daniel H. Carter, Texas Instruments; Peyton Neal, PRN Associates; Jaia Barratt, Association of Research Libraries; Fred Goodman; Porta-Structures; Eileen Cooke, American Library Association, Washington Office

Thursday, January 17, 1985

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The Commissioners and Commissioners-Designate met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. As a result of this meeting, the following three actions were taken:

- (1) The Commissioners accepted the NCLIS Performance Review Board's FY 1984 evaluation of the Executive Director and its recommendation that the Executive Director be promoted to level SES-4;
- (2) The Commissioners accepted the revised SES Performance Appraisal System for the Executive Director; and
- (3) It was agreed that the current performance agreement for the Executive Director will be in effect until the next meeting of the Commission (April 17 and 18, 1985), at which time a new performance agreement for the remainder of FY 1985 will be adopted.

**CHAIRMAN'S  
OPENING  
REMARKS**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. The guests were welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of Members of the Commission and were asked to introduce themselves. They were reminded that as guests and observers, the Chairman asks that they not seek recognition to participate in the meeting. The Chairman may ask guests to participate in Commission discussions if she deems it appropriate.

William J. Welsh - The Chairman noted that the December 1984 issue of **American Libraries** featured Mr. Welsh as "A National Resource." The cover story -- "Can Bill Welsh conquer time and space for libraries?" -- is an interview by Arthur Plotnik with "the instigator of the most ambitious national programs for preservation, cooperation, and bibliographic control."

The Chairman expressed praise for Mr. Welsh and asked that the Commission be on record as being honored that William J. Welsh, Deputy Librarian of Congress, is a Member of NCLIS and that he has been recognized by the library and information community as "A National Resource."

Commissioners-Designate - On behalf of the Commissioners and staff, the Chairman welcomed Commissioners-Designate Patricia Barbour of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and Daniel W. Casey of Syracuse, New York. Mrs. Barbour and Mr. Casey are awaiting confirmation by the Senate on their five-year appointments, from 1984 to 1989.

Louis A. Lerner - The Chairman announced the death of Louis A. Lerner, and expressed the sadness of the Commission and condolences to his family. Mr. Lerner was Publisher, Lerner Home Newspapers, Chicago, Illinois and Former Ambassador to Norway, as well as one of the original appointees to the Commission. He was currently serving as a member of the Commission's IFLA 1985 Ad Hoc Committee.

Legislation - The NCLIS appropriation for Fiscal Year 1985 is \$720,000. Senator Lowell P. Weicker (R CT) has requested that NCLIS undertake a study of censorship in libraries and report the results to Congress by January 1986.

A five-year extension and amendment of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), HR 2878, was signed into law on October 17, 1984 (now P.L. 98-480) by the President. Recommendations from NCLIS and the library and information community are included in the amended legislation.

Cancellation of October Meeting - Miss Hashim apologized for the necessity of cancelling the October Commission meeting, and stated that it was not a decision made without considerable thought and consultation with some members of the Executive Committee. Continuation of this discussion is scheduled for Friday morning.

Chairman's Meeting Report - Representing the Commission, Miss Hashim attended the IFLA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya (August 17-25, 1984), where she was recognized as the highest U.S. government official in attendance. Her travel expenses were paid by the USIA, and she spoke at their invitation. A meeting report is being prepared for distribution.

NCLIS  
MINUTES

It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Byron Leeds, that the Minutes of the NCLIS Meeting held July 9 and 10, 1984 be approved as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

(On Friday, Mr. Juergensmeyer requested that the Minutes show why he voted against the resolution calling for preparation for a 1989 National Conference on Library and Information Services. He stated, "I would vote against the motion in spite of my support of the concept. I feel strongly that a decision of this magnitude requires far more detailed examination, preferably by the attention of an entire Commission meeting devoted solely to the question of WHCLIS '89.

EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT

NCLIS Final Report on FY 1984 Programs - Dr. Bearman reported that the Final Report on FY 1984 Programs showed that the projects were accomplished as planned. In addition to completing the projected tasks, at the request of the Department of Commerce, the Commission undertook the ambitious task of advising on the archiving of data from civil operational satellites.

A-76 - Contracting Out of Federal Library and Information Services - At the request of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congressional staff, NCLIS convened a meeting of OMB staff, Congressional committee staff, and federal librarians. The purposes of the meeting were to identify those library functions appropriate for contracting out and those inappropriate, and to discuss benefits and problems resulting from the contracting out of library functions. The librarians agreed that the basic services that form the core capability of the library should not be contracted out.

The participants agreed that performance standards and comparative data would be helpful and requested NCLIS to work with the Federal Library and Information Center Committee, perhaps in consultation with the National Center for Education Statistics, to determine how these data could be collected.

A second meeting will be convened by NCLIS staff with OMB and Congressional staff representatives and representatives of companies in the Washington, D.C. area who are providing library and information services under contract to federal agencies. A third meeting with representatives from the first two meetings will be held later in February or early in March.

Dr. Bearman informed the Commissioners that NCLIS' assistance is, indeed, very much appreciated by OMB.

UNESCO - The United States formally withdrew from UNESCO on December 31, 1984, ending 38 years of membership. In its role as secretariat for the U.S. National Committee for the UNESCO General Information Program (PGI), NCLIS worked with the Committee to draft a proposal for alternative mechanisms to accomplish the objectives of the PGI and maintain necessary linkages with the international library/information community after U.S. withdrawal. This proposal was developed last summer at the request of the State Department and was formally presented to Assistant Secretary Gregory Newell and his staff at a State Department sponsored meeting in September 1984. Mrs. Gray was acknowledged for her major contribution to the development of the proposal. We were later informed by State that the proposed alternatives in the library/information/archival area had been assigned high priority for funding, pending OMB and Congressional approval.

At the mid-winter meeting of the ALA Association, the ALA Council passed a resolution commending the U.S. National Committee for its work in identifying alternative mechanisms and calling on the State Department and Congress to support selected programs and alternatives in areas covered by the UNESCO PGI. (See Attachment I.) Mr. Benton suggested that the staff consider issuing a press release on UNESCO developments.

After determining the position of alternative mechanisms for UNESCO programs in the President's Budget, Dr. Bearman will meet with officials at State to discuss further developments.

JCP Ad Hoc Committee Report - The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Depository Library Access to Federal Automated Data Bases, entitled, "Provision of Federal Government Publications in Electronic Format to Depository Libraries," was published in December 1984. Dr. Bishop will prepare a short report on the contents of the publication for the Commissioners' information.

When asked for his opinion, Guest Peyton Neal stated that NCLIS was wise in staying in a neutral position regarding the recommendations of the report.

Information Technology Project - Dr. Bishop plans to meet with staff of Congressman Ed Zschau (R CA) Chair, Republican Task Force on High Technology Initiatives. Staff will analyze the Task Force's publication, "Targeting the Process of Innovation: An Agenda for U.S. Technological Leadership and

Industrial Competitiveness," for matters of interest to NCLIS and will make arrangements to assist the Task Force as appropriate.

NCLIS Program Objectives: FY 1984 - 1986 - Dr. Bearman called the Members' attention to the the 'spread sheet' outlining NCLIS program objectives from FY 1984 through FY 1986. Miss Hashim informed the Members that WHCLIST reacted favorably to the outline because "it really shows what NCLIS is doing."

**NCLIS  
PROGRAM  
PLANS**

Because of the extensive detailed material contained in the NCLIS Program Plans, the Members requested the staff to either highlight the material or prepare an executive summary. It was further suggested that programs clearly define NCLIS' role; e.g., leadership vs. monitoring. The progress report for the second quarter report will incorporate the requested changes.

**ORIENTATION**

Pending Senate confirmation, an orientation session for new Members is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 (the day before the Commission meeting to be held April 17 and 18, 1985). Several suggestions for orientation material included:

- 0 National Information Policy Report to the President of the United States submitted by the staff of the domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy. Published by NCLIS in 1976.
- 0 1979 WHCLIS Videotape.
- 0 Printed material or A/V presentation on NCLIS' history and purpose, various definitions and acronyms, and current issues.
- 0 Details of federal process, e.g., budget year; laws affecting libraries.
- 0 Job description for Commissioners, i.e., what is expected of Commissioners.
- 0 Focus on FY 1986 programs and budget plans. "Commission should spend 90% of its time looking at the future." (Mr. Ambach)
- 0 Description of NCLIS accomplishments and their impact.

1986  
PROGRAM  
PLANS

There was a lengthy discussion of 1986 program plans, implementation strategies, and accomplishment of objectives. Commission suggestions, thoughts, and comments included:

- 0 1986 is the tenth anniversary of the National Information Policy (NIP) Report and could be an issue for Vice President Bush to focus on. (Mr. Benton).  
  
Set resources aside for review of the report. (Mr. Benton) Dr. Bearman stated that in updating the charts of the NIP Report, the staff would review the Information Industry Association's 1982 report, Understanding U.S. Information Policy.
- 0 Invite Mrs. Bush to April meeting to speak on literacy. (Mr. Leeds) In addition, invite Mrs. Mary Peacock, Assistant to Mrs. Bush, to every meeting of the Commission. (Mrs. Forbes)
- 0 "Make opening of new NCLIS Library/Information Center a big event." (Mr. Leeds)
- 0 Increase NCLIS visibility through publicity. (Messrs. Alpers and Casey and Mrs. Forbes) Mrs. Forbes mentioned that she was able to obtain very little information about the Commission from either the South Carolina State Library or her county library. Mr. Leeds then suggested that the Commissioners discuss the NCLIS's image and its information distribution system at a future meeting.
- 0 1989 Library/Information Services National Conference. NCLIS will initiate conference planning at April meeting. Senator Pell is planning to introduce legislation calling for the conference and has asked NCLIS to help in a review of suggested revisions to the 1979 legislation.

FY 1986  
PRIORITIES

In response to Mr. Benton's request for Dr. Bearman to identify the objectives she personally felt should have the highest priority for FY 1986, she identified one of the objectives in each major program area, as follows:

## I. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Acquiring and Using Information - Establish nationwide program for recognition of outstanding projects that teach information-finding and using skills to children and adults. The program will recognize projects that meet the criteria and specifications set forth in the concept paper.

## II. IMPROVING LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS

The Library in a Changing Information Environment - Synthesize the information from NCLIS studies on user needs and establish priorities for implementing recommendations not yet implemented and for collecting missing or more current data.

## III. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTIVITY

The Role of Library and Information Services in Economic Development - Assemble information collected on the effect of information on productivity, with a focus on the productivity of knowledge workers. Continue to emphasize to decision-makers the recommendations from the White House Conference on Productivity and the US/UK meeting. Focus attention on the need for more effective use of information technologies and the management of information resources.

Dr. Bearman mentioned that the draft document, "Information Technology and Productivity in the U.S.", initially prepared by Polly Guynup, IBM Intern, is being rewritten. In the meantime, Dr. Bearman has prepared a shorter article on productivity for the ASIS Perspectives collection of papers about NCLIS programs to be published in the fall.

## IV. POLICY PLANNING AND ADVICE

National Information Policy Issues - Examine the range of information policy issues in National Information Policy and identify those that should be addressed first by key decision-makers.

In summary, Dr. Bearman stated, "Accomplishing the tasks outlined in the OMB Budget Request will depend, of course, upon NCLIS' budget for FY 1986."

3:15 p.m.  
NATIONAL  
PROGRAM  
DOCUMENT

The Commissioners discussed the draft revisions to the networking section of NCLIS National Program Document, "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services." Dr. Bearman reported that Henriette Avram, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, Library of Congress, reviewed the first draft and made several suggestions. The Network Advisory Committee (NAC) reviewed the draft at their November 1984 meeting. The May 1985 NAC meeting will focus on networking over the last 15 years and will use the NCLIS draft "as a spring board for their thinking."

Dr. Bearman encouraged the Members to take time to view the IFLA new technology exhibits during the meeting in August and suggested that a tour be built into the agenda as part of ongoing orientation for Commissioners.

INFORMATION  
FOR  
GOVERNANCE

The Commissioners reviewed the staff's first draft of a statement on the role of library and information resources in governance.

The purpose of the new program of information for governance is to look at ways that information resources can be used more effectively to improve the efficiency of local government institutions and to facilitate citizen participation in governance. The objectives of Information for Governance are:

- (1) Promote and strengthen local libraries as the learning/information resource centers for local governments, businesses, and other institutions.
- (2) Encourage institutions of higher education to develop community information specialist degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as continuing education courses in the same area.
- (3) Work with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies to examine state information support services for legislators via networking.

After a lengthy discussion of the draft statement, the Commissioners made the following recommendations:

- Focus on the local level of users, even though the sources of information to meet their needs may be local, state or federal.
  - Concentrate on a two-pronged approach to both governing officials and citizens and their need to be informed.
  - Define the problem clearly by sampling providers and users of information.
  - Include a short description of tasks to be accomplished and how objectives are to be implemented and achieved.
  - 'Flesh out' specifics of objectives #1 and #2, and eliminate objective #3 because it does not focus on the local level. (See objectives listed above.)
  - Connect information for governance with NCLIS' program on dissemination of federal information.
  - Consider focusing on whether the users are are better served than they used to be.
  - Be specific in the following areas: (1) Dissemination of Federal Information, Government Printing Office, Depository Libraries; (2) Use of information for governance regardless of the level of the source of the information; and (3) Civics education; 1987 is the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.
  - Review resolutions from WHCLIS for input.
- The Chairman announced that continuation of this discussion would be held the following day.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1985

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

INFORMATION  
FOR  
GOVERNANCE

Mr. Ambach briefly reviewed yesterday's discussion and recommendations for rewriting the statement on information for governance. Based on Commission suggestions, the staff will revise the statement for Commission review at the April meeting. Miss Hashim appointed Messrs. Ambach and Juergensmeyer to review the next draft before it is sent to the full Commission.

NCLIS  
ARCHIVE

Miss Hashim reported that the Commission recently received a request from Robert J. Starring, Head, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Michigan, to establish the Commission's archive in their library. During a poll of the Members' reaction to this request, both pros and cons were cited. It was suggested that Mr. Starring be invited to a future Commission meeting to discuss the University's proposal. Mr. Ambach suggested that the Commission consider approaching institutions which might be interested in the Commission's archival material.

MEETING  
CANCEL-  
LATIONS

Mr. Juergensmeyer encouraged the Chairman to consider holding meetings whether or not a quorum can be present. Several Members agreed with a statement by Mr. Ambach that unless there is a call for a quorum count, business can be conducted as usual. It was noted, however, that such decisions should remain the prerogative of the Chairman.

APRIL  
AGENDA  
ITEMS

The following topics and guest speakers were suggested for the April 17-18, 1985, Commission meeting:

- Orientation for New Commissioners (April 16, 1985)
- Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters
- Barbara Bush and Jonathan Kozol, Literacy
- Update, NCLIS/DOD U.S. Army Literacy Project
- Update on NCLIS Information Center at IFLA;  
Preview of Video Tape
- Robert Wedgeworth, Library Issues and IFLA
- Robert Starring, NCLIS Archival Material
- Preliminary Discussion, NCLIS FY 1987 Programs
- Status Report, Public Lending Right Issue (if introduced)
- Discussion, Information for Governance Draft Statement
- Review, Plans for 1989 National Conference on Library and Information Services

--Receive NABRIN Recommendation

--Establish meeting dates for 1986

MOTION  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

It was MOVED by Jerald Newman, seconded by Gordon Ambach, that an Executive Session be held on April 17, 1985, to discuss personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously.

PLANNING  
GROUP

Miss Hashim announced her plans to name and convene a planning group prior to the April meeting to discuss potential programs for FY 1987. Mr. Ambach cautioned the group to look closely at FY 1986 programs to determine how those activities could carry over into FY 1987.

RURAL  
INFORMATION  
PROGRAM

Gerald Sophar, Chairman of the National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN) and Ernie H. Matthias, Jr., Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Agriculture and a member of the Planning Committee, gave the Commission an advanced briefing on the Committee's report which will be presented for action at the April meeting. Mr. Sophar thanked the many people who have given their support and help over the last six to seven years to the project and expressed his gratitude for the cooperation between the Commission and USDA.

Mr. Sophar described the "Joint Congressional Hearings on the Changing Information Needs of Rural America: The Role of Libraries and Information Technology" held on July 21, 1982, during the World Future Society's Fourth General Assembly.

The purpose of NABRIN is to advise and assist the Secretary of Agriculture on the most significant information needs of rural America and to examine these needs to develop policies, strategies, and action programs to enable rural citizens and government and private entities to access and utilize appropriate basic information services. Mr. Sophar described the potential membership of NABRIN and listed NABRIN's four major functions:

- (1) Identify needs for library and information services and determine the public and private benefit value of such services;

- (2) Evaluate existing services and develop alternatives and extensions to provide the information services required;
- (3) Develop a plan for implementing cost effect of the information-based service; and
- (4) Enlist the cooperation and support of federal, state, and local agencies, private firms, private institutions, etc.

Ernie Matthias - Planning Committee Member and Guest Speaker Ernie Matthias stated, "Rural information and rural needs are a high priority within USDA." Mr. Matthias discussed the purpose and plans of NABRIN, the rationale for establishing it within USDA, and the content of the Board's draft proposal. He expressed his appreciation to several Commissioners and staff members for their cooperation, interest, and "very consuming passion" for serving rural America and assured the Commission of USDA's continued cooperation.

Following a period of questions and answers, the following motion was introduced:

MOTION  
NABRIN

It was MOVED by Gordon Ambach, seconded by John Juergensmeyer, that the Commission endorses and supports the principle and concept of the National Advisory Board on Rural Information Needs (NABRIN). In addition, the Commissioners requested that a complete proposal on NABRIN be presented at the April Commission meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

Further, it was the sense of the Commission that the report and the NABRIN charter indicate greater future involvement in NABRIN when it is established than is indicated in the draft report and charter. This is in keeping with the Congressional mandate to give special attention to "the special library and informational needs of rural areas."

1:30 p.m.  
WARREN J.  
HAAS

Guest Speaker Warren J. Haas, President, Council on Library Resources (CLR) presented a brief history of the Council and described its activities in bibliographic access, preservation, and education.

Established in 1956, CLR is an operating foundation that both manages programs and provides funds to others for work to assist the solution of library problems, especially those of academic and research

libraries. The Council currently is funded by a number of foundations. It awards grants to individuals and institutions to carry out projects in several areas: bibliographic services; professional education, training, and research; library management services; library resources and preservation; information delivery services; and international programs. The Council's board of directors consists of 22 individuals from academic institutions, research libraries, business, and the professions. See Attachment II for CLR's Program Outline.

Preservation is now a prime concern. The Council is focusing on the 'brittle books' aspect, which may require \$100 million over the next 10 years. Because preservation is a university problem as well as a library problem, CLR has urged university presidents to focus their attention on the need for preservation. For the first time there is a standard for acid-free paper; currently, only about 25% of the books published in the U.S. are on acid-free paper.

Mr. Haas responded to several questions from the Commissioners.

In response to a CLR statement on access to information for teaching and scholarship (Attachment III), the Commission adopted a resolution, moved by Gordon Ambach, and seconded by Charles Benton.

NETTIE  
TAYLOR

Guest Speaker Nettie B. Taylor, Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries, Maryland State Department of Education, presented an overview of the Maryland State Library Agency's Division of Library Development and Services.

The State Library Agency is primarily a library development agency, with overall responsibility being "to provide leadership and guidance for the planning and coordinated development of library and information services in Maryland, and to develop statewide public and school library services and networks, resource centers, and other arrangements to meet the library and information needs of the State."

The Agency is responsible for the development of school library media services in the 24 local school systems of the State. School Library Media Services is one of the state priorities under the ECIA (Education Consolidation Improvement Act) Block Grant program. The Agency operates the State Media

Services Center, a library of educational materials and services. Services include free access to on-line bibliographic searches and document delivery to Department of Education and local school system staffs.

Priorities in service to be developed are:

- 0 community information and referral centers
- 0 literacy programs
- 0 jobs and career information centers
- 0 services to homebound, day care centers, hearing impaired, detention centers

Miss Taylor stated that there are problem areas: (1) Fee issue. Maryland State law requires free public library service. However, she asked, in our society, what does that mean? How does technology affect the situation? Florida has declared that if it circulates, it should be free; reference service should be free; and (2) There is pressure on public libraries to charge for some services in order to lessen public funding.

IFLA Mr. Juergensmeyer, Chair, NCLIS' IFLA 1985 Ad Hoc Committee, presented an update on plans for the Commission's Information Center to be exhibited during IFLA in Chicago, August 18-24. After the IFLA Conference, the center will be permanently located in NCLIS, becoming a working information center and an exhibit for interested visitors from all over the world.

Current plans for the 10-minute video cassette about NCLIS are:

- 0 2 minutes -- background information on American libraries;
- 0 2 minutes -- government and financing of libraries;
- 0 2-4 minutes -- NCLIS;
- 0 remainder -- problems and challenges.

Commissioners were asked for their advice and comments on the proposed video-tape.

Miss Hashim reminded the Commissioners that the exhibit is part of IFLA's Conference and cautioned that NCLIS should not appear to be competing with IFLA. It was suggested that staff 'man' the exhibit booth, with Commissioners serving as official greeters.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

UNITED STATES WITHDRAWAL FROM UNESCO

WHEREAS, the United States has withdrawn from membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) effective December 31, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the American Library Association on January 11, 1984 noted the importance of preserving the many positive benefits of continuing U.S. participation in UNESCO; and

WHEREAS, the Council on June 27, 1984 urged extension of U.S. membership in UNESCO; and

WHEREAS, the United States National Committee for the UNESCO General Information Program has expressed concern for the status of U.S. nationals employed at UNESCO and has submitted proposals for alternative mechanisms to accomplish U.S. objectives in the international library/information areas; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1984 the Department of State made a public commitment to support a program of alternative activities, including selected programs under UNESCO's umbrella; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association expresses its concern for the status of U.S. nationals employed by UNESCO; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association commends the U.S. National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI for its work in identifying alternative mechanisms to further the objectives of the General Information Program and to assure continued representation of U.S. interests in the international library/information arena during the period of U.S. absence from UNESCO; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association calls upon the Department of State and the Congress to support selected UNESCO programs or suitable alternative mechanisms in such areas as the General Information Program, copyright, archives, book development, literacy training, education of library and information professionals and the formulation of international standards, policies, norms and agreements in the information area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association calls upon both the Department of State and the Congress to monitor

closely future developments in UNESCO so as both to safeguard important American interests in the library, information and communications areas during the period of withdrawal and to facilitate a continuing process of reform that will permit the United States to rejoin UNESCO at the earliest possible date; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State, appropriate members of Congress, the United States National Commission for UNESCO, the United States National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI, the Director General of UNESCO, the Director of the UNESCO General Information Program and other appropriate bodies.

**SPONSOR:** ALA International Relations Committee

**POLICY** based on ALA Policy Manual Section 51, Federal Legislative Policy on International Programs and UNESCO

**ALA SUPPORTING UNITS:**

**PRIOR HISTORY:** Followup to January 11, 1984 (CD #21) and June 25, 1984 (CD #59.1) resolutions

**Council on Library Resources  
Program Outline, 1984/1985**

1. Analysis and research
  - 1.1 Research institute
  - 1.2 Technology assessment
  - 1.3 Economics seminar
  - 1.4 Forums, conferences, seminars
  
2. Resources: Availability, access, preservation
  - 2.1 Availability and accessibility of resources
  - 2.2 Preservation strategy
  - 2.3 Regional preservation facility
  - 2.4 Records of government
  
3. Bibliographic systems
  - 3.1 The Bibliographic Service Development Program
  
4. Management
  
5. Librarianship
  - 5.1 Professional education
  - 5.2 Advanced specialized training
  - 5.3 Internships

NCLIS RESOLUTION  
in Response to

SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION  
A Statement from the Council on Library Resources

The Members of the National Commission commend the Council for its continuing concern and leadership in assuring necessary access to information for academic and research purposes. We commend the Council, furthermore, for its articulate expression of the special problems and issues of access generated by technological advances in storing and disseminating information.

The Council's statement "Scholarship, Research and Access to Information" of January 1985 is consistent with the National Commission's concerns and policies for promoting access to information for academic and research purposes and, therefore, we are pleased to support continuing work of the Council as set forth in the statement.