

MEMC 4-C 2/84

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Subject : Memo 4-C 2/83 "The choice of a cut-off date for the Archival volume of CINDA to be prepared in March, 1978"

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On hearing that, after due consideration of Memo 4-C 2/83, even my colleagues in CCDN remained a little confused about the interpretation of the figures given in Tables 2, 3 and 4, I must apologise for the very brief explanation of these tables, and give a little more detail here.

The numbers in Table 2 are derived from differences in the numbers of entries for each date found in retrieve tapes for each publication year. The percentage of 1971 entries in blocks for which the most recent year is 1973 does not therefore include those 1971 entries which are in blocks for which the most recent publication is 1972 or 1974. These figures can be simply inverted to predict for instance that 11 percent of 1975 entries will be eventually blocked with entries dated from 1980 onwards, if the blocking philosophy remains unchanged. It is by such a process of inversion that the figures for probable duplication in Table 3 have been derived.

The approximate conversion in Table 4 of numbers of entries into the number of pages (60/page) is based on the figures for the CINDA 76/77 books and does not take into account an increased use of the 'no book flag'. The recent experience at CCDN has shown that this may reduce the size of future books by between 10 and 20 percent.

Finally, all reference to supplements is of course to the annual cumulative supplements to the archival volumes and not to the 6 monthly supplements. In Table 4, the 5th Supplement to the archival volumes will be produced in 1982 and not 1983 as indicated.

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