

to California and with more joining in at an increasing rate. By sharing the cost of buying, cataloging, and housing research materials these libraries have been able jointly to afford more than any one of them could afford independently. And of no less importance, what is acquired does not belong to one of them alone with the privilege of first call on it, but it belongs by right to all of them equally and it is equally accessible to all of them.

We believe that support for this type of cooperative library program is a logical part of the Networks for Knowledge.

The importance of this design for increasing the availability of much significant research material is well attested by the report of a committee of the Association of Research Libraries appointed to study the problem. This report was adopted and endorsed by the Association:

"The Committee . . . is unanimously of the view that the expanding needs of research and the increase in publications cannot be met satisfactorily by local self-sufficiency in combination with conventional interlibrary loans among university and other research libraries. . . . The Committee, while strongly of the view that the resources of both local and national libraries must continue to be strengthened, is persuaded that many large classes of research related publications and other materials now generally unavailable could never be acquired or justified for acquisition by most research libraries or secured through interlibrary loans, but could efficiently be provided by a joint cooperative facility."

Assistance to such cooperative projects appears to fall clearly within the purpose and intent of this Title, yet the specific provisions do not with equal clarity authorize their support. We believe the Title would be strengthened if such specific authorization were included. We, therefore, suggest that paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (b) be renumbered as paragraphs (3) through (8) and a new paragraph (2) such as the following be inserted: (2) "Cooperative programs and facilities for the acquisition and processing of library materials for joint use and for buildings and equipment required to house, preserve, and make available such materials".

In addition to inserting the new paragraph, the Association of Research Libraries recommends the following changes in language:

1. On page 93, line 4, we suggest that the words "new and" be added after the word "other". This section would then read "Such grants may be made . . . to other new and established public or non-profit private agencies . . ." The purpose of this change is to make it clear that a new agency might qualify for a grant under this legislation if it met the requirements prescribed by the Office of Education. Since the objective of the legislation is to stimulate the sharing of resources and facilities, it would seem appropriate to make it possible for new agencies as well as established agencies to participate in the program.

2. On page 93, line 18, we suggest that the word "specialized" be deleted. The word does not appear to be essential and it might be interpreted in an undesirably restrictive sense.

3. On page 93, line 19, we suggest the addition of the following language: after the word "catalogs", insert the words "and other bibliographic records in both conventional and unconventional form". This section would then read "affording access to library collections through preparation of inter-institutional catalogs and other bibliographic records in conventional and unconventional form . . ." We suggest this change because the word "catalog" is sometimes interpreted narrowly. It should be possible to develop whatever type of library records would be useful to achieve the purpose of this Title. We propose adding the words "conventional and unconventional" because, although the present library catalog is on cards or in book form, there is good reason to expect that the catalog of the future may be in some other form, perhaps stored in a computer memory, on tape, on film, or in some other form. Since this is a likely development, it would seem appropriate that the language of the legislation provide for it.

4. On page 94, line 11, we suggest that after the word "terminals", a comma and the following words be added: "except for pilot projects, research and experimental purposes." This section would then read: "Grants pursuant to clause (B) of paragraph (3) of subsection (b) may not be used to pay the costs of electronic transmission terminals, except for pilot projects, research and experimental purposes."