

trend continued during the second half of the year. In the period July-December 1967, 175,815 items were added and 149,644 items deleted—an increase of 26,171 items. As of 31 December 1967, there were 3,989,863 items in the Federal Catalog, as compared to 3,907,703 on 31 December 1966.

The net increase in catalog items can be attributed in part to the introduction of repair parts for new major end items, and fewer deletions due to retention of older equipments for possible use in Southeast Asia. Extended use of these older equipments in the unfavorable terrain of Southeast Asia has created repair parts demands not previously experienced.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

The extent of unavailability and inadequacy of technical data necessary to support DSA programs has been a continuing and significant problem area in Technical and Logistics Services during the past several years, whether the data were required for Standardization, Cataloging, Item Entry Control, Federal Item Identification Guides (FIIG), Procurement or other logistics support operations. Technical data are acquired by DSA primarily from the Military Departments in support of material transferred by them to DSA for management. When the Military Departments do not provide required technical data, DSA must solicit industry for the acquisition of missing data.

In order to attain the optimum level of data support, DSA has attempted to (a) revise joint DSA/Services technical data requirements regulation, (b) have ASD (I&L) accept a DSA prepared DoD Instruction to govern improved data support operations. DSA also requested assistance from ASD (I&L) in improving technical data support in conjunction with provisioning actions.

DSA has initiated or participated in several actions for improvement of data management, with emphasis on securing improved technical data availability and adequacy as follows:

Participation in the ASD (I&L) project to revise DoD Instruction 5010.12, Management of Technical Data. The proposed revision clarifies and strengthens data support to DSA by the Military Departments.

Revision of DSAR 4185.3, Technical Data Improvement Program, to provide procedures for selectively improving data based on specific program needs according to criteria for priority of effort. Expanded reporting requirements to provide DSA with improved statistics, by Military Service, relative to data adequacy and availability in support of Provisioning Supply Support Requests (SSR).

Requested Technical Data Liaison on the reactivated DoD Special Projects Group for Initial Provisioning to consider the improvement of provisioning support.

Prepared executive level briefings for presentation to the Military Services to describe the DSA Technical Data Program and DSA problem areas wherein the Military Departments can assist DSA.

Development of a provisioning data analysis plan with the objective of improving technical data acquisition through provisioning. Plan will include provisions for study and evaluation of specific technical data requirements in provisioning appendices/exhibits, contract administration, schedules for provisioning, and DSA technical data manager participation in selected provisioning conferences with the Military Services.

Expanded DSC technical operations' efforts to acquire pricing information, and to provide assistance to procurement personnel in determining price reasonableness.

Support the installation and use, under control of DSC Technical Data Managers, of 16mm commercial microfilm reader-printers that display manufacturers' cataloged items.

Distribution by DLSC of the consolidated Master Cross Reference List (MCRL) of part numbers to Federal Stock Numbers. The MCRL is provided via 16mm film cartridges and is expected to prove a substantial aid in identifying items in the small purchase area.

#### MATERIEL UTILIZATION

Efforts are continuing toward improvement and refinement of mechanized procedures for screening releasable assets of Military Service Inventory Control Points (ICPs) against Military Service ICP requirements. A system which will provide positive advice on transactions in the screening system (PLUS) is being developed. Target date for implementing this system is 1 July 1968. Interservice