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prepared by the International Bureau

1. Document PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 contains a report of the International Bureau on the question of minimum documentation: non-patent literature. When communicating that report to the Members of the Standing Subcommittee, the International Bureau invited them to make observations on the report (circular letter No. 1302).

2. Observations have been received from the Patent Offices of the United Kingdom, Germany (Federal Republic) and Japan. They are reproduced on the following pages.



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Dear Director General

Under cover of Circular No. 1302 you distributed document PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 and requested observations thereon.

It is the view of the United Kingdom Patent Office that the question of the choice of documents to be included in the list of minimum non-patent literature is primarily one for the prospective Searching Authorities and accordingly it does not wish to make any fundamental observations on this subject at present.

Nevertheless, it wishes to draw the attention of the Standing Sub-committee to the following two periodicals which are not listed in the Annex to PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 but which its examiners have found to be good sources of early publication of new information in their respective fields:-

"Air Cushion Vehicles"

Horizon Publications Ltd.

3 Townsend, Montacute, Somerset, England

Published in English only.

"Mullard Technical Communications"

Central Technical Services, Mullard Ltd.,

Mullard House, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HD, England

Published in English only.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Bodenhausen,

In my opinion the study effected by the International Bureau on the question of non-patent literature are extremely valuable, this is true in particular for the compilation of the titles of the periodicals. I agree with you that this should only serve as a basis of discussion, upon which the individual titles would have to be studied in detail. It should be a particular aim of this study to try not to include in the minimum documentation several titles with essentially the same technical content.

In regard to the terms "systematically used" and "received" mentioned in section 6 of the document PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 I concur with you that the term "systematically used" needs further clarification. By this term I would understand periodicals from which, according to the practice of the examining offices, essays and commentaries are copied regularly in order to be included into the search file of the examiner as well as secondary publications which are automatically added to the search file.

Only such periodicals should be included into the minimum documentation which are "systematically used". Any other periodicals, which are for example available in the library as reference works, should not become part of the minimum documentation. As far as the list established by the International Bureau should be examined under these aspects, it might perhaps be possible for further reduce the number of titles to be included into the minimum documentation.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Sir:

In reply to your Circulars C 1302 PCT-081.5 and PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 of Sept. 20, 1971, the Japanese Patent Office wishes to offer its comments and proposals as follows:

1. In making the first list of Minimum Documentation for non-patent literature, we would like to suggest, from the practical point of view, to start it with a list calling for a minimum amount of literature and then expand gradually by increasing the number of periodicals.
2. When making the first list, we believe we should take into consideration the frequency of use of such periodicals, in view of the purpose of establishing Minimum Documentation. For this end, we suggest that we should segregate the basic 349 periodicals common to four of the seven Authorities into the three categories of (a) most important, (b) fairly important and (c) not important, and study the outcome of such selection. In making such segregation, it is desirable that consideration be also given to the fair and equitable coverage of the entire technical fields. Further, if some periodicals are not included in the above but if each of the Authorities considers them to be important, they should be added.
3. Since it is extremely difficult to obtain back numbers of periodicals, they should not be included in Minimum Documentation.
4. After the list is made, constant review should be held from the viewpoint of frequency of use, and of new publications which may be issued.
5. We also wish to call your attention that the following periodicals listed in A below are not mentioned in PCT/TCO/SS/I/3 (Annex) as being in the possession of the Japanese Patent Office, although we do have them actually. The one listed in B below is the periodical which seems to be left out of the same Annex although it is being used very frequently in our Office.

List A

Ser. No	Nomenclature
12	Advances in Physics
109	Chemical Society of Japan, Bulletin
116	Chemistry in Britain
135	Data Systems
169	Erdöl und Kohle
211	Hydraulics and Pneumatics
260	Information and Control
355	Marine Engineer and Naval Architect
358	Materials Protection
470	Rubber Development
523	Textile Institute Journal
557	Zeitschrift für Natur forschung (A + B)
558	Zeitschrift für angewandte Physik
559	Zeitschrift für Physik

List B

Deutsche Textile Technik

Yours truly



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