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Proposals of Derwent Publications Ltd., London

The Annex to this document contains proposals of Derwent Publications Ltd., London, regarding the conditions (price and presentation) for providing English-language abstracts of patent documents of Japan and the Soviet Union which the said organization has published since 1962.

[Annex follows]

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Dear Dr. Bogisch:

Re: Abstracts of Soviet and Japanese Patents

I am pleased to note that we are preparing a Computer Print-Out for you, listing all of our past abstracts in numerical order, together with certain bibliographical details which will enable patent offices to locate specific items.

It has occurred to me that a more acceptable tool for use by the patent offices would be created by cutting up our various abstracts, re-mounting these in strict numerical order and providing the abstracts on microfilm or as xeroxed squares which could be mounted on the individual patent specifications.

Naturally, the cost of such an operation is relatively high, but if shared between a number of interested patent offices and some of our larger subscribers, the cost might not be prohibitive. I am therefore giving you the following details which you might like to put forward for consideration.

Provided there were not less than about fifteen participants, and I think we could obtain at least half of these from commercial organisations, we could provide the whole of our backlog of 320,000 Soviet abstracts from 1962 mounted four up per page on forty 100 ft. reels of high quality microfilm at £1,000 per set, the abstracts being in strictly numerical order. Any patent office wishing to have the abstracts as hard copy xeroxed on A6 sheets could have such a complete set for £2,500. Provided the microfilming job is undertaken, these xerox copies could be provided even if there is only one subscriber.

If there are less than fifteen subscribers, costs could be increased pro rata.

In similar fashion we could provide the examined Japanese abstracts on twenty-eight 100 ft. reels for £700; and all the unexamined on fourteen 100 ft. reels for £350.

If xeroxed copies on A6 were required, the cost would be £1,750 and £875 respectively.

Please kindly let me know as quickly as possible if this proposition appeals to you, so that I might sound out the reaction of some of our industrial subscribers also. We could, moreover, if you are interested quote for mounting up our backlog of British, German and other abstracts.

Yours sincerely



M. Hyams.

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