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During the past week we have been discussing with 3i an additional way of using the retrieval system to serve the needs of participating attorneys. The plan would involve developing for each individual user a set of search questions which define his particular area of interest in the literature being scanned and using some of the excess computer time available to us to run these questions on the computer each month. By comparing the answers from one month to the next, each user would then be sent a special list of articles which had been added to the system during the previous month and which might be of special interest to him.

This technique for utilizing a computerized retrieval system is called "Selective Dissemination of Information". The procedures which it involves are described in more detail in the enclosed memorandum which we asked 3i to prepare.

Please let us have your comments and suggestions on this proposal. No additional cost would be incurred. If no objections or other suggestions are received by November 1, we will begin putting the plan into effect.

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