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FROM : Chief, Technical Services Division
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SUBJECT: National Library of Medicine's Foreign
Procurement Program

The National Library of Medicine collects comprehensively in the field of medicine. A short statement of the collecting scope is presented as Attachment One.

Material is acquired by purchase, exchange, and gift solicitation. The latest available analysis of purchases by country is that for Fiscal Year 1960, on which the geographic breakdown which follows is based, except in the case of Japan, for which Fiscal Year 1962 figures were available.

	<u>BOOKS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SERIALS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Western Europe	2,366	\$10,800	1,980	\$14,500
British Isles	408	2,200	408	3,300
Canada	200	208	32	230
Latin America	466	1,200	200	1,440
Japan	390	1,850	145	1,150
India	320	280	113	260
Eastern Europe	946	1,320	136	695

The figures for Eastern Europe do not include the purchases of the Publications Procurement Officer in Moscow. In Fiscal Year 1962 some 1,250 books were received from the Soviet Union. The Publications Procurement Officer supplied about half of these at a cost of about a dollar a book. Another hundred came from the dealers, 347 were received from gift and exchange sources, and 189 as transfers from the Library of Congress. Sixty Russian journals are received on exchange.

In the other countries of eastern Europe exchanges are a principal source of material. The most important institutions are the Vassil Kolaro State Library in Sofia, whence 660 books were received in Fiscal Year 1962 and the Principal Medical Library in Warsaw which sent 162 books.

Throughout the world the Library has some thousand active institutional exchange contacts. For substantive journals the most important exchange item is the Index Medicus, which, for this purpose, goes to 879 foreign addresses. The geographic breakdown is as follows:

Western Europe	302
Eastern Europe outside USSR	97
USSR	12
The British Isles	51
Latin America	240
Africa south of Sahara	11
North Africa	8
Japan	83
South Asia	13
Near East	25
Canada	12
Australia & New Zealand	15

Ten other addresses are located in Korea, Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, French Guiana, and Iceland.

Also used for exchange purposes are Public Health Service publications, the monthly "Vital Statistics", and surplus books.

Gifts, solicited and unsolicited, constitute an important part of the Library's accessions, but the separate count is not available. Theses from foreign universities are received without specific solicitation but usually on the basis of a general exchange agreement. In Fiscal Year 1962 over 2,000 were received, all from Europe except for 29 from Sao Paulo.


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