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1. Serials Cancellation Project: The final comments have been received, and the expensive journals have finally been renewed. Attached is a list of those journals which have not been renewed for the 1994 vol/yr. There are 107 titles on the list, for an approximate reduction of $176,000 in projected serials costs for FY94.

2. AMIGOS/CACD Stats: The latest ten-year span has been installed [thanks to Michelle O'Malley, a GSLIS student--no relation]. Statistics have been gathered for all of the collection and subcollection categories [nothing has been done with the bibliographic lists as of yet]. The most notable change for our purposes is that we will now be using a different peer group [#4, Large Academic Libraries] as our standard comparison group. For historical purposes I have created a sheet comparing our proportions in 1978-1988, and 1981-1991 with that of the average ARL Library [see attached].

3. FY94 Budget Update. We have finally received authorization to spend up to 75% of our expected budget before Dec. 31, 1993 [i.e. $1,800,000 out of about $2,050,000]. After considering our expenditures to date, we have been able to allocate:

   a. Kingston Serials: an additional $700,000 for Kingston Serial renewals [we will still be shy $100,000, even after we cancel $176,000--hoping that more funds will be restored in December].

   b. Kingston Books: We have about $45,000 to spend. This is insufficient to cover the reduced approval plan, and the standing orders. We have cancelled the approval plan, are beginning to reduce the standing orders [expect to reduce by about $15,000--from $40,000 in FY93]. This week, orders were placed for Reserves, and we hope to keep some additional funds for future Reserves materials. In any case, there is only $25,000 to spend on books between now and January--I will listen to any special pleading, begging, or threats for any needs you may want to bring to my attention.

   c. CCE and Pell were both reduced by $2,000 each.

   d. Other capital needs, have been restructured, in the hopes that more funds will be available in a few months. But, the CD-Rom Lan arrangement, the III opacs, and the Carl Uncover system have been fully funded.