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FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION

The African Studies Review has been edited at Michigan State University for the past four years. Beginning with the September 1974 issue, the Review will be edited at Syracuse University.

This is the last issue to be edited by John P. Henderson and his colleagues. In a turbulent and difficult period in the life of the Association, John has edited the Review with dignity, integrity, and great intelligence. When the Review went to Michigan State in the spring of 1970, it changed its name from the African Studies Bulletin, a journal of bibliographical and professional concerns, to the African Studies Review, a journal of Africanist scholarship and research. John Henderson opened the pages of the Review to young scholars, to scholars in Europe and Africa, to contributors of diverse and perceptive views. He helped the Association meet the challenge of change in a significant and useful way.

For the Board and the members of the Association, I want to thank John and the African Studies Center at Michigan State for their more than generous cooperation and assistance. A very special word of appreciation to Marjorie Winters, who has done such an outstanding job as Assistant Editor making the material read smoothly. And for having typed hundreds of pages of manuscript, Jean Gorman is to be particularly commended. We are very much in their debt.

James Duffy
Secretary
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The official name of the journal of the African Studies Association has been changed from the African Studies Bulletin to the African Studies Review. For the convenience of librarians and others, the periodical will continue to be numbered consecutively from the last issue of the African Studies Bulletin.

THE AVAILABILITY OF ORAL DATA

In the September 1972 issue of the Review, Professor Uzoigwe made reference to the oral data accumulated by Professor Philip D. Curtin, in Senegal in 1966. To keep the record accurate, we quote from Professor Curtin, "Field Techniques for Collection and Processing Oral Data," Journal of African History, Vol. IX, No. 3:

A tape collection made during this period of field-work, containing approximately 40 hours of original recordings and 60 hours of taped and annotated translations into French concerning the historical traditions of Bondu, is on deposit at the Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Université de Dakar, and at the Archives of Traditional Music, 013 Maxwell Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. In either case, the collection is open to use by other scholars, and the Archives of Traditional Music are prepared to furnish copies of any of the tapes at cost.

As we understand the views expressed by Professor Uzoigwe, they hinge upon how "quickly" oral data collected by one scholar can be made available to other scholars in the field. Unlike conventional data, such as the economists' statistics or official documents used by political scientists, oral data must by its nature be limited to the single research scholar, and the speed with which it is made available to others is by necessity not instantaneous.

Our apologies to Professor Uzoigwe for the error in the spelling of his name in the September issue.

The Editors

EDITOR'S NOTE

Traditionally it has been the policy to publish the annual presidential address of the African Studies Association in the Review (Bulletin). Following Montreal, and the disruptions in many procedures, several presidential addresses took the form of a committee report. In 1973, at Syracuse, Professor Immanuel Wallerstein delivered a presidential address which was in the tradition of the old format and would have been published in the Review. However, because of the need to prepare a copy of Issue for the International Conference at Addis Ababa, Professor Wallerstein's presidential address appeared in the Fall 1973 Issue. The editors of the Review are pleased, however, to publish an address which Professor Wallerstein delivered at the "Conference on Dependence and Development in Africa" in Ottawa, Canada, February 16-18, 1973, sponsored by the Canadian Association of African Studies and the School of International Affairs, Carleton University.