ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

There have been a number of recent developments on the appointment of the Archivist of the United States. As this issue was going to press, we were told that an announcement from the White House of a nomination for the post was imminent. In early June, Donn Neal of the SAA, Samuel Gammon of the AHA and Page Putnam Miller of the National Coordinating Committee met with Susan Phillips of the White House personnel office to discuss potential nominees for the position.

This followed a May 29 action by John Agresto to withdraw his name from consideration for the position of Archivist. Earlier, following a discussion at the May 8 MAC Council meeting, MAC President William Maher wrote to President Reagan, Senators from MAC states and members of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. Maher expressed MAC's concern about the delay in the selection of the new Archivist and included a copy of the May, 1986 MAC resolution regarding the legislative requirement for professional qualifications for nominees for Archivist of the United States.

In April, Frank Burke completed two years as acting U.S. Archivist. He has recently undertaken an active role in promoting the need for an additional archival building. It is hoped that planning money for a new facility will be received in the 1988 appropriation.

MAC SPRING MEETING, 1988

While the successful Spring 1987 Meeting is still fresh in our minds, perhaps you would like to help us plan next year's MAC Meeting in the Windy City. Were there any sessions that you would like to see elaborated on or repeated next year? Were there any issues that were not discussed which you would like to see on a future program? We need your input.

Now is the time to tell the members of the Program Committee your ideas or send in the suggestion coupon below. The Program Committee members are Beth Yakel (Chair), David Boutros, Pat Cloud, David Gray, Rick Pifer, and Jean Toll.

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SESSION PROPOSAL:

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS:

Proposed by (name) _____ (telephone number) _____
(Use additional paper if necessary and send to Beth Yakel, Archdiocese of Detroit, 1234 Washington Blvd. Detroit, MI 48226 by 1 September 1987).

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