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CURRENT CONTENTS READER SURVEY

On the back cover of this issue, there is a list of twelve questions concerning *Current Contents* and your use of it. Since *Current Contents* is used by many readers, please make a copy of the questionnaire and return to B. Bartolomeo, the Managing Editor, *Current Contents*, Institute for Scientific Information, 33 South Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. If you prefer, dictate a letter covering these same questions and any others you wish to cover.



The answers to this survey will be tabulated and your comments summarized in a subsequent report in this column.

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