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For many years, ISI has planned to publish a whole series of *Current Contents* editions, covering not only broad areas of the natural and physical sciences, but also such fields as education and the social sciences in general.

It has been a source of frustration that these projects have had to wait certain financial and other developments that would permit their launching under conditions such as to assure their continuity and quality.

It is with great pleasure, therefore, that we mark the publication of this, the first issue of *Current Contents/Behavioral, Social & Management Sciences.*

It is with comparable pleasure that I can report that on January 28th the first issue of *Current Contents/Education* was published. Later in 1969, *CC/Agricultural, Food & Veterinary Sciences* as well as *CC/Engineering & Technology* will be published.

The problem of defining the fields to be covered by *CC/BSM* has not been an easy one. In general, we have attempted to include the key domestic and foreign journals in the fields broadly defined by the title. For the behavioral and social sciences, this has meant inclusion of such disciplines as anthropology, clinical psychology, gerontology, history and international affairs, political science and sociology. For the management sciences, it has been necessary to include journals covering such fields as automation and computers, banking and finance, communications, industrial relations and personnel management.

The task of selecting the specific journals to be covered in this edition of *Current Contents* also has not been an easy one. Nor has it been completed. Studies are now in progress and will be expanded so as to more objectively define the most adequate coverage in this field. The initial list of 700 journals will undoubtedly increase to over 1,000 during the coming year.

The new *Current Contents/Behavioral, Social & Management Sciences,* as has been our custom with other editions of *Current Contents,* will provide the contents pages of *significant* journals. Whenever available, we will also include authors' addresses in the address directory. Furthermore, the *Original Article Tear Sheet* Service will open up to thousands of individuals, who have little or no access to good libraries, an international mail order library service.

We believe that the impact of *CC/BSM* on the scope and type of publications in the fields it covers will be significant. Unfortunately, there has been heretofore a considerable amount of duplication in these fields, which we hope will be minimized by the appearance of *CC/BSM.* On the other hand, a great deal of useful information that has not otherwise been known, or has been literally buried, will become known to many people who can make practical use of it to bridge the gaps between the numerous and often fragmented specialties which exist today, especially in academic insitutions.