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Public Policy Committee Meeting, 2001

Brief discussion of NCLIS. Roger announced that the final assessment report on its proposed closure, "Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination, June 2000 - March 2001," is now available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.html>. Information on the NCLIS study of the planned closure of NTIS undertaken in the October 1999 - March 2000 timeframe is available at "Preliminary Assessment of NTIS Closure." The Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination that NCLIS is presently undertaking incorporates the next stage of the NTIS study.

"Comments On The Draft NCLIS Report And Legislation"

ALA Midwinter Meeting, Washington, DC

January 13, 2001

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We discussed ways for ARLIS to deal with UCITA, how to work with local chapters and affiliated organizations at the state level. Discussed the changes in enforcement of copyright and trademark in photographs of architecture, and considered possibilities for 2002 session proposals. Discussed status of Committee website: Barbara has Katy Poole's files from the former Committee site; she and I will review them and the rough draft I started last year, and get this done very soon. Yale can host the site.

Upcoming events are the IFLA conference in Boston, August 16-17 (some kind of ARLIS session planned?); NINCH meeting in Eugene, Oregon, Nov. 19, on policy-making and copyright (Christine Sundt will attend?); and NINCH Town Hall meeting to be held at 2002 ARLIS/NA-VRA conference in St. Louis. David Green of NINCH is expected to attend the ARLIS/NA conference this Tuesday,

4/3; we hope to hear more about their plans and theme at that time. The Committee intends to prepare a plenary session proposal for St. Louis; possible invited speakers include Ann Okersen from Yale and Lesley Ellen Harris (Canada-based copyright lawyer and editor of Copyright & New Media Law Newsletter, <http://www.copyrightlaws.com/>); James suggested Barbara Hoffman (couldn't remember her name at the time; former CAA counsel and editor of Exploiting Images and Image Collections in the New Media: Gold Mine or Legal Minefield? (London: Kluwer Law International, 1999)), and Thomas Krens or some other representative of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation.
