INTERNATIONAL INDEX TO FILM/TELEVISION PERIODICALS

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COMMENT ON ACCOUNTS 6.11.90

1. Expenses

We have already paid printing costs for the 1988 volume this year and will have to meet costs for the 1989 volume in a few weeks time since it is now at the printer. The long-awaited four-year television volume 1983-86 will be going to the printer later this month but publication date is not until January. It is bigger than expected, over 500 pages, hence the expected costs are over-budget.

The subject headings for film were published in August with a revised structure to the listings and a greatly improved appearance. We could do this because the headings were listed on a database at the Danish Filmmuseum. We do not have to pay for this software but the labour costs of inputting were high (it will make future editions much cheaper). The television headings will be ready for printing shortly. I am hoping to acquire the database for the London office in which case future editions of the headings will be very simple to produce.

The travel budget has been exceeded this year largely because of Havana. My assistant is coming to the workshop in Karlovy Vary as I think it will be good for him to meet some indexers and get a feel for the workings of FIAF.

2. Income

Since preparing the accounts on 6.11.90, Los Angeles and Jerusalem have paid their outstanding subscriptions. This leaves £3265 still to come, including "support" contributions from AFI and Library of Congress.

Due to later than expected publication of the 1989 film volume income from the sale of books is less than forecast. For this reason I think it would be preferable to pay off only £1500 of the FIAF loan this year, and I would hope to settle the rest next year.

3. Summary

The financial situation of the PIP is reasonably healthy this year and should not be a cause for concern. Since we will have the income from two film volumes and the 1983-86 television volume next year this state should continue throughout 1991.

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