



goals was the beginning of an unusually stimulating professional and personal relationship.

In 1965, Lazerow joined the Library of Congress, and was successively Assistant Chief of the Catalog Maintenance and Catalog Publications Division and Chief of the Serial Record Division. This latter assignment involved the processing of a backlog of a half-million serial items, in addition to an annual input of 1.5 million items. For this he received a Superior Service Award.

At LC, Lazerow also served as Chairman of the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Automation and Other Cooperative Services. It is unfortunate, I think, that the full importance of the Task Force's work, and of Lazerow's leadership, is not realized due to the frequent omission of the words "and Other Cooperative Services." The work on automation was substantial and dramatic, but it was Lazerow's emphasis on "other cooperative services" which has helped point the way

to a more effective national library system in the United States.

Sam's professional activities have been many—too many to list here. A few must suffice: Chairman of the Task Force of the Federal Library Committee on Procurement of Library Materials; President and Board Chairman of the United States Book Exchange; member of the Group of Experts on the International Serials Data System; and member of the PAHO Advisory Committee for the Regional Library of Medicine for Latin America.

As Vice President for Administration Sam Lazerow is responsible for personnel, purchasing, subscription fulfillment, and operation of all financial systems—and he furnishes valuable guidance in meeting the needs of our most important customers, libraries and scientists. Sam Lazerow's experience and foresight give ISI another strong competitive advantage in the information industry.