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We are presently involved in major pilot projects of abstracting, storing and retrieving the literature of music -- that is journal articles, books, monographs, dissertations and the like. Our present (first) phase now in progress is to abstract and assign key words or word phrases to all of the (signed) articles of 25 music journals. Twenty of the 25 will be the complete output of the journal, while five will be limited only to the most recent twenty five years.

The second phase -- to begin in early 1977 will be to do a similar abstracting of (music) books.

Concurrent with these projects is the development of a thesaurus for the orderly storage and retrieval of this information. The advantage of this project is that frequent indices can be published which are cumulative -- not supplemental. Maintenance programs have been developed which allow updated materials to be entered and the totally new and complete index to be published at (if desired) daily intervals, or at any other practical interval of time.

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