I  FINANCE
Expenditure during the academic session since October 1975 has been as follows:

Salaries and insurance                  £4136
Part-time assistance                   £2794
Equipment, maintenance, office services, books, elicitation expenses, etc.  £1836

£8766

In addition, during the same period, we called upon £1457 from the Social Science Research Council in respect of the sub-project on questions. This year sees the completion of the SSRC project and we wish to record our thanks for the grant made in 1974.

This is also the last full year of the Leverhulme grant. We take this opportunity of expressing our profound gratitude to the many organisations that have contributed to Survey funds over the years, but above all to the Leverhulme Trustees for their generous support.

II  GENERAL
The end of this academic year coincided with the resignation of Susan Boase (née Peppé) (to go to Brunei), Noel Burton-Roberts (to take up an appointment in Trondheim), and Michael Anthony (to a lectureship in linguistics at Bangor). Leif Breivik also left, after his two-year study visit. Meanwhile, another Norwegian scholar, Anne-Marie Langvall, began a period of attachment to study modal auxiliaries. Peter Funken (Aachen) spent the year at the Survey working on copula sentences. There were shorter periods of study attachment by:

Prof D Crystal (Reading)  
Dr C Gnutzmann (Hannover)  
Dr R Huddleston (Queensland)  
Mr M Jordan (Hatfield)  
Dr P Kussmaul (Germeresheim)  
Prof F Palmer (Reading)  
Miss E Sahlin (Uppsala)  

prosodics  
intonation  
auxiliaries  
this and that  
informal speech acts  
modals  
some and any
Prof G Stein (Siegen)
Mr A Wharton (Crewe)
Mrs J Wilding (Berks)

finite passives
comment clauses
passive in discourse

Further visitors:

Mr M Bakir (Basrah)
Prof W-D Bald (Aachen)
Miss A Dussak (Warsaw)
Prof R Filipovic (Zagreb)
Prof A T Gaylord (Dartmouth)
Dr R Ilson (Longman)
Prof A H King (Brigham Young)
Prof G Leech (Lancaster)
Dr T Lindblad (Göteborg)
Prof Oleg Malt (Tartu)
Prof F Nakajima (Tokyo)
Mr P Proctor (Longman)
Dr E Winter (Hatfield)

III THE YEAR'S WORK

It is a particular pleasure to report the successful launching in Lund of
Engelskt Talspråk, the Survey of Spoken English. Directed by Jan Svartvik
with two full-time linguist assistants (Bengt Oreström and Cecilia Thavenius),
the SSE is working in close collaboration with the Survey in London and is
computerising a skillfully edited version of the transcriptions of the
Survey corpus. In making the resulting magnetic tapes generally available, the
SSE will contribute significantly to the widespread advanced study of spoken
English, but in addition of course the computational analysis of syntax in
Lund itself (and there are few centres with greater expertise) can be
confidently expected to make outstanding progress.

In London, thanks largely to the hard work of Noel Burton-Roberts, Susan Boase
and Janet Whitcut, this was a fittingly climactic year in the transcription
of spoken material, with follow-up work on filing by Jocelyn Goodman. We
continued to enjoy the help of home-based colleagues: Joy Bowes (transcription),
Jennifer Coates (first-stage analysis), and Leta Almeda (duplimat preparation).
Catherine Sweetman has played an increasingly responsible part in monitoring
and co-ordinating the work. We profited as before from the regular help of
René Quinault, and R A Close also maintained his association with the Survey.
Michael Anthony made excellent progress writing up the results of his research
on questions. Elicitation work continued in London and (more extensively) in
Milwaukee, assembling data, for example, with the Michiels batteries.
JW became still more closely associated with lexicographic work of Longman, especially taking over responsibility for writing the Usage Notes for the forthcoming Dictionary of Contemporary English. She read a paper on the theory of limited vocabularies to the Lexicographical Advisory Committee (Longlex), has embarked on a lexicographical Workbook to be published by Longman, and she taught on the University of London Summer School.

RQ was appointed Chairman of the English Studies advisors to the British Council; he also became a member of Lord Briggs' BBC Archives Committee. On study leave for the year, he visited Brown, Harvard, MIT, the Center for Behavioral Studies in Palo Alto, Merriam's at Springfield, and gave many lectures and broadcasts in centres throughout the world (Dartmouth, Brown, Washington, Hawaii, Bucharest, Münster, Aachen, Cologne, Lund, Athens, Bombay, Singapore, Fiji, and all six of the New Zealand Universities).

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