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The undersigned, meeting in Oslo in February 1977, have informally established the nucleus of an International Computer Archive of Modern English (ICAME). The primary purposes of the organization will be:

- (1) collecting and distributing information on English language material available for computer processing;
- (2) collecting and distributing information on linguistic research completed or in progress on the material;
- (3) compiling an archive of corpuses to be located at the University of Bergen, from where copies of the material could be obtained at cost.

Initially, the archive will include the Brown University Corpus of American English, the complementary corpus of British English texts which has been under preparation for a number of years at the University of Lancaster, England, and the spoken texts of the Survey of English Usage (University College London), which is now being transferred to magnetic tape for computer processing at the University of Lund, Sweden. As needs and opportunities arise, the archive will be extended to include other corpuses.

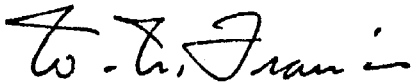
One of our main aims in establishing the organization is to make possible and encourage the coordination of research effort and avoid duplication of research.

We hope that, as someone interested in this type of research, you will join us in this enterprise. Specifically, we would like to receive information on the following points:

- (a) Are you currently engaged in computerized linguistic research?
- (b) Do you know of any scholars (other than those on the attached list) who would be likely to be interested in the organization?
- (c) Have you compiled a corpus which you would be willing to share with others? If so, under what conditions?
- (d) Do you know of other researchers who have compiled corpuses of Modern English which might be included in the archive?

Please, address your responses to our coordinating secretary, Dr. Stig Johansson, University of Oslo.

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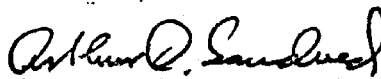
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