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Seasons' Greetings! We intended to mail this newsletter last summer, but the project underwent an administrative transition which entailed moving its headquarters within Science Hall (3 July--see new address above) and losing its long-valued program assistant, Mo Reilly, to marriage (on 13 July) and a new life in Milwaukee. We are happy to welcome Susan MacKerer in her place starting 9 September. Susan was previously graduate secretary in the French and Italian Department.

Funding

Funding for most National Endowment for the Humanities projects was cut severely this year. Fortunately this did not happen to us, and we are happy to announce that NEH approved our proposal for funding 1 September 1985 to 31 August 1988. This is the first time the project has received funding for a three-year term, and it will substantially reduce the amount of proposal writing. Our success in obtaining uncurtailed funding from NEH, however, is the result of having pared our grant application down to the bone. Sadly, this means that we will not be able to offer our authors any assistance with travel and research expenses.

Volume 1

Authors are approving their final manuscripts, and we will be making final corrections on the disks by 14 February. The UCP has assured us that the volume will appear on its Fall 1986 publication list. Thank you for your patience so far!

Volume 2

We met with Associate Editors Mei-Ling Hsu and Joseph Schwartzberg in Minneapolis on 14 April and 10 October 1985 to review articles received and discuss the volume's organization. They have identified areas which need further research and have begun pinning down technical problems, such as transliteration and reference citation. Prof. Hsu was in China during the summer and was able to bring back a number of illustrations for us; Prof. Schwartzberg has been tracking down hard to find information in places as diverse as the suburbs of Elmira, New York and the libraries of Europe. Chiu-Ming Luk began work July 1 as research assistant in South and East Asian cartography at the University of Minnesota, funded under the National Geographic Society grant reported in Newsletter #8.

The same grant is funding a research assistant in Islamic cartography. We are glad to welcome Ahmet Karamustafa, a postdoctoral fellow in Turkish history, who began working with Brian Harley and Gerald Tibbetts this October.

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