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NNDC would like to explore alternate senarios for the CINDA publication —- 44 in 1989 and beyond, so that an informed decision can be made at the next data center meeting in October.

We are strongly opposed to another five year CINDA cumulative which will make permanent a larger amount of duplication and require a user to look in four different volumes (five with a supplement) in order to get complete information on a reaction.

We would prefer, instead, to issue a new CINDA A cumulative edition. conjunction with the book-of-curves preparation, we have done an extensive review and cleanup of the sigma(E) blocks. A significant fraction of the old entries in CINDA A and CINDA B have been updated. We plan to do a similar update for the remaining experimental blocks, and we understand that CJD is undertaking to correct old entries from the USSR.

For these reasons, we consider that the current archival volumes are no longer as useful and should be replaced.

The final choice for the CINDA publication in 1989 and beyond will be strongly influenced by our collective view of user requirements after 1989. It seems clear to us that the future lies more with on-line user access to the data bases and specialized services from the data centers than with hard copy Therefore, we foresee the eventual cessation of the CINDA publication, possibly within the next few years. Perhaps 1989 would be a convenient time to do a "final" archival publication. A small current awareness publication might be desirable for a few years after 1989 depending on the state of the development of alternate means of satisfying user needs.

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