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Subject: Special characters in CINDA

So far the CINDA comments field was restricted to the following special signs (as in EXFOR):

+ - .) (* / = ' ,

More signs were not possible because there was a risk of wrong output on the various printers, and in fact, some old CINDA books show such examples of wrong printout.

It seems now that improved standardization permits the use of additional special signs. Acceptable to us are those signs which are defined in EBCDIC and on the Agency's phototypesetting machine. These are:

% > < : ; ! ? &

May we ask NNDC, NEA-DB and CJD to check whether these signs when exchanged on EBCDIC tapes, come out correctly on their printers and screens. Kindly reply by 15 July. If there is no objection, we would adjust our CINDA checking and book production codes accordingly so that these signs (and at least some of them will be most useful in CINDA) could then be used for CINDA input in the Comments field.

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