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### COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH IN EUROPE

Trade journals are reporting the development of a computerized legal research service by two British companies. Called Eurolex, the system is designed to retrieve information from the huge volume of case law, legislation and regulatory material originating in Europe, both national and European Community. BOC Datasolve limited a subsidiary of BOC International, Ltd., is providing the computer hardware and software, as well as the telecommunications facilities through which the service will be, in the jargon of the trade, accessed. The data base itself is being developed by European Law Centre Limited in London.

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In the meantime Mead Data Central, producer of the LEXIS computerized legal information service in the United States, is expanding its data base to include English law. In conjunction with Butterworth, a major English law publisher, it is creating a data base for English legislation and case law which will be made available to all LEXIS subscribers on both sides of the Atlantic. Mead Data Central is also conducting negotiations for a similar service in Australia.

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### FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORK

The Ford Foundation traditionally makes grants on a selective basis for training, research and publication projects which appear to promote the international advancement of law and justice. Readers may be interested in some recent grants of the Foundation in two intensively debated and publicized areas: human rights and the development of new legal systems.

#### 1. HUMAN RIGHTS

*Lawasia Research Institute (Australia), U.S. \$25,000, for its recently constituted standing committee on human rights in Asia and the Pacific.*