MEMBERSHIP OOCUMENT #.

RESOLUTION ON MISINFORMATION 1D CITIZENS

Whereas, The American public has been subjected to extensive rnisinfonnation from all sectors, government and corporate,
and,
Whereas, the public trust is eroded by this activity,
therefore be it
Resolved, that the .American Library Association condemns all restriction of infonnation essential to citizen decision-making
and calls for the release of all infonnation useful to our legislators, congressmen and ourselves.

Responsibilities Round Table.

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DATE: June 27, 1987

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MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION#

RESOLUTION ON MISINFORMATION TO CITIZENS

Whereas, the American public has been subjected to extensive misinformation and withholding of information
from all sectors: government, corporate and media; and Whereas, the American Library Association Washington Legislative Office in its chronology bf "LESS ACCESS TO
LESS INFORMATION BY AND ABOUT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT"

has documented this problem for several years, and
Whereas Congressional hearings disclosing misinformation and withholding of information from the u. S. Congress and U.S. citizens are currently in the news, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the American Library Association condemns all restriction and misuse of information essential to citizen participation in a democracy and calls for the release of all information useful to our members of Congress, state and- local legislators, and ourselves.

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HISTORY:

Responsibilities Round Table/Peace
change Task Force.

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appointed to study the issue of ALA representation to and membership in NCATE, with members to be appointed from SCOLE, COA, AASL, and other ALA units with a special interest in library education. Councilor Norman Horrocks asked that the words "other ALA units" be omitted and that the resolution read " •.• and other units with a special interest in library education," so that members of the committee might be appointed from groups outside of the Association. This change was made by general consent, and Council members then

VOTED, To adopt CDl/51, part 2, as amended,
that a special task force be appointed to
study ALA membership and participation in
NCATE and related questions, and that the
task force be asked to report to SCOLE and
to Council at Midwinter 1988. Members of the task force should be representatives of SCOLE, COA, OLPR, AASL, and other units with a special interest in this issue.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTIONS. A running account of Membership actions, including

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Whereas, Accurate, timely, and complete information is essential for informed citizen participation in a democracy; and

Whereas, Since 1981, the American Library Association Washington Office chronology, "Less Access to Less Information By and About the U.S. Government," has documented examples of restrictions to public access to federal government information, such as misinformation, disinformation, and reductions in the collection and dissemination of government information; and

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