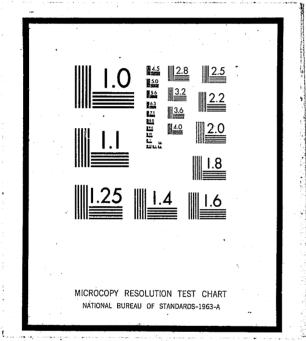
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## INPUT IDENTITY SYSTEM

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The CANJUS project is a project being undertaken by the Statistics Division of the Ministry of the Solicitor General with the assistance of the Planning Branch of the Treasury Board Secretariat. The objective of the project is to develop a comprehensive simulation model of the Canadian Criminal Justice system to 1) develop a basic quantitative description of that system, 2) assist in the planning of policy and program changes by agencies involved in the administration of that system, and 3) serve as the foundation for future analyses and research on the system. The project team at the present time consists of (alphabetically) Neil Carroll, Gordon Cassidy, Elizabeth Cole, Carolyn Fuller, George Hopkinson, Brian Johnson, Lynda Peach, and John Townesend. Not all persons have been committed to the project full-time, but all have made a contribution, without which, some of the many CANJUS publications would not have been possible.

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### THE CANJUS INPUT IDENTITY SYSTEM

## 1. Objectives

The CANJUS mathematical simulation model of the Canadian Criminal Justice System utilizes a broad variety of particular input derived from specific sources.

The Statistics Coordination Section of the Statistics Division of the Ministry is, among other things, responsible for the monitoring and assimilation of data and information available on the phenomena of crime and the administration of Justice.

The objectives of the CANJUS Input Identity System (CIIS) operated by the Section are essentially three in number:

- 2) the Sources

CANJUS model;

- reliability;
- consistency and accuracy.

While the information collected will be primarily oriented towards meeting the needs of the CANJUS model, it will also serve as a local source for input related to special statistical studies conducted by the Statistics Coordination Section and for statistical projects of the Statistics Division in general.

The balance of this paper examines in greater detail plans to realize each of the three foregoing objectives.

#### 1) Identifying potential Sources of Input

Exploring across the Canadian Criminal Justice System to identify sources of data and information in subject matter relevant to the conceptualization, development, operation and maintenance of the

### Identifying specific relevant Input available from

Analyzing the information identified to qualitatively establish limitations on its validity and

## 3) Identifying copy Input at the local level

Coordinating and controlling the acquisition of relevant information and its flow to the CANJUS model in such a manner as to ensure currency,

#### 2. Identifying Potential Sources of Input

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The CANJUS planning model accomodates data from each of the sub-systems of the Canadian Criminal Justice System. For each sub-system, its operation necessitates the regular input of data relating to the volume of flow of persons through the sub-system (eq. Police, Courts, Correction) and the resources committed to service this flow, in terms of time, man-years and financial expenditures.

Further, data is required for each component of each sub-system. For example, Court flows will necessitate disaggregation by type of election for trial (Magistrate, Judge alone, Judge and Jury), and resources committed to each such element will require separate identity.

Finally, data is required for all areas of the model for successive years of operation of the real-life system and this, in turn, involves the maintenance of control systems to ensure that all available information is, in fact, collected.

A principal source of information is the internal administrative reports of the agencies and institutions involved in the Canadian Criminal Justice System. Alternatively, special reports have been invited to systematically collect data where it has previously been unavailable. Both approaches are exemplified by the Statistics Coordination Section's recently conducted study of expenditures, in terms of dollars and man-power, in the private correctional services in Canada for each of three successive fiscal years. The financial outlay is recorded in Financial Statements in the Annual Reports of the many varied agencies, or alternatively in independent audited financial statements required to comply with the conditions of their incorporation under provincial legislation. The manpower figures, however, were derived from a special survey of the agencies, identifying remunerated and volunteer services, and the types of services involved.

At the same time, the Section is also compiling an inventory of published periodical reports that contain relevant statistical input, a process which is in itself time-consuming since the sources are many and varied and, in many instances, inconspicuous. It is planned to eventually publish the inventory as a Directory of Canadian Justice System data sources for general reference purposes.

Attention is also directed towards areas of expenditure that are directly related to the administration of justice in

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Canada, but which are peripheral to the normal flow of persons through the system. Examples of ongoing enquiries in such areas are studies underway or expenditures relating to Legal Aid and

Espenditures in the Criminal Justice system are also related to expenditures in areas with which it has a direct interface. Such areas may alternatively be considered as a component of the system, according to which definition of the system is employed. For example, expenditures in the burgeoning Security Guard industry have important implications in terms of planning for future law enforcement resources. It follows that initial moves are now underway to encourage a uniform quantitative description of the industry in the future.

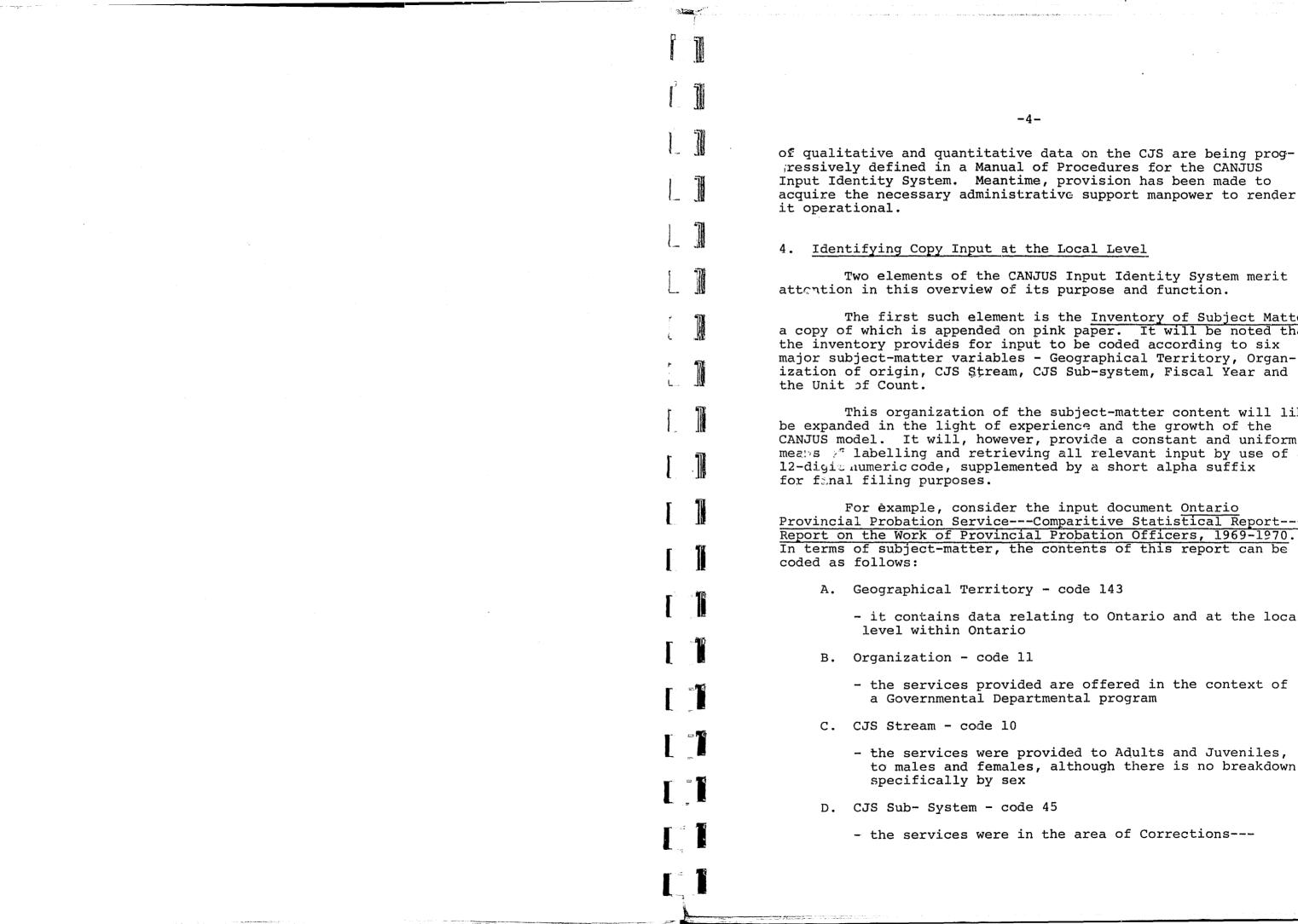
#### 3. Identifying Specific Relevant Input Available from the Sources

It is evident that once the body of potential data sources has been identified, and when published and unpublished reports and materials start to flow, the Statistics Coordination Section could readily be overwhelmed by the volume. Such an avalanche of data would, by itself, handicap and perhaps even negate the proper utility of the data made available. Moreover, data could find its way to the CANJUS model without being subject to scrutiny in terms of ensuring that it actually describes what it claims to describe, and that such description is accurate. In a very real sense, the credibility of the output from CANJUS is related to the credibility of its initial input and efforts to assess the latter will therefore be well invested.

The CANJUS Input Identity System (CIIS) has been developed to meet the needs for control, systematization and ready retrieval of data reported for purposes of CANJUS input. It is predicated on the assumption that systematization is necessary both in terms of subject-matter content and also in relation to

CIIS is also designed to accommodate materials related to the administration of both the real-life CJS and the system as simulated by CANJUS. Clearly, it is necessary to ensure that all changes in policy and practice that affect the real-life system are also reflected in the model. It is, therefore, necessary to monitor the administration of the real-life system in a qualitative as well as a quantitative sense.

Procedures for the control, systematization and retrieval



ressively defined in a Manual of Procedures for the CANJUS Input Identity System. Meantime, provision has been made to acquire the necessary administrative support manpower to render

Two elements of the CANJUS Input Identity System merit attention in this overview of its purpose and function.

The first such element is the Inventory of Subject Matter, a copy of which is appended on pink paper. It will be noted that the inventory provides for input to be coded according to six major subject-matter variables - Geographical Territory, Organization of origin, CJS Stream, CJS Sub-system, Fiscal Year and

This organization of the subject-matter content will likely be expanded in the light of experience and the growth of the CANJUS model. It will, however, provide a constant and uniform meabs of labelling and retrieving all relevant input by use of a 12-digit numeric code, supplemented by a short alpha suffix

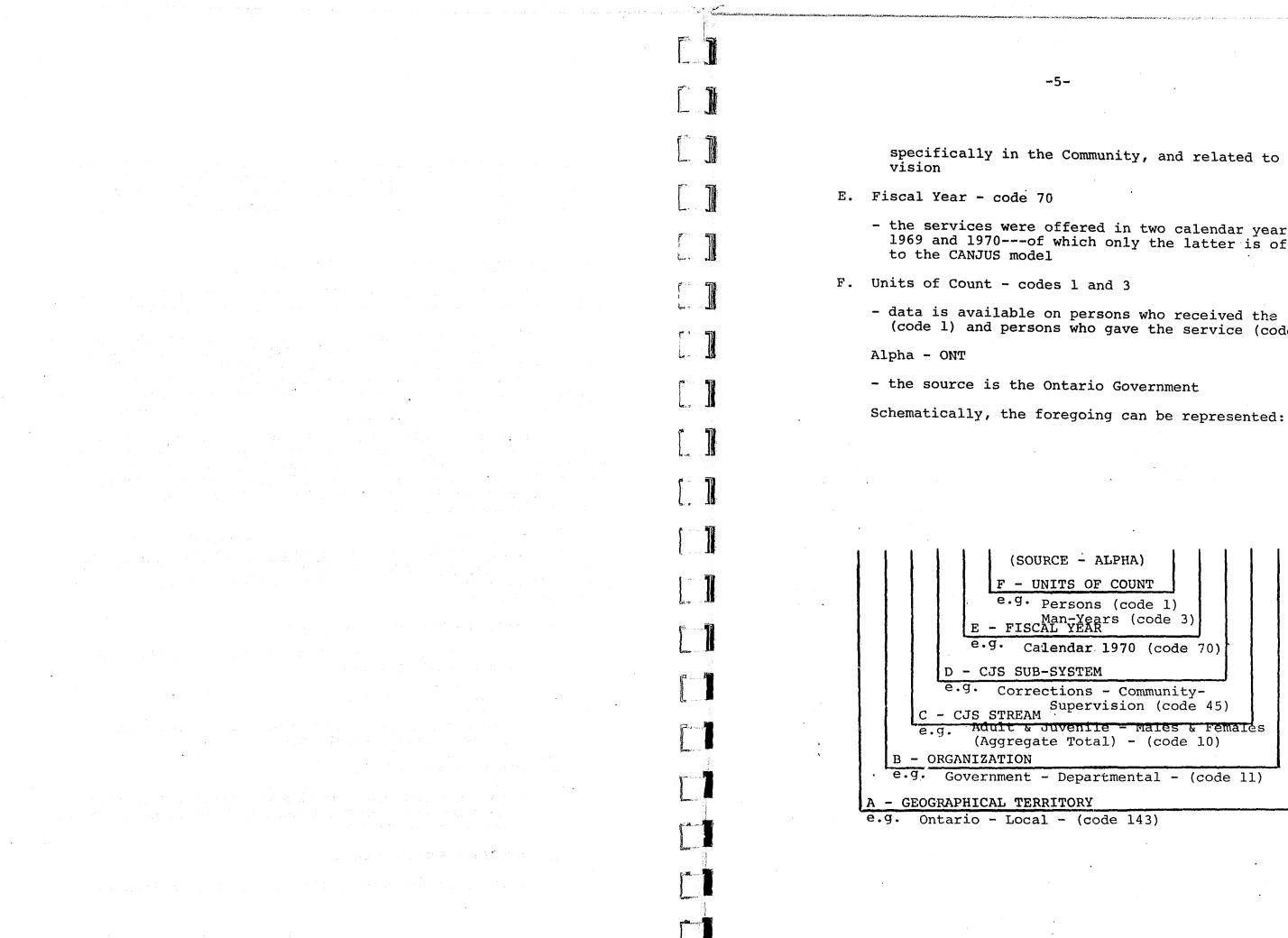
For example, consider the input document Ontario Provincial Probation Service --- Comparitive Statistical Report ---Report on the Work of Provincial Probation Officers, 1969-1970. In terms of subject-matter, the contents of this report can be

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- the services provided are offered in the context of a Governmental Departmental program

- the services were provided to Adults and Juveniles, to males and females, although there is no breakdown

- the services were in the area of Corrections---



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- the services were offered in two calendar years---1969 and 1970---of which only the latter is of concern

- data is available on persons who received the service (code 1) and persons who gave the service (code 3)

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The second element of the CANJUS Input Identity System that merits discussion in this overview is the yellow CANJUS Input Control Sheet, a copy of which is attached.

The Control Sheet provides a mean for identifying and retrieving input on the basis of orgin of the material rather that the subject-matter to which the contents refer. The origin is ascertained from the Publisher - in our example, the province of Ontario.

The Control Sheet is designed for filing in a Kardex drawer upon completion, alphabetically by Publisher as designated at the foot of the form. The Control Sheet also provides for a cross reference with the doding for identity purposes, and double-coding where multiple Fiscal Years and Units of Count are located in one volume. Finally, as its name implies, it enables a running record of available past editions of a series publication, for a record of probable availability dates for future editions in the series, and a record of reminders sent to respondents for overdue editions.

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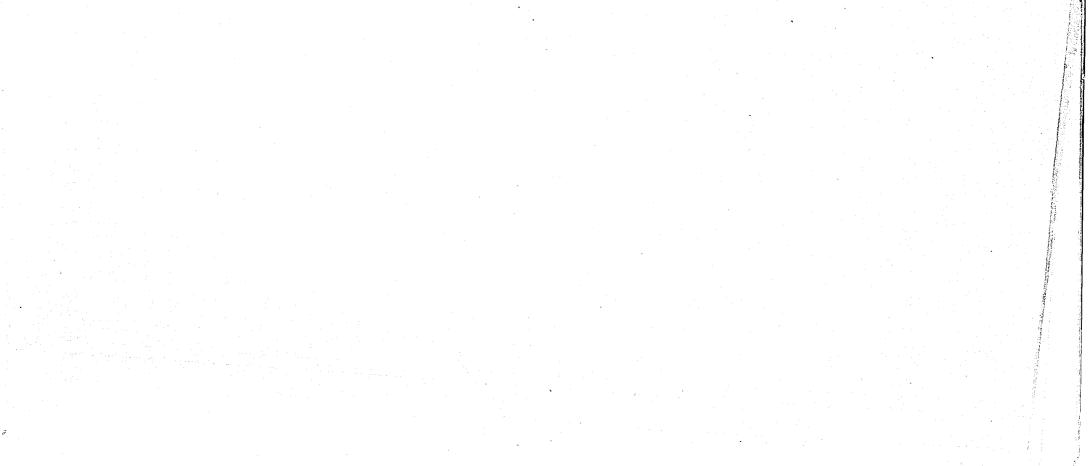
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