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From the Chair:

We live in interesting times. As you know, the Superintendent of Documents August 25, 2000 letter to the directors of federal depository librarians stated that the transition to a primarily electronic Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is accelerating rapidly. Because of budget cuts, GPO must streamline traditional paper distribution. A core list of publications will remain in the FDLP in paper; other documents will be evaluated and disseminated electronically only, if they meet the criteria GPO has set.

Helen Keller once said:

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable."

As change brings these challenges, we have the choice to hold back or be free spirits. I think of INDIGO as a group with the tipe of free spirit that Helen Keller speaks about. We have great interest in government information, but also our members have shared many creative ideas and activities in this field. Some of the reference work we do in this field is a daring adventure and requires strength! I am very pleased with the programs that we will have at our November 29th fall conference in Indianapolis. I hope that you will attend, see what your colleagues are doing, and share what you are doing. Bring your handouts and printouts of new things-this is a great opportunity to get together. I hope that we will have a lively discussion about the Federal Depository Library Conference and the GPO developments, improving INDIGO's website, the Docs Tour program, and issues you bring before the group.

As we think and discuss developments in government information, I think it is interesting to look at the future of technology in general. According to MIT's Michael Der-touzen, the purchase and sale of information work is expected to grow enormously, up to one-quarter of the world's industrial economy. Where will libraries be in this picture? Jeff Papows, president and CEO of Lotus Development Corp suggests that how U.S. industries fare will depend on four factors: 1) which countries will develop inexpensive, high bandwidth Internet systems; 2) near universal citizen access to the Internet; 3) update their laws to cover new technological capacities; 4) have the most capable, creative, and enthusiastic citizens and entrepreneurs. We can