Legal aspects of computer management

The area "Legal Aspects" has particular appeal to computer supervisors and managers, facility directors, comptrollers, personnel and labor relations officers and others concerned with the management responsibilities of computer technology.

The sessions will focus on identifying legal problems that managers may encounter in their daily activities and discuss some of the approaches to them that have proved successful and the pitfalls to be avoided when a situation arises.

The first session, legal responsibilities in buying, using, selling data processing, will be chaired by Robert P. Bigelow, Boston attorney, who has been active in the computer law field for 20 years. Mr. Bigelow is a noted lecturer and author of numerous publications including *Computer Law and Tax Report*, the *Computer Law Service*, a multi-volumed treatise on computer law, and co-author of a forthcoming book, *Your Computer and the Law*. The session will deal with contracts, protection of proprietary rights and non-contractual responsibilities for computer use. Richard L. Bernacchi, partner in Irell & Manella, Los Angeles, and co-author of *Data Processing Contracts and the Law* will address contracting problems. Mr. Bigelow will discuss proprietary protection and Susan H. Nycum, member of MacLeod, Fuller, Muir and Godwin, Los Altos, participant in the NSF Computer Abuse Study and co-author of *Your Computer and the Law*, will discuss non-contractual responsibilities for computer usage.

Sherwood Lewis, Assistant Corporate Counsel of Sanders Associates, Inc., will chair the session on Antitrust and Regulatory Aspects. This session will examine antitrust and regulatory developments in data processing and telecommunications having immediate bearing on the data processing user and data processing operations. Emphasis will be placed on Government litigation and regulation, with comment on the effects of private actions, in both data processing and communications.

Mr. J. Thomas Franklin, partner in Sweeney and Franklin, Boston, will discuss Antitrust Activities in data processing. Mr. Lewis will examine regulatory and antitrust actions in telecommunications affecting data processing.

Roy N. Freed, Boston attorney, author of *Computers and Law, A Reference Work*, and national authority on computers and law is chairman and sole
speaker of the session, “A Guide to Computer-Related Tax, Insurance, Recordkeeping and Labor Questions.” Mr. Freed is noted for his practical approach to these complex and important issues facing EDP management.

The final session chaired by Ms. Nycum will bring the previous session chairmen together to view the future trends of the law and computer interface with an emphasis on international developments.

Each session will provide opportunities for interaction between the speakers and the audience.