We are happy to report that the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a three-year grant to the Assyrian Dictionary, to run from July 1, 1980, to June 30, 1983. $373,557 of this grant is an outright award, and $186,779 is contingent on matching funds. We are grateful to the donors who have contributed so far (approximately $88,000 had been raised as of June 15), and we continue to seek matching funds.

Volume N, in two parts, is now available and is being distributed. The typesetting of Volume Q, by photocomposition, is now completed, comprising 557 pages of galley proof; page proofs are now being made up. Volume Š, 3061 manuscript pages, was sent to the printer in February. Work is now progressing on Volume Š, which is the largest of all and will have to appear in two or even three parts.

New faculty members engaged on the project are Matthew W. Stolper, Associate Professor, and Martha T. Roth, Assistant Professor. Francesca Rochberg-Halton continues as Research Associate. In January, Jeremy A. Black came from England to join the staff as Research Associate. All of us are working on Volume Š, while Volume R continues to be edited by Hans Hirsch in Vienna.