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IV. NOTES AND NEWS

On Buddhist Research Information (B.R.I.) of the Institute for Advanced Studies of World Religions (IASWR), New York

We published a communication from Mr. Richard A. Gard, Director of the Institute Services for the Institute for Advanced Studies of World Religions, about the periodical Buddhist Text Information (BTI) in our first issue of Volume 1, 1978, pages 87-90. We are now pleased to publish the following communication from the Institute about their new project BRI, which we are sure our readers will find useful. For further information the Director of Institute Services may be contacted.

Dear Colleague in Buddhist Studies,

Do you and your students need information on Buddhist research which is planned, in progress, or completed but not yet published? Such information, in various languages and issued periodically, could usefully supplement that contained in published bibliographies: Hanayama, *Bibliography on Buddhism*; *Bibliographie Bouddhique*; sections in the annual AAS *Bibliography of Asian Studies*; etc.

Please see the attached sheets which briefly describe a new Buddhist bibliographic periodical, *BUDDHIST RESEARCH INFORMATION (BRI)*, which I proposed in *The Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* (Madison, Wisconsin), Volume 1, Number 1 (1978), pp. 87-90, where it was initially called *Buddhist Studies Survey*.

In order to establish the *BRI* as an information service to those engaged in Buddhist studies, I need your help in three ways: (1) subscriptions to *Buddhist Research Information* @ US\$4.00 per year postpaid by yourself, college libraries, and other interested individuals and institutions [see verso of attached *BRI* front cover]; (2) author entries which report your Buddhist research planned, in progress, or completed but not yet published [see attached *BRI* Author Entry/Research Request Form]; and (3) information requested entries in which you inquire about current research on Buddhist topics (activities, sources of information, available data, etc.) [see attached *BRI* Author Entry/Research Request Form].

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