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## NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

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### CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION HISTORIES

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Volume 14, no. 4 of *Atmosphere* contained a note by A.J.W. Catchpole and C. Ponce entitled "Access to Station Histories for Studies of Climatic Change: An Appeal for Improvement" in which they summarized their attempt to survey the history of observational practices in connection with a network of 19 stations recording bright sunshine. Their results were disappointing, and they ended with an appeal for the development of more sensitive station history management practices.

It so happens that a project to upgrade the recording of Canadian station history had been initiated at AES Headquarters a short time prior to the appearance of the issue of *Atmosphere* containing their note.

The note revealed that there was a need to make information available on the extent of the existing AES history resources, and/or how to obtain access to them. Mr G.W.K. MacGregor, the project officer engaged in upgrading the National AES Headquarters station history management system, has prepared a paper entitled "Canadian Climatological Station Histories." This paper will be published as a circular and given the usual distribution by the AES, and will also be available free on request.

Mr MacGregor's paper deals with the following issues:

- a) the nature of the existing AES station history program, and how to obtain access;
- b) the limitations of Canadian climatological station history;
- c) how potential users of station history can help the AES to upgrade the station history program in Canada.

Certain decisions with respect to the development of the new station history program must be made before the end of 1977, so everyone interested in the subject is urged to obtain a copy of the paper, and to communicate their views to us as soon as possible.

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