SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY (L893) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Name ___Leopoldo M. Montoya___ Date ___January 26, 1984___

Course and number of credits proposed: L893 __4 credits__ ~~XXXX~~ _____

Term in which Independent Study or Research will be done: ___Spring 1984___

Total course credits you will have completed at the end of present term: __24__

Brief title of project: Some Implications of the History of Classification of the Sciences

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Proposal: (Outline nature of study and methods proposed for gathering data or information. Attache additional sheet, if necessary. If done as part of a funded research project, include account number.)

I began thinking about this subject a number of years ago in a graduate seminar on the history of concepts. I made an oral presentation to that seminar with exclusive reference to library science sources (I had worked as a paraprofessional in libraries by then several years). Since that time I have kept wishing I could take the topic up again.

I would start the projected paper with an analytical examination of recent literature on classification of the sciences. Second, I would focus on the particular position of psychology in classification arrangements over the centuries, as a concrete test for some of the central ideas advanced in the body of the study. And, third, I would try to derive some conclusions from the evidence discussed, concerning the relations between ways the sciences have been classified and the prevalent philosophical perspectives at various points in time and parts of the world (I was very interested by Dr. Subramanyam's discussion of the Colon system in Fundamentals).

My assumption is that this project will help to make me a better cataloguer because I will become more sensitive to the prejudices behind the several systems of classification.

Instructions: Proposal must be approved prior to pre-registration. Student should secure signatures of Instructor and Faculty Advisor, and leave the signed copy in the Dean's Office. If the project requires work in, or cooperation of, a library or other agency outside the School, a letter must be secured from a person authorized to speak for that agency.

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