LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JIBS will have a special issue on "Strategic Planning, Autonomy, and Control Processes in Multinational Corporations." The editors for this issue will be Professor Peter Lorange, the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Anders Edström, Swedish Council for Management and Organization Behaviour (SCOM).

This special issue will focus on various aspects of the processes of international strategic planning, centralization, decentralization, and control within the context of the management of multinational corporations. Original articles are being solicited from leading researchers for this special issue, which will be published in early 1984. The manuscripts will be refereed in accordance with JIBS' standard procedure. Each article should be between 15-30, double-spaced, typewritten pages. Preference will be given to shorter articles of comparable quality.

Examples of major topics suggested by Professor Lorange and Dr. Edström are the following:

1. Design of planning and control processes for MNCs, including special design considerations, interaction of planning and control processes, implementation issues, management interaction, and joint decision making.
2. Functioning of MNCs' planning and/or control processes during periods of stress; economic, political, other environmental turbulences; flexibility and options for change; early warning processes.
3. Cross-cultural considerations in international planning and control.
4. Functioning of planning and control under different management structures, joint ventures, cooperative agreements, including implementation considerations.
5. Strategic resource considerations (funds, assets, people, goodwill, technology, know-how, power, etc.) in planning and control, including reallocation of strategic resources to maintain flexibility and self-renewal; linkages of resource management processes such as human resources, and incentives to financial planning, control, and the rest of management processes.

Scholars who have questions can contact the editors for this issue directly: Professor Peter Lorange, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Management, CC, Philadelphia, PA 19104; or Dr. Anders Edström, SCMO (The Swedish Council for Management and Organizational Behaviour), P.O. Box 5042, S-102 41, Stockholm, Sweden.

Authors should submit a one-paragraph statement and outline to us at JIBS. I shall send these statements to Professor Lorange and Dr. Edström who will give the go-ahead commitment to the authors. Completed manuscripts should be submitted to JIBS by 15 June 1983. There will be no submission fee on manuscripts for this special issue. All manuscripts will go through the regular refereeing process. We expect to publish this special issue early in 1984.

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