THE EBLA ELECTRONIC CORPUS: GRAPHEMIC ANALYSIS1

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It seems especially fitting for this occasion, which brings us together to inaugurate the new Museum where the material remains of Ebla are stored, to propose another inauguration of sorts, that of the *Ebla Electronic Corpus*. As projected for the near future, this edition will contain four disks, one for each of the four volumes *ARET 1-4*, a disk of programs, and two *User's Manuals*. They are part of a series published by Undena under the name *Cybernetica Mesopotamica*.

The purpose of my paper today is to illustrate some of the salient points of this edition. What we are offering is in fact much more than a simple "electronic dump" of the printed edition of the texts. In other words, we have not simply entered the printed data on the computer, as originally published in the *editio princeps*. Rather, the data have been reworked thoroughly, in such a way that we can speak of a new edition of the texts not only because of the format in which they are distributed (i. e. the electronic medium), but also because of the philological re-elaboration. It is this aspect of the project that I would like especially to illustrate in my talk today. First, however, I wish to remember a few major stages in the history of the project, and to acknowledge thereby individuals and institutions that have contributed to making this event possible.

¹This paper is the second in a series of "Studies in Ebla Graphemics," of which the first has appeared in Studi Eblaiti 5 (1982) 39-74 (also in Russian translation in Drevnia Ebla, Moscow 1985, 114-132). The paper reproduces the substance of the text as delivered at the meeting in Idlib, and deals primarily with matters of data structure and file format; for the treatment of specific substantive aspects one may refer to the article by J.H.Platt and J.M.Pagan, "Orthography and Onomastics: Computer Applications in Ebla Language Study," published elsewhere in this volume. – For a fuller presentation of the project, the reader is referred to the two Manuals which are forthcoming in Cybernetica Mesopotamica: G. Buccellati, Cybernetica Mesopotamica: General Introduction and Graphemic Analysis of Cuneiform Texts, and J.H.Platt, J.M.Platt et al., The Ebla Electronic Corpus. – Those interested in receiving, when available, the disks containing the electronic version of the data and the programs should write to Mr. James H. Platt, Assistant Editor, Cybernetica Mesopotamica, IIMAS, POB 787, Malibu, CA 90265, U.S.A.

1. Background.

It is fitting that I remember first the Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums, represented by all our friends who have also organized this Conference, and who have consistently and steadfastly supported the program of a quick and full publication of the texts of Ebla. Today's occasion is a fitting reminder of how uniquely supportive the Directorate has been in providing total availability for the study of the materials, to the point of establishing a new Museum to house this all important collection. Over the years, we have been spoiled by the unfailing Syrian openness towards scholarly enterprise, but should not be taking it for granted. I, personally, do not have to look far for some sober reminders: you may find it ironic that at the same time that the American press was fabricating stories of alleged lack of freedom for scholars in Syria, some Museums in California were forced, by local political intervention, to destroy the Museum labels on important historical collections and to rebury these collections in an amorphous dump. In this light, I view the announcemenet, here in Idlib, of the publication of the Ebla Electronic Corpus as one more piece of evidence to support our claim that Syria has continued to provide, throughout these years, an ideal setting for untrammeled scholarly enterprise.

The "Missione archeologica italiana in Siria" is also involved in a very special way in this event. This is so because the Ebla Electronic Corpus appears under the formal sponsorship of the "Missione" and as one of its official publications. The Director of the Expedition, Paolo Matthiae, has been supportive of the project since I first proposed it on the occasion of the initial meeting of the "International Committee for the Publication of the Texts of Ebla," which was held here in Syria just over ten years ago: one must remember that back then, and until recently, the notion of using computers in the humanities, let alone in Assyriology, was considered, benevolently at best, as a hobby to be condoned, rather than a serious method to be exploited. For my part, I had been working on electronic applications to cuneiform as far back as 1968, so I had already begun to tap the immense potential of this new tool, and when the International Committee began to plan for the publication of the texts of Ebla I assumed, with the willing cooperation of Matthiae and the other members of the Committee, the task of computerizing the epigraphic data on behalf of the Committee. The Ebla Electronic Corpus is now the fulfillment of that early commitment.

During the first five years (from 1978 to 1983) actual work on a computerization of the Ebla texts was however slow, partly because we had to wait for the initial publication of the *editio princeps* in standard book format, and partly because the electronic medium itself was undergoing major transformations – remember, in particular, that in was only in the early 80'es that microcomputers came on the market. It was during this period that Alfonso Archi became the chief epigrapher of the Expedition, and he turned out to be a key factor in the implementation of our plans. The philological merit of the electronic edition rests in part on the fact that it includes a number of new readings based not only on a new understanding of the published texts, but also on collations from the tablets. This he has provided eagerly and systematically, so that our Corpus contains a number of significant, substantial improvements on the printed version which reflect his work in Aleppo before and, now, in Idlib. Since one advantage of the electronic edition is that updates are possible much more frequently and inexpensively than with the printed editions, we expect the *Electronic Corpus* to provide a signal service in this respect as well.

The second main phase of the project, which occupied the last five years, saw the transfer of the techniques and programs which we had developed on mainframe and mini-computers, to microcomputers, which were only then beginning to hold sway. As we were becoming weaned from the large logistic and administrative apparatus which surrounded the larger computer systems, we were gaining a measure of greater control on the computer as a tool which made its intellectual impact on the very conceptualization of the data more real and widespread. A fundamental need arose for the project, namely that of a more direct coordination between our staff in Los Angeles and the Expedition in Rome, pertaining not only to the philological, but also to the electronic dimension. For this task we were fortunate to be able to rely, just at that point in time, on Lucio Milano. During repeated stays in Los Angeles, where he also gave formal courses on Ebla, he contributed in a substantial way to the formalization of our project, in particular the philological and graphemic aspects. Back in Rome, he ensured the smooth functioning of logistic concerns, from the transfer of electronic data and programs to the coordination of the philological discussion.

During this same second phase of the project (again from about 1984 to the present) my former student John Hayes and three of my current students at UCLA took on a central role in the implementation of the project. In the early stages of the project, Hayes helped to supervise the work on the texts, and then James Platt came to serve as the main coordinator, in addition to concentrate on matters of graphemics; Joseph Pagan concentrated on both graphemics and onomastics, and Mark Arrington on onomastics. It was their joint task to establish

the text for the electronic edition, which is why the disks containing the first four volumes of ARET are published under their names as "authors." Archi and Milano followed very closely the philological aspect, while I retained the responsibility for the final codification of the graphemic and linguistic conventions, as well as for the inner logical structure of the overall system.

With the publication of the *Ebla Electronic Corpus* the second phase of our project is coming to a close, and we are on the threshold of the third phase. We will of course continue with the computerization of the Ebla corpus: the next volumes of *ARET* are in advanced state of elaboration, and in fact the disk of *ARET* 9, by Lucio Milano, will appear shortly *together* with the publication of the volume in printed format. But beyond issuing the data as such, we are working on the analysis portion of the project. Having taken such care to enter the data according to well defined and highly structured criteria, we can begin to reap the benefits of our efforts. We can, as it were, *talk* to the texts because we have lent them a special voice with which they may respond to us. Currently, we are working on both graphemics and onomastics, some aspects of which will be addressed in the paper by Platt and Pagan presented separately at this Conference.

This brief history of the project would not be complete without an acknow-ledgment of the sources which contributed to finance our research. IIMAS – The International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies, has been instrumental in raising the funds necessary. The two major funding agencies have been the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which has assisted especially with equipment and software, and the Packard Humanities Institute, which has contributed the major portion of the costs for data entry. Significant assistance for specific aspects of the research has also been provided by the Research Committee of the Academic Senate of the University of California, Los Angeles.

2. Aspects of the Electronic Edition - Data.

This sketch of the history of our work has already pointed at some of the fundamental substantive aspects which characterize the *Ebla Electronic Corpus*. Together, they lend the project a disctinctive physiognomy whose significance goes even beyond the realm of Ebla studies. The concept of the series within which the Corpus appears, i. e. the series *Cybernetica Mesopotamica*, is such that the texts acquire, as it were, a dual documentary value. Electronic data bases are not static. They are dynamic in the specific sense that data are not only stored – they are manipulated, conceptually, independently of our human, scholarly, brains. If

you think about it, what writing did to memory, computers are doing to writing. Some five thousand years ago, in this very land, the first scribes provided a whole new crystallization of mental processes, one which gave to internal, logical brain functions an outer existence, disembodied from the brain. Memory acquired an extrasomatic existence of its own, the mental world of man becamse accessible as a physical object apart from the mind – a clay tablet.

In comparison to writing, electronic data processing may be described as the extra-somatic extension of active logical brain functions. Data are not only stored in dormant state until a human brain touches and awakens them (i. e., "reads" them). In a computer, data interact with each other and continuously realign themselves according to trajectories which have, as it were, a life and direction of their own. With computers, we have succeeded in projecting to the outside our logical inner functions in their active mode, and we can look at them crystallized in their new, awesome form.

This is to say that the *Ebla Electronic Corpus* is much more than a different version of the written word. It is difficult to show adequately where the difference lies without being able to actually use the computer for a demonstration. It is for this reason that only the actual disks will truly speak for themselves when accessed on the machine. In our present context, I will refer to a few sample printouts, which are like frozen frames of a moving universe, and as such can offer only a limited idea of the full potential of the system.²

The first two printouts give the "directory," i. e. the table of contents of the distribution disks. The directory of the disk containing the texts (Fig. 1) begins with a long list of introductory "files," i. e. chapters, which refer both to the system as a whole and to the specific body of data contained in this disk. The data themselves are given in a single, long file at the end of the disk – in this sample, the data are the texts of ARET 1, given with the sequential number of disks of the system Cybernetica Mesopotamica within which the Ebla Electronic Corpus is being published. The data are stored in a transliteration system which is very close to traditional Assyriological usage, although there are a number of additions and variations which aim at rendering with greater precision the complexities of the graphemic aspects of the writing system. These are explained in the file labeled -E-IG, i. e. the encoding manual for the data rendered graphemically. – In addition to specific codes for the graphemic details, another important feature of an electronic edition is that pertaining to data structure, i. e. to the

²the data utilized in te printouts are derived from the eletronic edition prepared by J.H.Platt, J.M.Pagan and M.A.Arrington, for which see above, N. 1.

specific format in which the file appears; this is outlined in the file -F-TG. And so on for the various other files.

On the philological side, important characteristics of the electronic edition include the harmonizations among various readings (listed in the file -D-HARMO), which allow to cross-reference in a unitary fashion texts published at different times by different authors; or again the list of unknown signs (file -D-SIGNS), which lists in a systematic and uniform manner all the signs found across the various volumes of ARET for which a value is not yet known; or again the textual notes, which explain a number of deviation from the editio princeps, due to collations or the like.

The printout given in Fig. 2 summarizes the general configuration of the different kinds of data files, of which there are two major types. The first type includes a single text. Externally, it is characterized by the extension .G (with volume and text reference given only at the beginning of the file). The second type includes a bundle of individual texts. This type is further subdivided into two types, depending on whether the volume and text reference is given on each line (.GL) or only at the beginning of the text (.GT).

Each one of these types may in turn occur in three alternate configurations:

- (1) with suffix ^, the diacritics appear as unresolved double AS-CII characters of the lower sequence (in practice, characters which appear on the keyboard, e. g. s^);
- (2) without any suffix (simple type), the diacritics appear resolved as simple, high ASCII characters of the higher sequence (i.e., characters which do not appear on the keyboard, e. g. σ);
- (3) with suffix ' the files are formatted with codes suitable for typesetting. Besides the proper rendering of the diacritics (e. g. \check{s}), this format includes commands that allow a word processor to recognize how to print italics, bold face, subscripts, small caps and the like.

3. Aspects of the Electronic Edition - Analysis.

Fig. 3 reproduces the directory of the disk that contains the programs applicable to the data. The first set of programs deals with the handling of files; they are, as it were, convenience programs which allow to pass from one to another of the formats illustrated in Fig. 2. For instance: the primary transliteration

system as given in the distribution disks uses standard keyboard characters, or combinations of characters, to represent the various diacritics (file type .g^). Thus a shin is rendered by two characters, an s followed by a circumflex (s°). In this way the texts as distributed have truly universal application, and may be read immediately by any computer system. They are, as one says, fully "portable." But if one wishes to see these characters represented by a special single character on the screen (σ) or on a printer (\check{s}), one can run the files through the -P-ASCII or the -P-LASER programs, respectively, and then the shin will appear as a single character.

The major program, however, is the one that produces various types of indices which sort lexical items in graphemic format in a number of different ways. The data are drawn from full corpora or sub-corpora, defined according to specific criteria. For instance, one may have individual signs or sign triads, or proper names from texts of a certain archive or a certain date. Indices are produced with items in context or in isolation, in alphabetical order or by frequency, by text occurrence or by item. A simple amount of statistical computation is provided in the form of frequency counts. A complete listing of the indices produced by the program -PT-G1 is shown on Fig. 4. The following figures illustrate the fortmat detail of some of these indices, the data being drawn mostly from the first four volumes of ARET. The printouts are exactly as derived by the program, after the output has been processed by the program -P-LASER; the only editorial change introduced is that certain portions of the index have been expunged (and are marked by dots within brackets) in order to combine on one page some of the various features of the indices.

Fig. 5 gives a listing of signs subdivided into graphemic categories (such as logograms and phonograms), and within these they are sorted by alphabetical sequence. The program distinguishes between certain graphic peculiarities, for which special notations have been introduced (these are not explained here, but a full description is provided in the *User's Manuals* and in the file -E-TG).

Fig. 6 gives a listing of personal names with occurrences, always in graphemic format, sorted alphabetically. When a name occurs in some variation from the form given as template (e.g. zu2-[ba] for zu2-ba), it is so indicated on the right. The prefix p stands for cases where the sex of the name-bearer is not known (otherwise one finds m or f); the totals are given separately under the heading. For entries which total more than four occurrences, the total is given explicitly at the end of the entry.

Fig. 7 lists the divine names as items, in alphabetical sequence, with total for each individual item (and without occurrences).

Fig. 8 gives a listing by decreasing order of frequency of the words other than digits and names. The total number of occurrences is given (17316), the total number of lexical items (1961), and then the individual entries with total number of occurrences, percentages of the whole corpus, and relative histograms.

The same format is found in Fig. 9 for geographical names, and a comparison of the two pages shows that there is more repetition in the index of words than in the listing of geographical names, the frequent words being, predictably, the ones which refer to textiles.

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A differentiated study of outputs like these allows to reach significant conclusions about cooccurrence, covariation, non-occurrence of given phenomena, with a speed and accuracy that remains practically impossible without the computer. And it is precisely on such observations of facts that we can base a distributional type of analysis which is the safest means of attributing meaning to the data.

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-FT-GO output format for texts, alphabetical list of occurrences	-FT-GI	output format for texts, alphabetical list of items
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-G- (prefix for general information outside current scope)	-G-	(prefix for general information outside current scope)
-G-COMPS compositional analysis of basic data unit (e.g., text outline)		

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tabulation of numeric data (e.g. summaries of entries by type)

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(prefix for notes)
             editorial (i. e., relating to the published edition)
-N-EDIT
-N-GRAPH
             graphemic
-N-HIST
             historical
             linguistic
-N-LING
-N-LITR
             literary
-N-MISC
             general or miscellaneous
-N-TEXT
             textual (including graphemic)
Xxxa(--z).--- data files labeled as follows:
                     CME (Cybernetica Mesopotamica, Electronic files)
                       A - archaeological materials
                       S - secondary literature
                       T - texts
                      sequential number of CMX disk (from -1 to 99)
                          A1 to T99
                        generation of CMX disk (from A to Z)
                          A1a to T99z
                   (--z) sequential number of files for given disk (optional)
                            A1a-01 to T99z999
                        -(--) extension identifying type of data
                                 G - graphemic version
                                 GO - graphemic index of occurrences
               T1A--1.G
                          CME (Cybernetica Mesopotamica, Electronic Files)
                          disk number
                          generation
                          text number
                          extension specifying format
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Fig. 1. Sample Disk Directory: Texts

	single text with vol/text at beginning of text	bundled texts with vol/text at beginning of each text	bundled texts with vol/ref at beginning of each line
diacritics rendered by double low ASCII	.G^	.GT^	.GL^
diacritics rendered by single high ASCII	.G	.GT	.GL
text formatted for typesetting (not for input)	.G'	.GT'	.GL'

SYNOPSIS OF RELEVANT ENTRIES:

	.G and .GT	.GL
	\$\$ T4A-03	\$\$ T4A-03
suffix ^	\$ ARET2.3	\$ ARET2.3
	r.1,2 20 gu2-[^li]^-lum S^U-BA-[TI]	ARET2.3.r.1,2 20 gu2-[^li]^-lum S^U-BA-[TI]
	\$\$ T4A-03	\$\$ T4A-03
no suffix		\$ ARET2.3: 0100 000 01 0000 1 0000 100 100 100
		ARET2.3.r.1,2 20 gu2-rlij-lum \(\Sigmu\)U-BA-[TI]
	T4A 03	T4A 03
suffix '	ARET 23	ARET 23
	r.1,2 20 gu ₂ - ₁ li ₁ -lum ŠU-BA-[TI]	ARET2.3.r.1,2 20 gu ₂ - ₁ li ₁ -lum ŠU-BA-[TI]

Fig. 2. Types of data files (input)

!.EXE

gives first orientation and reads .XPL files

EXPLANATORY FILES

-P-xxxxx.XPL explains goals and procedures for program "xxxxxx" (e.g. -P-BUNDL)

FILE-HANDLING PROGRAMS

A. Changes between file formats

-P-BUNDL.EXE bundles several .G format files into a single .GL or .GT file

-P-SPLIT.EXE splits a bundled .GL or .GT file into individual .G files

-P-SWTCH.EXE switches between .GL and .GT formats

B. Disk operations

-P-SGMNT.EXE segments long files into arbitrary length files (generally used to copy long index file from hard to floppy disk)

C. Screen and printer operations

-P-ASCII.EXE rewrites text or output files by converting single ASCII into double ASCII diacritics

(e.g. the two ASCII characters s^ to single ASCII 229 = Greek sigma)

-P-LASER.EXE rewrites text or output files by introducing proper codes for laser jet printing of sub- and superscripts, italics, bold face, etc.

INDEXING PROGRAMS

-PT-G1.EXE this is the major indexing program, which generates up to 19 indices from text files in any .G format. Besides an index of note occurrences, there are indices by occurrences, by items in alphabetical order, and by items in order of frequency, for each of the following six categories: words, numerals, personal names, divine names, geographical names, other proper names.

Fig. 3. Sample disk directory: Programs

Output files - signs

- 1. -I-ARETS.GV sign index by values in alphabetical sequence
- 2. -I-ARETS.GS sign index by sign shape
- 3. -I-ARETS.GF sign index by frequency
- 4. -I-ARETS.GA sign index by number sign
- 5. -I-ARETT.GA triad index by sign shape

Output files - words in graphemic format

- 6. -I-ARET!.NO notes
- 7. -I-ARET!.SLC list of texts that have been selected for indexing
- 8. -I-ARETW.GO index of words (other than digits and names), with occurrences
- 9. -I-ARET#.GO index of digital notations, with occurrences
- 10. -I-ARETP.GO index of personal names, with occurrences
- 11. -I-ARETD.GO index of divine names, with occurrences
- 12. -I-ARETG.GO index of geographical names, with occurrences
- 13. -I-ARETN.GO index of other proper names, with occurrences
- 14. -I-ARETW.GC index of words (other than digits and names), with occurrences and context (and so on for digits, etc.)
- 15. -I-ARETW.GA index of words, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 16. -I-ARET#.GA index of digits, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 17. -I-ARETP.GA index of personal names, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 18. -I-ARETD.GA index of divine names, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 19. -I-ARETG.GA index of geographical names, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 20. -I-ARETN.GA index of other proper names, by items, in alphabetical sequence
- 21. -I-ARETW.GF index of words, by items, in order of frequency
- 22. -I-ARET#.GF index of digits, by items, in order of frequency
- 23. -I-ARETP.GF index of personal names, by items, in order of frequency
- 24. -I-ARETD.GF index of divine names, by items, in order of frequency
- 25. -I-ARETG.GF index of geographical names, by items, in order of frequency
- 26. -I-ARETN.GF index of other proper names, by items, in order of frequency

Fig. 4. List of Output Files

SIGN INDEX BY VALUES IN ALPHABETICAL SEQUENCE (.GV FORMAT - NO CORRELATIONS BETWEEN VALUES AND SIGNS)

Processed on 01-18-1990

Data	derived	from:
- file	1: ARET	2x8.gl

Value	Occurr.	Percent of Corpus (Totals: items, 876	5 occurrence
	, DETERMINATI /524/966 = 5090 o	VES AND UNKNOWN VALUES occurrences)	
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AB.SI	2	.02 %	
AB_2	4	.05 %	
AB ₂ .RU	ne haw diplo 1sill	.01 %	
AGA ₃	2	.02 %	
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a	124	1.41 %	
a ₂	2	.02 %	
ab	2	.02 %	
ab,	4	.05 %	
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ag hempeya kes	2	.02 %	
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(GIN2)	3	.03 %	
(N)	2	.02 %	
N+10	1	.01 %	
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BREAK NOTATIONS			
 X (X)	51 64 4	.57 % .72 % .05 %	
SIGN CONFIGURATIO	N (Total: 85 oc	currences)	
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LIGATURES (Total: 8	8 occurrences)		
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Fig. 5. Sample output file: -I-ARETS.GV

(The complete index consists of 10 Kb, for a total of 14 printed pages)

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INDEX OF OCCURRENCES
   - PERSONAL NAMES FROM:
   - file 1: ARET1x8.gl
   - file 2: ARET2x8.gl
   - file 3: ARET3x8.gl
   - file 4: ARET4x8.gl
  - Total occurrences - males: 293 / females: 133 / other: 8613 // all: 9039
  - Total items: 3330
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      p ARET1.8.v.7, 7-1
      p ARET1.17.v.10, 4-2
      p ARET3.239.v.1, 2'-1
      p ARET3.320.r.2, 3'-1
      p ARET3.371.r.2, 9'-1
      p ARET3.457.r.9, 4'-1
      p ARET3.458.v.6, 1-1
      p ARET3.468.r.3, 17-1
      p ARET3.930.r.1, 5'-1
      p.ARET4.14.v.2, 18-1
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      p ARET3.968.v.2, 2'-1
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      p ARET1.10.v.6, 22-1
      p ARET3.527.v.4,12'-1
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      p ARET4.18.r.7, 3-1
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      p ARET3.100.v.1, 6'-1
      p ARET3.177.r.4, 6'-1
      p ARET3.533.r.4, 1'-1
      p ARET4.13.r.10, 13-1
zu2-ba4-:2
      p ARET3.497.r.2, 1'-1
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Fig. 6. Sample output file: -I-ARETP.GO
(The complete index consists of 342 Kb, for a total of 298 printed pages)

INDEX OF ITEMS, SORTED ALPHABETICALLY

- DIVINE NAMES FROM:
- file 1: ARET1x8.gl
- file 2: ARET2x8.gl
- file 3: ARET3x8.gl
- file 4: ARET4x8.gl
- Total items: 98
- Total occurrences male: 1687 / female: 69 / other: 193 // all DN's: 1949 Processed on 02-01-1990

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DINGIR=-*KU-*RA		
DINGIR = -*KU-*RA-ma-i-da		
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a-gu2	1	
da-gan	4	
da-mu	500	
ga-mi-is^	7	
ga-mis [^]	1	
li-im	86	
ma-lik	758	
ma-lik-:2	4	
ra-sa-ap	1	
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Fig. 7. Sample output file: -I-ARETD.GA
(The complete index consists of 2 Kb, for a total of 3 printed pages)

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INDEX OF ITEMS, BY FREQUENCY

-WORDS OTHER THAN NAMES AND NUMERALS FROM:

-> file 1: ARET1x8.gl

-> file 2: ARET2x8.gl

-> file 3: ARET3x8.gl

-> file 4: ARET4x8.gl

--Total occurrences: 17316

---Total items: 1961

----Processed on 02-01-1990

-----(Percentages are computed on the basis of total number of occurrences.)

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1137	IB2-:3-=TUG2	6.56%		
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	SIKI	4.15%	reserves party RDEM	
717	KU3-GI	4.14%	DESCRIPTION OF CLOSE STREET	
697	BABBAR-KU3	4.02%	Harrison Control of Co	
640	in	3.69%	CIRCING STATE GENERAL	
631	GU-DUL3-=TUG2	3.64%	Account for the same to be seen t	
549	X	3.17%	******	
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425	GU-MUG-=TUG2	2.45%		
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416	MAS^KIM	2.40%	10-17-cm	
351	GIN2	2.02%	BBBB 18 52-17	
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	S^U-DU8	1.87%		
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INDEX OF ITEMS, BY FREQUENCY

-GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES FROM:

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---Total items: 1201

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----(Bar histograms correspond to percentage values: 
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160	kak-mi-um-=KI	4.10%	
	ma-ri2-=KI		
	ma-nu-wa-ad-=KI		
89	ar-mi-=KI	2.28%	
80	*NI-ra-ar-=KI	2.05%	
76	du-ub-=KI	1.94%	
67	du-lu-=KI	1.71%	
59	ib-al6-=KI	1.51%	****
58	i3-mar-=KI	1.48%	
58	ra-'a3-ag-=KI	1.48%	***
57	bur-ma-an-=KI	1.46%	
51	lu-ba-an-=KI	1.30%	
48	a-ru12-ga-du-=KI	1.23%	
42	0	1.07%	
41	i-bu0(NI)-bu-=KI	1.05%	***
41	ir-i-dum-=KI	1.05%	***
41	ur-sa2-um-=KI	1.05%	
38		.97%	**
	ar-ha-du-=KI	.97%	
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31		.79%	
30	'a3-da-ni-=KI	.76%	••
27		.69%	
27	gu2-da-da-num2-=		
26		.66%	
	$ab2-s^u-=KI$.64%	
	'a3-ma-du-=KI	.53%	••
	kab-lu5-ul-=KI	.53%	••
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