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(REPORT ON PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF THE DATES OF
PUBLICATION OF PATENT DOCUMENTS CITED IN THE
COURSE OF ASCERTAINING PRIOR ART ("CUT-OFF DATES"))

Reply received from the Japanese Patent Office

The International Bureau has received from the Japanese Patent Office the annexed letter (with attachments) containing a reply to Circular letter No. 2504, dated June 4, 1976, concerning the dates of publication of patent documents cited in the course of ascertaining prior art.

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed our reply to your Circular No. 2504, PCT 081.3 of June 4, 1976.

The enclosed charts and graphs indicate the analysis of documents cited in the notices for rejection, as to the date of issue and the kind of documents. The patent applications studied were picked out on a random basis.

Yours truly,



Kazuo Hoshikawa
Counsellor in charge of PCT-TRT
General Administration Department

Table I: Distribution of Cited Documents according to year differences*

Year-difference	Technical Sections Kinds of documents cited Numbers and %																							
	Chemical Section								Electrical and Physical Section								Mechanical Section							
	Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total		Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total		Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
0	321	14.5	24	7.3	25	4.7	370	12.1	258	13.7	22	6.1	42	9.7	322	12.0	215	10.3	17	3.6	8	4.3	240	8.8
1	222	10.0	29	8.8	43	8.2	294	9.6	196	10.4	34	9.4	71	16.3	301	11.3	162	7.8	38	8.1	18	9.6	218	8.0
2	214	9.7	33	10.0	40	7.6	287	9.4	184	9.8	43	11.9	53	12.2	280	10.5	168	8.1	33	7.1	26	13.8	227	8.3
3	162	7.3	44	13.4	42	8.0	248	8.1	144	7.9	49	13.6	67	15.4	265	9.9	152	7.3	45	9.6	18	9.6	215	7.8
4	135	6.1	35	10.6	44	9.3	219	7.1	153	8.1	32	8.9	53	12.2	238	8.9	135	6.5	51	10.9	24	12.8	210	7.7
5	113	5.1	16	4.9	62	11.7	191	6.2	152	8.1	29	8.0	36	8.3	217	8.1	139	6.7	39	8.4	17	9.0	195	7.1
6-10	585	26.5	77	23.4	151	28.6	813	26.5	473	25.2	91	25.2	72	16.6	636	23.8	543	26.0	155	33.2	53	28.2	751	27.4
11-20	302	13.7	46	14.0	89	16.9	437	14.2	193	10.3	37	10.2	37	8.5	267	10.0	306	14.7	53	11.3	21	11.2	380	13.9
21-	158	7.1	25	7.6	26	5.0	209	6.8	121	6.5	24	6.7	4	0.8	149	5.5	265	12.6	36	7.8	3	1.5	304	11.0
Total	2212	100	324	100	527	100	3068	100	1879	100	361	100	435	100	2675	100	2085	100	467	100	188	100	2740	100

* Year differences mean the differences between the years of filing year of the patent application and publication year of the document cited for the said application.

Fig I: Coverage of Cited Documents according to Year differences

** Integrated Numbers of the Documents Cited
Total Numbers

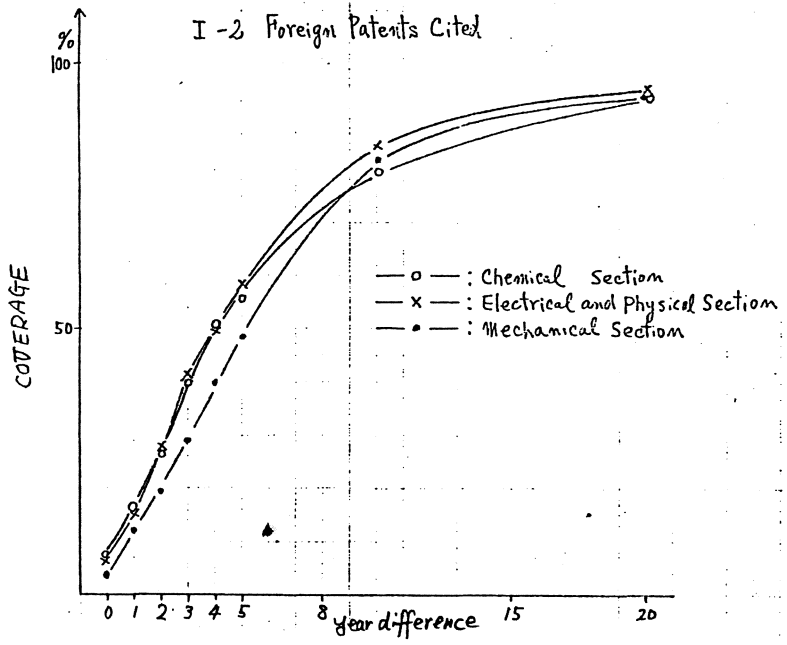
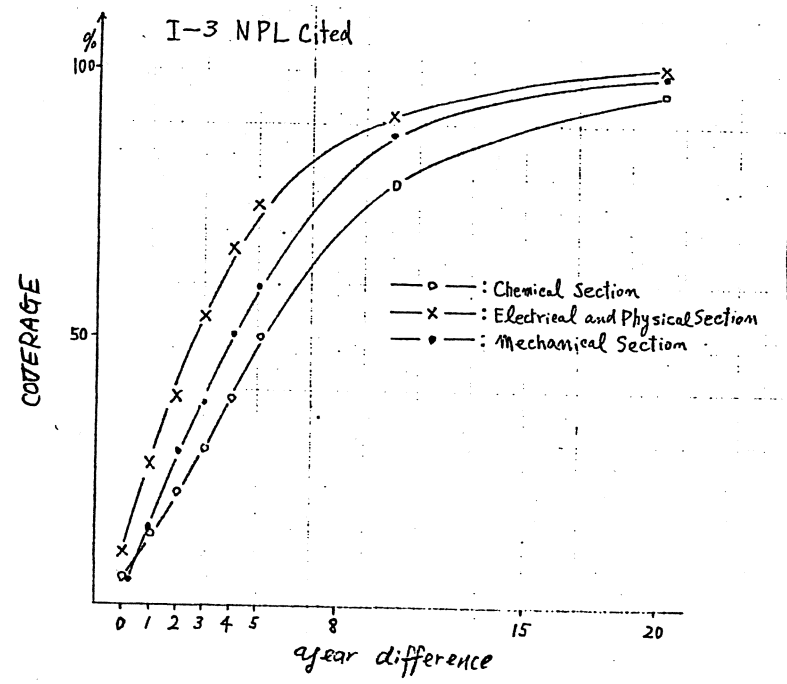
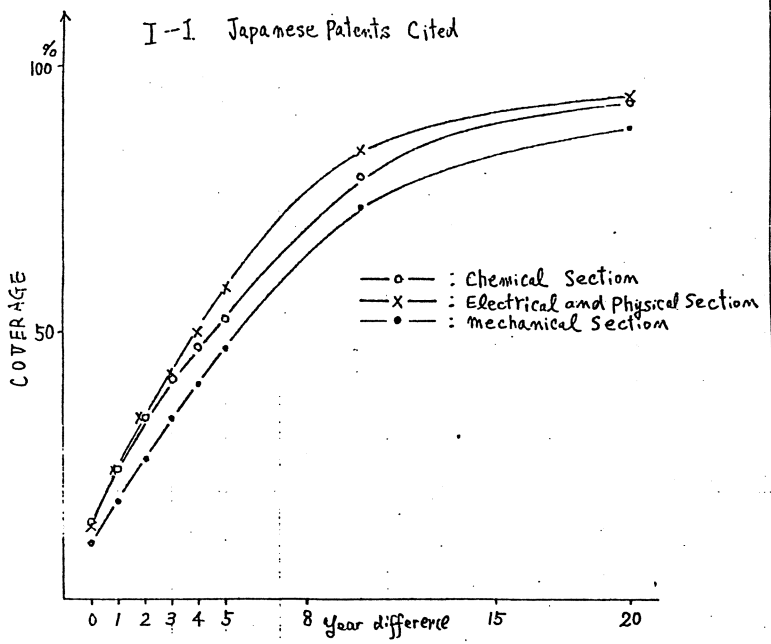


Table II: Distribution of Cited Documents according to Publication Year

Technical Sections Kind of Documents Numbers and % Publication Year of Documents Cited	Chemical Section								Electrical and Physical Section								Mechanical Section							
	Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total		Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total		Japanese Patents		Foreign Patents		NPL		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
- 1939	133	6.0	6	1.8	12	2.3	151	4.9	102	5.4	7	1.9	1	0.2	110	4.1	219	10.5	18	3.9	1	0.5	238	8.7
1940-1944	12	0.5	4	2.7	5	0.9	26	0.8	14	0.7	8	2.2	2	0.5	24	0.9	33	1.6	10	2.1	1	0.5	44	1.6
1945-1949	3	0.1	10	3.0	6	1.1	19	0.6	4	0.2	10	2.8	1	0.2	15	0.6	4	0.2	10	2.1	1	0.5	15	0.5
1950-1954	72	3.3	14	4.3	18	3.4	104	3.4	54	2.9	5	1.4	2	0.5	61	2.3	69	3.3	16	3.4	5	2.7	90	3.3
1955-1959	174	7.9	26	8.0	44	8.3	244	8.0	137	7.3	33	9.1	35	8.0	205	7.7	198	9.5	39	8.4	16	8.5	253	9.2
1960-1964	550	24.9	70	21.3	144	27.3	764	24.9	489	26.0	85	23.5	75	17.2	649	24.3	559	26.8	139	29.8	51	27.1	749	27.3
1965-1969	707	32.0	153	46.5	240	45.5	1100	35.9	811	43.2	191	52.9	280	64.4	1282	47.9	689	33.0	190	40.7	99	52.9	978	35.7
1970-	561	25.3	41	12.4	58	11.2	660	21.5	268	14.3	22	6.2	39	9.0	329	12.2	314	15.1	45	9.6	14	7.5	373	13.7
Total	2212	100	329	100	527	100	3068	100	1879	100	361	100	435	100	2675	100	2085	100	467	100	188	100	2740	100

Fig II: Coverage and Numbers of Cited Documents according to
Publication year

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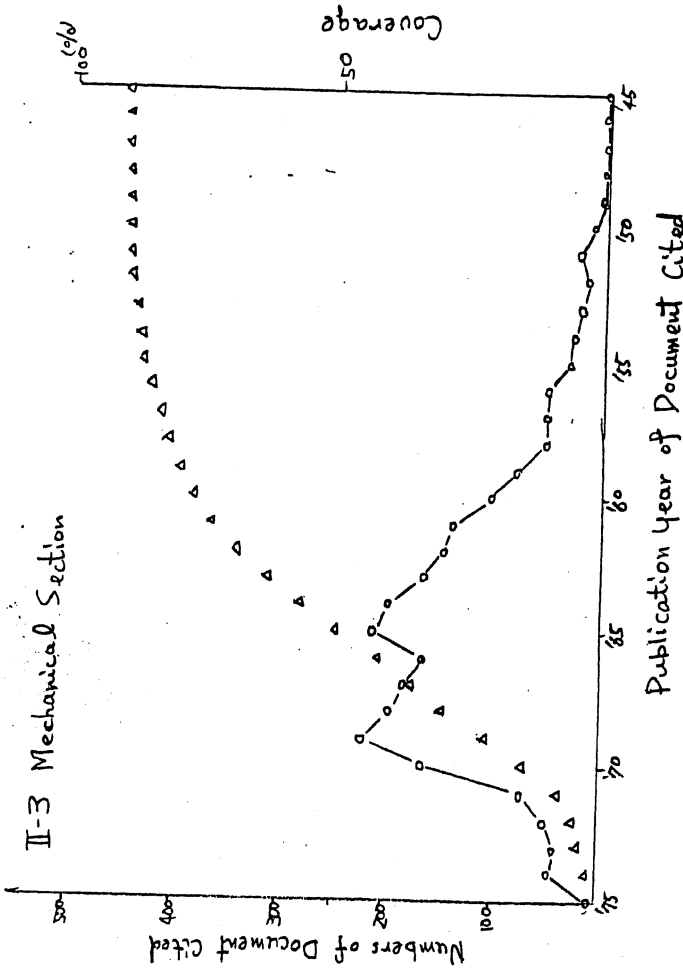
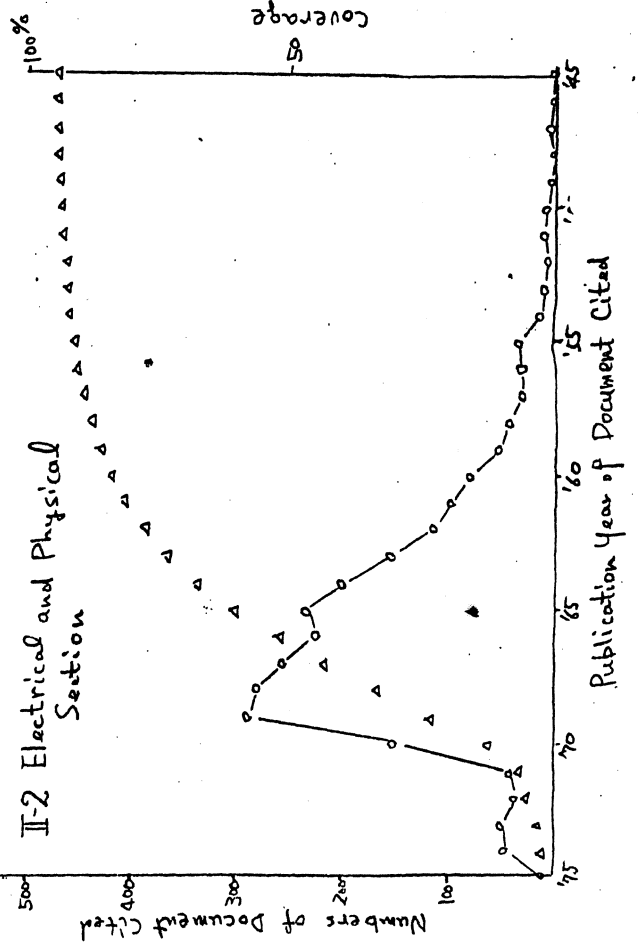
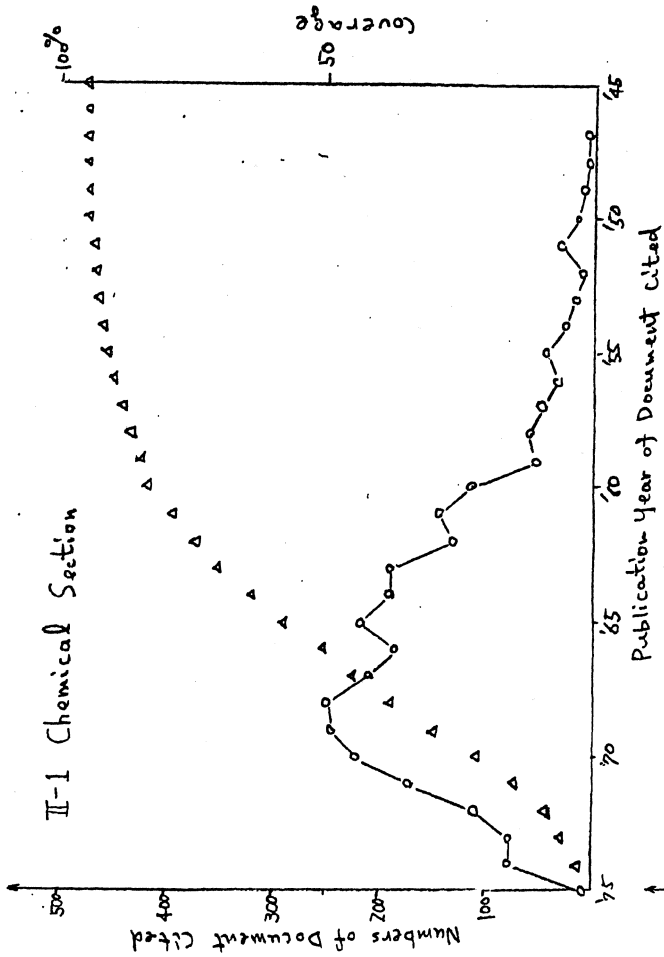


Fig.3: Distribution according to kinds of Documents Cited

