

TABLE 1

GROWTH OF FIFTEEN MAJOR EAST ASIAN COLLECTIONS IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES
(NUMBER OF VOLUMES AT END OF JUNE OF EACH FIVE-YEAR PERIOD)

Library	Year Started	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975
British Columbia	1959	—	—	—	—	—	—	70,000	86,674	147,633	185,585
California, Berkeley	1896	22,541	35,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	130,000	237,000	273,535	310,851	367,669
California, Los Angeles	1948	—	—	—	—	20,000	40,000	55,000	86,649	112,907	151,728
Chicago	1936	—	—	50,000	91,324	112,148	117,148	128,341	172,623	238,558	284,652
Columbia	1902	40,000	80,000	113,000	159,391	173,743	185,880	209,008	241,600	305,636	353,212
Cornell	1918	700	7,785	21,435	24,500	44,300	44,650	70,000	86,488	178,143	225,542
Harvard	1879	46,186	100,471	157,969	183,620	219,508	276,696	344,102	394,343	451,410	513,983
Hawaii	1925	2,000	4,000	27,670	54,713	57,207	70,029	71,458	123,834	135,041	154,311
Hoover	1945	—	—	—	—	40,000	60,000	100,500	104,277	175,683	235,271
Library of Congress	1869	148,930	183,367	232,663	249,000	624,507	702,133	777,636	842,008	964,820	1,085,198
Michigan	1948	—	—	—	—	12,538	60,694	91,480	141,707	216,887	308,491
Princeton	1926	80,000	90,000	100,000	110,000	130,000	135,451	146,644	180,452	225,053	281,631
Toronto	1939	—	—	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	53,482	80,894	111,500	104,308
Washington	1947	—	—	—	—	20,000	50,000	86,595	113,242	148,901	200,979
Yale	1878	7,000	15,000	25,000	35,000	50,000	62,608	89,781	132,879	182,795	264,400
TOTAL:											
Major collections		347,357	515,623	827,737	1,032,548	1,653,951	1,985,289	2,531,027	3,061,205	3,905,818	4,716,960
All collections		387,000	560,000	869,000	1,099,000	1,774,000	2,176,000	2,756,000	3,857,777	5,432,312	6,702,278
Percent of major collections		90	92	95	94	93	91	92	79	72	70

Sources: *Library Quarterly* 35:265 (1965); *Committee on East Asian Libraries Newsletter* 16 (1966); *Association for Asian Studies Newsletter* 16, no.3 (1971); *Current Status of East Asian Collections in American Libraries, 1974/1975* (1976), p.10.