

Book sump ^{21/7/72}

YOUR REPORT [June 26] of imminent test borings to explore the possibility of putting a giant "book sump" ten storeys underground, calls attention once more to the preposterous idioy of building these national libraries on the narrow, height-restricted Great Russell Street site.

What this megalomaniac burrowing out of a ten-storey space from London's swampy substructure will amount to in construction costs cannot be imagined!

May I point out that the Borough of Camden, in an effort to prevent the 620 people on the site from losing their homes, has offered alternative sites. These

are either on the redevelopment area of North Gower Street near Euston Station or on the disused railway lands at King's Cross. — Ruth Howe, Alderman, Camden Borough Council, 5 Little Russell Street, W.C.1. T. 59.7