INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO STATUS REPORT 27

The first three papers in this Status Report were presented at an invitational conference sponsored by NICHD on the Relationships between Speech and Learning to Read, A.M. Liberman and J.J. Jenkins were the co-chairmen of the conference, which was held at Belmont, Elkridge, Maryland May 16-19, 1971. The conference was divided into three sessions dealing with three closely related topics: (1) the relationship between the terminal signals—written characters or speech sounds—and the linguistic information they convey; (2) the actual processing of information in the linguistic signals and the multiple recordings of these signals; (3) the developmental aspects of reading and speech perception.

The three papers reproduced here with the kind permission of the publisher were presented by staff members of Haskins Laboratories. "How is Language Conveyed by Speech?" by F.S. Cooper was presented at the first session; "Reading, the Linguistic Process, and Linguistic Awareness," by I.G. Mattingly, at the second session; and "Misreading: A Search for Causes," by D.P. Shankweiler and I.Y. Liberman, at the third session. These papers, together with other papers given at the Conference and an introduction by the co-chairmen, will appear in a book edited by J.F. Kavanagh and I.G. Mattingly. The book, tentatively entitled Language by Ear and by Eye: The Relationships between Speech and Reading, will be published by M.I.T. Press.