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Relevant Books by

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Code of the Quipu: Databook, 1978, a set of 13 microfiche, available from University Archivist, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14853, approx. \$10 U.S.

Code of the Quipu: Databook II 1988, a set of 2 microfiche, available from University Archivist, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14853, approx. \$2 U.S.

The Databook (1978) consists primarily of descriptions of 191 quipus and Databook II of descriptions of 15 quipus. The descriptions are in sufficient detail so that any interested scholar can formulate independent interpretations of the data. Each set of fiche contains an introduction which includes: characteristics of quipus; our symbolism for them; a discussion of the description format; information on the location of all known quipus; and a bibliography of previously published descriptions. The description of each quipu includes: measurements; cord arrangements; colors; knot counts; and an observation section noting, for example, regularities of color patterning and numerical relations.

Code of the Quipu: A Study in Media, Mathematics and Culture, 1981, University of Michigan Press, 166 pages, available from University of Michigan Press, 839 Greene St., P.O. Box 1104, Ann Arbor Michigan 48106, paper edition \$8.95 U.S.

The book is an interpretive study based on our analysis of the data. It describes the logical-numerical system embodied in the quipus as well as their cultural context and the place of the quipumaker in Inca society. Written for the educated layperson, no previous mathematical or anthropological knowledge is assumed. Concepts are introduced and explained as needed. The book contains many illustrations, some exercises, and extensive notes and references.