Suggestions for finding "lost," "forgotten," or "unknown" non-SuDoc depository documents

Method 1: Using my ILS (Sierra), I queried Sierra for bibliographic records (Store Record Type in the screen shot) which have holding records attached to them. I limited my search to holding records which have a general Stacks location (mine is ksta) and which have a vendor as SuDoc or USGPO, which are two vendors I have encountered.

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Store Record Type: BIBLIOGRAPHIC b

Range   Start   b10000008

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Term	Operator		Type	Field	Condition	
1			HOLDINGS	Location	has	ksta
2	AND		HOLDINGS	Vendor	equal to	sudoc

Method 2: The second search method is, again, to search bibliographic records. This time, I searched for bib records with locations that began with my library code (k) and that had the MARC 074 field (GPO Item Number). GPO Item Numbers for your depository library can be found at the Item Lister site.

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Term	Operator		Type	Field	Condition	
1			BIBLIOGRAPHIC	Location	has	k
2	AND		BIBLIOGRAPHIC	MARC Tag 074	has	573

Method 3: This approach assumes a bibliographic record lacks (1) an attached holding record and (2) the presence of the 074 MARC field. In this search, I am looking for bib records in my library that have a 260 or 264 field (Publication information) which has "G.P.O." or "Washington."

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Term	Operator		Type	Field	Condition	
1			BIBLIOGRAPHIC	Location	starts with	k
2	AND		BIBLIOGRAPHIC	MARC Tag 264	has	g.p.o.
3	OR		BIBLIOGRAPHIC	Location	starts with	k
4	AND		BIBLIOGRAPHIC	MARC Tag 264	has	washington

Method 4: This is the no non-sense, do-it-the-hard-way method. It may be a good starting point, if you have no other starting place. Using the library's selection profile from Item Lister and the list of GPO Item Numbers, you could find titles or SuDoc numbers and search for that information in the ILS.

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