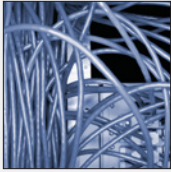
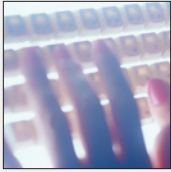




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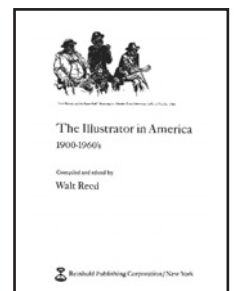
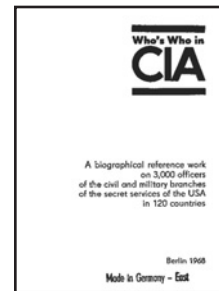
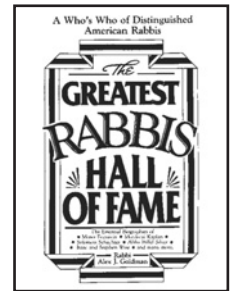
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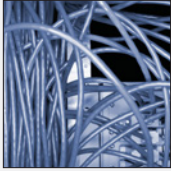
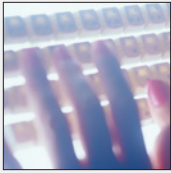
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The screenshot shows the search results for 'Chaplin' in the World Biographical Information System. The search bar contains 'Chaplin' and the results are filtered to 'Biographical Entry'. A 'View Biography from Archive' link is visible. Below the link, a table of biographical data is displayed:

Name:	Chaplin, Sir Charles Spencer
Year of Birth:	1889
Year of Death:	1977
Occupation:	actor, film director
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The screenshot shows a digitized biographical entry for Charles Spencer Chaplin. The entry is titled 'CHAPLIN (Sir Charles Spencer) [1889-1977.]'. The text of the biography is as follows:

**CHAPLIN, Charles Spencer, b. April 16, 1889, London, ed. there. Father, Charles Chaplin; mother, Hannah (known as Lily Harley), both on the music halls. 5 ft. 6 in.; dark hair, blue eyes. Married (1) Mildred Harris; (2) Lita Grey (both marriages were dissolved). Has 2 sons.**

Spent early life in London and Paris. Obtained first engagement on London music hall at the age of seven and later became a member of the troupe *Eight Lancashire Lads* which toured all over the United Kingdom. He toured in *Sherlock Holmes* as Billy, the page, played in pantomime at the Duke of York's Theatre and played Billy again with Irene Vanbrugh in the West End. Some time later he became a member of Fred Karno's Company with whom he went to America. Joined Keystone film company over there in 1913 and made comedy shorts. His position as a film comedian was established when he made *Tillie's Punctured Romance* with Marie Dressler. His films since include the "Charlie"

▲ Biographical and source information is detailed, allowing the researcher to identify the correct person and jump to the corresponding biography

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