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August 25, 1955

Miss Kate Wallach
Law Librarian
L.S.U. University Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Kate:

Anent cooperation: Thank you very much for the citations to articles in L.J. on regional cooperation, etc. I read them with interest.

However, it does seem to me that our efforts in the field should come within the frame work of the Southern Regional Education Board now that it has adopted a project to promote regional library cooperation. (See the first issue of the Southeastern Newsletter) I have just talked to Dick Harwell, Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Interlibrary Research Facility and he seems to think that probably all Research libraries in the States which belong to the Southern Regional Education Board: Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., My., Miss., N.C., Okla., S.C., Tenn., Tex., and Va. will eventually have an opportunity to participate in SIRF. Alabama, East Tennessee and South Carolina will be brought in immediately. Various libraries will be represented at the Work-Shop in October as observers including Virginia, Chapel Hill and Duke. Mr. Sidney Smith of L.S.U. has been invited.

In view of this concrete development financed by the General Education Board what steps do you think we should take to forward the special interests of law libraries in this cooperative venture? Of course it is true that the research law libraries, being connected with schools of law, are governed by their policies. At this time there is no regional agreement governing graduate education in the field of law but I feel reasonably certain that this is only a matter of time since agreements affecting a great number of professional schools have been consummated - medicine, dentistry, forestry, veterinary medicine, etc.

I will certainly appreciate your views on this matter. In view of this development do you think we should proceed with the Union list of foreign legal periodical holdings or should we wait and see if such a project can be undertaken and financed by SIRF?

Most sincerely,