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April 10, 1974

Mr. David K. Brennan  
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Dear Mr. Brennan:

Attached I am sending you the applications for this year's Lucille Elliot scholarship. As you can see we have 8 applicants most of whom seem more than adequately qualified; it will be a difficult decision.

Without trying to prejudice or influence your thinking let me make a few general observations.

1. We need to decide how to split the money: do we we want to award the whole sum to one applicant or divide the scholarship money two or three ways. I went to the recent SEALL workshop in Atlanta and got Bill Younger's commitment-- backed up by Nancy Kitchen, our secretary-- that the fund can be increased by \$100. (Incidentally Bill Younger, our vice-president, president elect, acted in lieu of our gravely ill president, Pearl Von Allmen). Thus we have \$300 and I suggest - in view of the number and quality of applicants - that we split it three ways, \$100 for each. Please give me a definite approval or disapproval (and if so, an alternate suggestion) on this issue.

2. We need to make some sort of policy decision before we can select. So we wish to support a) law studies; b) library studies; c) law library courses or d) institute and travel requests. It seems to me that the attainment of a legal education is such a long and expensive process, that a \$100 or even \$200 scholarship would hardly be very instrumental in attaining it. The same may be true for general library science courses. However, it is a different matter when it comes to a law library course, such as Mary Oliver is teaching in the summer. Similarly the attendance of AALL institutes is a project feasibly supported by a grant. In the latter cases letters of recommendation, past performance and future expectations come into play.

This is all I have to say at the moment. Please let me have your choice at your earliest convenience and in numerical order for all 8 applicants, so I can put the votes of all three of us together.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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