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Letter to Mario Goderich regarding Lucile Elliott Scholarship candidate, April 28, 1970

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Dear Mario:

It came as no surprise that Pearl's applicant withdrew because my Cataloger had already been denied admission to the Institute when Miss Jacobs applied. The basis for admission this year was prior attendance. Where does that leave the new cataloger?

Since you mentioned only the two applicants for whom I have files, I am assuming that Miss Ballentine, from the Institute of Government at UNC, did not apply. Late in March she requested forms which I sent with instructions for getting everything to you by the 15th.

In reaching a conclusion on our two candidates I have tried to weigh, among other things, the fact that Mr. Evans needs to have his library degree to meet AALS Standards for the position which he already holds against the fact that Miss Price is in a subordinate position with the necessary qualifications for that position but wishes to prepare herself for an upward bound. Both are deserving.

Having traveled the same route Miss Price is taking I am more sympathetic with her position. Mr. Evans, already an experienced Law Librarian is not likely to be demoted, while Miss Price is faced with a static position and at least four more years of Law School, at her present rate, before getting her degree. This is enough to defeat anyone. We need to encourage and keep people of this calibre.

In comparing the applications and recommendations Miss Price appears to have superior qualifications, or at least her sponsors are aware of the necessary qualifications for the job and the degree to which she meets them. Perhaps Mr. Evans was simply not so fortunate in the selection of his
advocates. She certainly meets my standards for law librarianship. On the basis of her recommendations it is possible to make this determination which I cannot do for Mr. Evans, possibly through no fault of his.

On a less serious note, that girl deserves to be rescued. Can you believe that a university could be so callous in its employee policies?

I am casting an admittedly biased vote in favor of Miss Price. I hope that when I meet her she lives up to expectation.

Sincerely,

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Law Librarian