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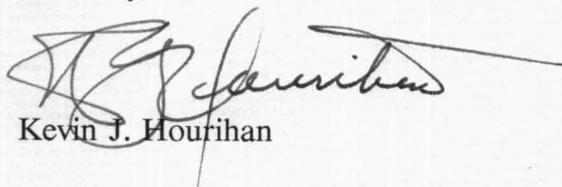
Dear Ms. Forman:

Attached please find the report of my participation in the 1993 AALL Winter Institute - "Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems," which was held February 3-6 in Washington D.C.

Since I have never before written a report such as this , I was not completely sure of what it should contain. Therefore, I will be more than happy to make any changes or additions if necessary.

I would once again like to thank both you and the Scholarship Committee for your support.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. Hourihan

REPORT TO SEAALL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The scholarship money received from SEAALL was used to defray the registration and some of the travel costs for attending the 1993 AALL Winter Institute - "Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems." The Institute was held February 3-6 in Washington, D.C.

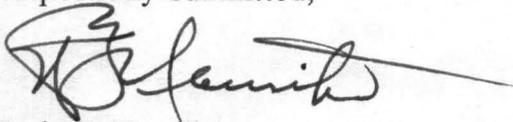
The co-directors of the Institute, Richard Danner of Duke and Marie-Louise (Malo) Bernal of the Law Library of Congress, put together a very informative program. Kathleen Martin, the librarian at Davis Polk and Wardwell in Washington, did a superb job of coordinating the local arrangements.

The Institute itself conveyed a wealth of information, not only through the daily lectures and demonstrations, but also in the course materials themselves. The speakers, all experts in their various fields, were extremely informative. The course materials make up some of the most valuable ready reference materials ever gathered in one binder. I know that I will make good use of them many times over the coming years.

I learned more about the materials in those jurisdictions which I use the most often (France and Germany), and also gained insight into materials of jurisdictions of which I receive only occasional inquiries (Asia and Africa).

The Institute benefitted me most readily as a reference librarian, but the program was also of invaluable use to catalogers and acquisitions librarians as well. The discussions covered just about everything under the foreign and comparative sun, including databases. Perhaps the most readily available benefit of the Institute was getting to know the colleagues in the profession with whom I will be working over the coming years. This is truly a great group of librarians dedicated to serving the profession, and I am proud to be among them. I would like to thank them for helping me learn more about foreign law, and I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee of SEAALL for helping make it possible for me to attend the Institute.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin J. Hourihan
1993 SEAALL Scholarship Recipient
February 11, 1993