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Letter to Jane Oliver Green regarding SEAALL questionnaires, April 7, 1954

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April 7, 1954

Miss Jane Oliver  
State Librarian  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jane:

I have written Mary Anne a letter concerning the completion of our part of the Southeastern questionnaire. I am enclosing a carbon of my letter to her and one containing your conclusions as well as mine. Under separate cover I forwarded to her all of the questionaires returned to date.

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter that I sent Sarah Leverette recently. (I had already sent Mary Anne a copy thereof.)

Sincerely,

Ruth Corry  
Acting Law Librarian

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Some conclusions in re-questionaire:

1. No use to have written to court libraries. Their rules are stringent intramural type so they can't cooperate anyway. Also collections are limited. Everyone has what they have.

   Examples: Ca. Supreme Court - Sheriff Waddy replied "Your questions aren't applicable"
   Escambia
   Fulton County
   S. C. Supreme Court
   State Library of Tenn.

2. We need S.E. checklist of state practice books.
3. We need S.E. checklist of British Colonial Possessions reports. Can this be gotten from Gregory Union list of Serials?
4. We need S.E. checklist of a. International law periodicals  
   b. South American Periodicals  
   c. Foreign codes.
5. All members should be urged to get up exchange list. This would be the most helpful project for next year. I suggest a list of library exchange material separate from general library exchange lists. Unfortunately few made lists, so said Stetson, and N.C.
6. Text book section more or less our failure, everything checked by most everyone. No additional listings, what is extraordinary text collection? We didn't clarify.
7. S.C. wanted clarification on the term, "Research materials". The following interpretations were given by various libraries:
   a. Roman Law
   b. State Citators, other than one's own State.
   c. CCH Services, subject services.
   d. State bar reports.
   e. State house and senate jrs.
   f. State Session laws.
   g. Subjects in text collection question not listed on questionnaire:
      1. Insurance
      2. Banks and banking
      3. Auto law
      4. Wills
      5. Evidence
      6. Contracts
      7. Copyright

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