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Letter to Pearl Von Allmen regarding SEAALL Annual Meeting, July 20, 1967

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Dear Pearl -

Delighted to hear that you're back and more delighted to know that you had such a wonderful time. I'll go with you next time! Wish I could be in Charleston to get a personal report, maybe you can make that long-delayed trip to Middle Tennessee and stop over to tell us about it. You may be caught up on everything that waited for you while you were away in another six months or so.

If you are going to the Charleston meeting, would you be willing to be on the panel to help with the discussion of library manuals and forms? Harriet French is going to discuss manuals (we understand that Miami has a manual!) and the other two "sections" are (1) forms and form letters, routing slips, circulation forms - things for external use in dealing with patrons, students, faculty and so forth and (2) inter-office forms and letters for internal use - for instance, a monthly book-count form (Sarah Leverette says she uses this sort of thing.) You can have your choice of either section, just a matter of starting the discussion by describing what you use and throwing the discussion open. As you know, I've asked people to send in examples of their forms and they will be available for you to look at before the panel. Let me know if you can do this so that we can get the program firmed up. Mary Oliver will be the other member of the panel - she gets back from Europe a couple of days before the meeting so maybe the panel could discuss overseas travel as well as libraries.

Had a note from Dorothy saying that the doctor had advised her to take it easy this summer, I hope she'll heed the advice and get herself built up. Let me know how she looks if you see her.

I'm sending the book Ed Render wants - due August 15. He's a pretty dependable fellow, but no one can be trusted to return books (no student or lawyer, that is!) That should give him time to read what he needs. Tell him that I'll write to him about the picture of Mr. Morgan that he wants.
The meeting in Colorado Springs was most pleasant, it's a beautiful place and the Broadmoor luxurious and service excellent. Fair to middling program, not too many things that I was really interested in. Caroline Heriot was there and will be at the Charleston meeting because she is back in the SE as librarian at Loyola in New Orleans. I roomed with Ann Kelly from West Virginia, who is having a problem of a graduate of Marian Gallagher's course come into the library so they don't know whether he or she is now the librarian! She will be at Charleston, too.

There are two South Carolina librarians who want to join the SE, so send them dues forms (and a welcoming letter!) - Mrs. T. C. Brown and Miss Frances H. Smith, both at the Supreme Court Library, P.O. Box 358, Columbia, S. C. Both have been at the last two meetings, mighty pleasant people. Joan Faunt at S.C. State Library acted as Secretary at the breakfast in Colorado and am sure will send you copy of the minutes as soon as she gets them written. You might have a treasurer's report -

I didn't know until after you had left for Europe of your loss of your Mother. I hope that she was not ill, but remained strong and well all her life - you had told me how remarkable she was in taking care of herself and being independent. You have my deepest sympathy and I'm sorry to be so long in writing to you.

Let me know your plans -

Sincerely,

Mary