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Mrs. Pearl Von Allmen
President, Southeastern Chapter, AALL
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Dear Pearl:

Plans are moving ahead, although somewhat slowly these past two weeks, for the April program. I have sent out some fifty "preliminary announcements" of the program to all SE Chapter Schools and to selected librarians across the country. This has so far resulted in a number of inquiries (Maine, Texas, Illinois, Michigan & Ohio) from afar.

I have received the mailing list from the AALL Headquarters, and I enclose their statement for same. You might ask Nancy Kitchen to send the chapter's check and to begin separate records for the Institute.

I am having the general mailing printed and posted here in Lexington, just to simplify things. I do not yet know the cost, and we may be taking somewhat of a gamble in hoping to "recover" all of these expenses, but at this juncture, I have been so encouraged by the response that I went ahead.

I plan to go to Atlanta on February 16th, and make all of the arrangements at the Sheraton Emory Inn, and Adrien Hinze will be assisting me there. One of the events I would like to plan is an informal breakfast meeting on Thursday morning, April 5th, for the joint faculties (Administrators Program and Class K Users Program), and for the SE Chapter officers if they wish to attend. I believe I have arranged a sponsorship from the W. H. Anderson Company and the Jefferson Law Book Company (now an Anderson subsidiary) for this event.

In connection with additional sponsorships, I am wondering if you (or Leah) can send me the name of the President of the Harrison Company, so that I might arrange to visit with them when I am in Atlanta on the 16th, and arrange a possible "happy hour" at their expense for program participants.
I am also inviting several private organizations to come to exhibit their equipment; provided, I can work out a deal with the Sheraton people not to make separate charges. I would expect responses from I.B.M., Xerox, Gaylord, Information Dynamics Corporation, and others. The IDC people may be willing to sponsor a buffet luncheon for everyone on Friday.

I have assumed each faculty member has accepted at this point, as none have communicated a contra interest after receipt of my last letter. I have also arranged air travel for everyone on the faculty, so as to have them arrive on the evening of April 4th within a 30 minute period.

After I return from Atlanta, and get the national membership mailing out, I will call and report.

Sincerely,

Peyton R. Neal, Jr.

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