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Letter to Lucile Elliott regarding SEAALL business, November 29, 1955

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Dear Miss Elliott:

Enclosed is a very brief statement concerning possible future plans for the Southeastern Chapter. I hope you will feel perfectly free to accept or reject it in whole or in part as you see fit.

Under the unexpected circumstances now existing I feel that I am not the person to make any statement concerning the future of the chapter. However, out of consideration for your fast approaching deadline I decided to send this brief statement rather than turn the job over to some one else at the last minute.

Suddenly I find myself in the midst of transferring from active participation in the library profession to a housekeeping job - for a law professor, of course. Dr. Green and I plan to be married very soon but I will continue to work for several months. We hope to be settled in our own home in Athens by next spring at the latest.

With very best wishes for your European trip next spring.

Sincerely,

State Librarian
Since this chapter is still in its swaddling clothes, concrete long range plans for the future have not yet been worked out. Thusfar most of our time has been spent on the onerous but necessary task of effecting an organization through which the members can function. Now that the chapter is organized and the Constitution and By-Laws have been adopted we can proceed with plans for projects and activities which we hope will enlist the enthusiastic support of all law librarians in this area.

Specific projects will result from the combined meditations of the Executive Board. In lieu of a blueprint for the future I shall list a few suggestions made by various members of the chapter which will probably be considered by the Executive Board.

In view of the fact that a majority of the law libraries in the Southeast are connected with law schools a great deal of emphasis should be placed on strengthening the tie between the law libraries and the law schools. A special effort should be made to integrate the activities of the law library with the law school on the local level, the Southeastern Chapter with the Southeastern Conference of Law Teachers on the regional level and the Association of American Law Libraries with the Association of American Law Schools on the national level.

There is a great need for adequate law library placement service in this area. The Chapter may wish to maintain a service on its own or it may decide to channel all its efforts through the Placement Committee of the A. A. L. L.

Various cooperative buying and bibliographical projects have
been suggested. Because of the expense involved and because of the difficulties inherent in working out mutually satisfactory cooperative agreements between widely separated law libraries, it may be that projects of this nature should be channeled through such well established and liberally supported agencies as the Southeastern Interlibrary Research Facility sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board.