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Letter to Dillard Gardner regarding materials exchange program, February 24, 1938

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Mr. Dillard S. Gardner, Librarian,
N. C. Supreme Court Library,
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

After thinking the matter over it seems to me that rather than having several persons serve on the committee with you it would be better to let you call on each of us for assistance as you need it. As I see it, your problem has two aspects, namely, (1) to determine what materials are available for distribution to other libraries, and, (2) what libraries or groups of lawyers would care to have such materials.

As a contribution to the work of your committee I want to report that we would have the following advance sheets for distribution:

1. All units of the National Reporter System.
4. North Carolina Reports.
5. South Carolina Reports.
6. Massachusetts Appellate Division Reports.
8. Index to Legal Periodicals.
9. Shepard's Citations.
11. Law Reports (English).

We have available the current Library of Congress proof sheets, for all books on law printed in the English language, which we can pass on about a week or ten days after they are received by us as we use them only for checking as to new publications. These no doubt would be more desirable in one of the larger libraries. We would not have available any superseded bound volumes as these go into our permanent research collection. I think it is quite likely that we could arrange to pay the transportation costs on all of these.

It would certainly be a fine thing if we could get something definitely under way or ready to start by the time of the next meeting. If any of us can be of assistance as you go along do not hesitate
to call upon us. I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Elliott so as to keep her informed.

I enjoyed reading your report. I hope you will let us have copies in the future. Thinking it might be of some interest, I am sending you a copy of our last report.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. R. Roalfe, Librarian.