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Mr. Dillard S. Gardner, Librarian
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Dear Mr. Gardner:

Miss Covington advises me that she is today sending you her list, so you and the others will no doubt have something concrete upon which to work. However, as the time is drawing rather short it seems to me that we could definitely decide on whether or not we are going to invite persons who are not librarians to our next meeting. This will obviously in a large measure depend upon the type of program and upon what we will have to offer. In informal discussions with Miss Elliott we have thought that it might be well to ask a very limited number of non-librarians to attend this meeting for whatever value it might be worth to them, but primarily because they might have something to contribute to what we are endeavoring to do. In this connection it seems to me that each one of the law schools might invite one, and perhaps not more than two persons to come here, but with the distinct understanding that our program was quite informal and that they were being asked for the purpose of giving us their counsel and advice rather than because we had anything very concrete to offer at this time. Personally, I think we should be quite cautious at the present juncture as our own plans are not sufficiently materialized to make any bold proposal propitious.

I will very much appreciate it if you will let me know how you feel about this and if you can suggest one or two persons that you would like to invite to be here under such circumstances.

We will of course take care of all details at this end, but I do think we should have some sort of a program mapped out in addition to such matters as will be of interest only to our group.

Sincerely,

WRR: W