Letter to Edwin Schroeder regarding SEAALL Annual Meeting, July 2, 1985

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Edwin M. Schroeder

FROM: Bruce S. Johnson

RE: Southeastern Chapter American Association of Law Libraries - 1987 Meeting

DATE: July 2, 1985

I have, since our meeting in New Orleans, discussed with my colleagues the possibility of hosting the 1987 meeting of SEAALL. The small band of South Carolina Law Librarians (there are no more than fifteen of us) received the proposal with enthusiasm. Therefore, on behalf of the unincorporated Law Librarians of South Carolina, I extend to the officers and Executive Board of SEAALL, our offer to host the 1987 meeting. In connection with this, I make the following proposals:

1. That the meeting be held in Charleston. The advantages of Charleston (its history, charm, location, multitude of fine restaurants, first class hotels) outweigh the slight disadvantage that it is two hours distance from those of us who will be planning local arrangements. In fact, based upon the experience of others who have arranged conventions in Charleston, from Columbia, we do not anticipate any significant problems.

   We believe that it is reasonable to expect that holding the meeting in Charleston will be a good lure for our membership. Certainly, with the exception of some of the beach resorts, Charleston is the most widely known, and attractive meeting site in South Carolina.

2. That the Mills House be chosen as the convention hotel. The Mills House is a superb, medium-sized hotel, located in the heart of the Historic
District. It is large enough to accommodate us comfortably, yet it is not an immense, impersonal, "convention" hotel. I have toured its facilities, met with its sales staff, and have been impressed with both. The Mills House's rates for 1987 have not yet been set. Estimating a 10% increase over 1986, the rates for a standard room in April of 1987 will be:

$79 single  
$88 double occupancy

If we select the Mills House, firm 1987 rates would be quoted at least one year in advance.

Should the choice of the Mills House not be approved, we recommend selecting the Charleston Place Hotel. This is currently under construction in the Historic District. It will be an "Omni" hotel, and should be a first class operation. Its rates for 1987 will be slightly higher than the Mills House.

The other hotels in Charleston, large enough to hold us, are either located too far from the Historic District, or too run down.

3. That the meeting be held on April 2, 3, 4, 1987. These dates were chosen primarily for the weather, which should be ideal then. The Mills House is holding these dates for us, pending approval of all of this.

As Charleston is becoming increasingly popular as a convention site, we would like to be able to "nail down" the hotel accommodations this month. Therefore, I ask the Executive Board to act upon the recommendations I have made.

I will be happy to furnish any further information that you, or the Executive Board, may require.

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cc: Richard A. Danner