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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

SCHOOL OF LAW

ATHENS, GEORGIA 30601

September 3, 1975

Mr. William C. Younger
Alabama Supreme Court Library
Montgomery, Alabama 36107

Dear Bill:

I checked the Law School Directory and found that the University of Puerto Rico School of Law is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (since 1948). Another school, Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law, is accredited by the American Bar Association but is not a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

The University of Puerto Rico could become a member of the Southeastern Conference upon its request and by an affirmative vote of the Steering Committee. The annual dues for member schools is \$25.00. Catholic University would not be eligible for full fledged membership but I see no reason why they could not participate unofficially in the activities of the Conference if they wished to do so. Nova University and Southern University had representatives at this year's New Orleans meeting of the Conference, so there is precedent for doing this. I see no reason why both Puerto Rico schools would not be welcomed, one as a member, the other as an informal participant. If the University of Puerto Rico is interested in membership, I would be glad to include this on the agenda for the 1976 Steering Committee.

I mention all of this because it would seem to be desirable to have a membership policy which is compatible with the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Also, the possibility of the Conference meeting in Puerto Rico sometime in the future is an intriguing and not altogether an unwelcome thought. You might want to contact the librarians of the Puerto Rico schools and ask them to make informal inquiries as to whether the respective law schools would be interested in Southeastern Conference participation. If so, I could pick up the ball at that point and communicate directly with the deans of the schools. It may be that the distance would be too great, but at least this could be explored if they are otherwise interested.

Mr. William C. Younger

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September 3, 1975

I enjoyed seeing you in New Orleans and wish you the best of luck until we meet again.

Sincerely yours,



Verner F. Chaffin

Chairman

Southeastern Conference - AALS

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