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Letter to José Coutin, Max Pershe, and Luz Maria Manzano regarding Puerto Rico and SEAALS, December 18, 1975

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The Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries needs your help to be a committee of the Chapter to contact the deans of your respective law schools to determine whether they would be interested in becoming members or affiliates of the Southeastern Conference of the Association of American Law Schools. Since every committee has to have a chairman, I hereby appoint Jose chairman of this committee.

As all of you know, the Puerto Rican law libraries are members of the Southeastern Chapter A.A.L.L., but the Puerto Rican law schools are not members of the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S. This fact has prevented the Southeastern Chapter A.A.L.L. from meeting in Puerto Rico at our annual meeting in August due to the fact that our constitution and by-laws require us to meet jointly with the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S. We have had several invitations from you good people to meet in Puerto Rico, but have been unable to accept in the past. You might be interested to know that the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana are members of the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S. The Southeastern Chapter A.A.L.L. covers the same states plus West Virginia and Puerto Rico. It would be very desirable if our membership could be the same since we meet jointly each year in August in one of the states, rotating to all of the states of the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S. If the law schools in Puerto Rico were members and/or affiliates, that might make it possible for us to meet in Puerto Rico for one of the future August meetings.

The present chairman of the Southeastern Conference A.A.L.S., Professor Verner F. Chaffin of the University of Georgia School of Law, is a very close personal friend of mine and has been for many years. Professor Chaffin and I discussed this at length this past August and we have since corresponded about this matter. I have been somewhat slow in following up due to pressing business, but am anxious to pursue it. Enclosed are copies of
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my prior correspondence with Professor Chaffin. I hope that you will favor me with your reply soon, telling me that you accept this appointment and that each of you will follow through on it at your earliest convenience so we can take this up at our next meeting. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

William C. Younger
President

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Enclosures

cc: Professor Verner F. Chaffin