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Letter to Mary Polk Green regarding Justice Hugo Black, April 18, 1972

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Mrs. Mary Polk Green, Librarian
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Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear Mary:

It was good to hear from you and I am glad you pointed out the mistake in the University of Virginia mailing. Enclosed is a copy of our letter to Miss Farmer on this subject which explains the circumstances. We regret it, but it was just one of those things.

Pat Coffman's death was a shock to all of us. It is very difficult to understand why someone in the prime of life, as she was, has to leave us in such a tragic way. Please let me know if there is anything that I should be doing concerning this.

About your request for information concerning Justice Hugo Black of the U.S. Supreme Court, there has been considerable material written in the last few years on him. We do not have a collection on Justice Black here at the Alabama Supreme Court Library, but I understand that his personal collection is scheduled to go to the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. I talked with Joe Jackson, the librarian, this morning, but he does not know how long it will be before they will actually have this collection. The collection is probably still at their home. I would suggest that a letter be written to Justice Black's widow. Her address is: Mrs. Hugo L. Black, 619 South Lee Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Another source of information on Justice Black would be a dissertation written by Dr. Virginia Hamilton for her Ph.D. degree. Her subject for this dissertation was Justice Black. The University of Alabama has two copies. They were locked in the vault until recently, but are now available. Mr. Jackson told me that they would honor an inter-library loan for one copy, if you desire to request it. Dr. Hamilton is Professor of History at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Contact could be made with her for further information. I understand that her dissertation is being published in book form by LSU Press. It should be out about now. We plan to order a copy. My further suggestion would be a search in the Index to Legal Periodicals under the heading U.S. Supreme Court and any other headings that might be relative.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting in Chicago.

Sincerely,

William C. Younger
Librarian

Enclosure