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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

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THE GENERAL COUNSEL

January 23, 1991

Ms. Jean Curtis
Executive Director
White House Conference on Libraries
and Information Services
1111 18th Street, NW
Suite 302
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Jean:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this afternoon, regrettably, there appears to be no possibility of interpreting the legislation authorizing the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences to accept gifts other than money, regardless of whether it be an outright gift of property or merely a loan.

To assist you in expanding the Commission's authority to receive gifts of property to include non-monetary gifts, we have prepared and enclosed a very brief technical amendment to the Commission's enabling legislation that would achieve this result. I hope it is helpful and that you can move forward with developing new sources of support of non-monetary gifts.

Please feel free to call at any time if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Stringer".

Edward C. Stringer

Enclosure

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- (5) the Secretary of Education; and
 (6) the Librarian of Congress.

The President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Commission shall, after consultation, assure that members of the Advisory Committee are broadly representative of all areas of the United States.

(b) **FUNCTION.**—The advisory committee shall assist and advise the Commission in planning and conducting the Conference.

(c) **ADMINISTRATION.**—(1) The Chairman of the Commission shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall elect the Chair of the Advisory Committee from among its members, who are not full-time Federal employees. The Advisory Committee shall select the Chair of the Conference.

(2) The Chairman of the Advisory Committee is authorized to establish, prescribe functions for, and appoint members to, such advisory and technical committees and staff as may be necessary to assist and advise the Conference in carrying out its functions.

(d) **COMPENSATION.**—Members of any committee established under this section who are not regular full-time officers or employees of the United States shall, while attending to the business of the Conference, be entitled to receive compensation therefor at a rate fixed by the President but not exceeding the rate of pay specified at the time of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, including traveltime. Such members, may, while away from their homes or regular places of business, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as may be authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

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 Grants.

(b) **REVERSION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL.**—Materials and equipment acquired by the White House Conference shall revert to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science after the close of the White House Conference.

SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this joint resolution—

- (1) the term "Commission" means the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science;
 (2) The term "Conference" means White House Conference on Library and Information Services; and
 (3) the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the

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