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Margaret Auer, Director University of Detroit Library 4001 West McNichols Road Detroit, MI 48221

Dear Margaret:

As you know, Wayne State University Libraries have begun the process of procuring an automated library system. An Automation Planning Group at Wayne has been meeting since mid-October and has already examined currently available systems and developed a list of desirable features for Wayne. Our next step is to develop a request for proposal.

During the course of this preliminary work we have talked with librarians from several Detroit area libraries. They have expressed interest in planning together for library automation. We would like to explore these joint planning possibilities now, before we finalize our request for proposal.

I would like to invite you to a joint planning meeting to be held here at Wayne on Friday, January 27, 1984, beginning at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting we can discuss, at an initial policy level, the desirability, feasibility, and implications of regional networking for automation. You will also have the opportunity to see a demonstration of the NOTIS (Northwestern Online Total Integrated System) library system at the beginning of our meeting.

Please call (577-4020) to let me know if you will be able to come to this important meeting. Further details about the meeting will be sent to you as soon as they are finalized. I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Peter Spyers-Duran Director