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Librarian Medical Library Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital 6071 West Outer Drive Detroit, Michigan 48235

Dear Medical Librarian:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to the Library of Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital to become a full member of the Detroit Areas Library Network (DALNET) Planning Group. A study conducted by Louise Bugg and Dina Nameth confirmed that the hospital could be moved from being an alternate to a full membership and that such a change is feasible from a technical and economical point of view.

The Planning Group has proposed a cost sharing formula in regard to Central Site costs. The factors used in the formula reflect the number of records in data base, the number of terminals and the number of circulation purposes and may be subject to retirement by the Group. Based on the current formula, the Central Site cost sharing is broken down as shown in the attached.

The DALNET Planning Group is rapidly approaching a point when members will be asked to join DALNET and then to sign service contracts. The following schedule gives the tentative timeframe:

August 31, 1985

Decision due on joining the DALNET Planning Group.

September 30, 1985

DALNET Letter of Intent due from all DALNET participants. This is a legal commitment to join DALNET pending institutional funding approval.

November 30, 1985

DALNET service contract due. Service contracts must be signed by this date so that construction can begin and equipment can be ordered.

If you decide to become a full member of the Planning Group, your hospital's share for planning costs such as travel and consultants, will be \$1,500.00. Since Mt. Carmel has already paid \$1,000.00, there is only \$500.00 outstanding of this cost.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Director

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cc: L. Bugg

J. Williams
DALNET members