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Dr. Melville J. Ruggles
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Dear Mel:

At the meeting of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications on Thursday 28 July 1960, a resolution was passed instructing me as Chairman to convey to you the concern of the Committee over the composition of the group of librarians scheduled to visit the USSR.

Our concern centers on the fact that you are the only member of the group with Russian language capability. It seems incredible that a group of people concerned with library work could benefit by looking at buildings and tables and chairs since they obviously could do little else by direct observation. I should predict that every member of the Russian exchange delegation will have English language facility.

I hope we are not too late to have the composition of the American group reconsidered.

Sincerely,

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