Dear Associates:

The Archivist of the United States, Dr. James B. Rhoads, was the guest speaker at the Associates second annual meeting on June 4, 1977, held in the Pierce Reading Room of the Lauinger Memorial Library. Dr. Rhoads discussed problems of acquiring and preserving papers of the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Gerald Ford. His very informative discussion included the development of the Presidential libraries, the recent report and recommendations of the Public Documents Commission, and the provisions of the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act of 1974.

The Associates Board of Trustees met during the afternoon of June 4 to receive a progress report and to consider proposals for Associates activities during 1977-78. The University Librarian reported that 662 members have been enrolled since initiation of the Associates in 1975. Membership contributions of funds amount to more than $25,000, and gifts of books and manuscripts amount to estimated value of more than $200,000. The Board of Trustees membership was increased to thirty by election of the following additional members:

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AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE ENDOWMENT - Georgetown always has emphasized the importance and value of literature and language in the intellectual and cultural development of its students. At present more than two hundred literature and language courses are taught in many languages, including more than fifty courses in English and American literature.

The Library has been fortunate in receiving from generous donors many good collections of major 18th and 19th century British and American authors. The greatest need now and in the future is to collect the writings of 20th century authors.

To assure purchase of the writings of American and British authors, the Library needs a permanent endowment of at least $100,000, which will provide perpetual income for this purpose. The Board of Trustees of the Associates allocated $5,000 to initiate this endowment, and all Associates are invited to contribute and to suggest other possible donors.
IRISH AND ITALIAN ENDOWMENTS - The Irish and Italian Endowments for library books initiated in 1976 with Library Associates allocations of $2,000 for each endowment have been augmented by generous contributions from the following:

Irish Endowment - John McShain, Terrence Meehan, Mrs. Carbery O'Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Sheehan.

Italian Endowment - Albert Albanese, Henry Altobello, Dr. Edward D. Amorosi, M.D., Albert Bonacci, Professor Frederick J. Bosco, Russell Brown, Nicholas Carosi, Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., M.D., Anthony Facciolo, Dr. Frank Lofaro, Nicholas Nastasi, Joseph Natoli, Charles C. Rossotti, Charles O. Rossotti, Louis Spizziri, and the Order of Sons of Italy of Pennsylvania.

The goal for each endowment is $30,000 and contributions in any amount are gratefully received. Associates are invited to help develop these endowments by making direct contributions and by inviting friends and appropriate organizations to contribute.

ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND FOREIGN TRADE - The John S. Connor international customs firm of Baltimore has given to the Library $10,000 for an endowment in memory of Louis E. Seibold, who had a customs house in Washington for many years. Income from the endowment will be used for acquisition of books on international business and foreign trade.

LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS COLLECTIONS - The Library's language and linguistics research resources are greatly enriched by recent gifts from Dr. A. Hood Roberts and Dr. William Higgins. Dr. Roberts, former Executive Secretary of the American Dialect Society and Secretary of the Society of Computational Linguistics, gave more than 2,000 books, research reports, and journals including many monographs by linguistic scholars in the U.S.S.R. Dr. Higgins' gift of more than 350 books and linguistics research monographs included many dictionaries and glossaries of African and Asian languages.

JULIA K. KERNAN COLLECTION - Author and editor Julia Kernan recently gave to the Library a fine collection of modern literary and philosophical works and related correspondence, including first editions and presentation copies of works by Jacques Maritain, Carl Sandberg, Harriet Monroe, Edgar Lee Masters, Amy Lowell, Bliss Carman, Marie Belloc Lowndes, Francois Mauriac, and Paul Claudel. The collection is a valuable addition to the Library's expanding literary collections and greatly strengthens its holdings of Maritain material.

Miss Kernan translated and edited writings of Mauriac, Raissa Maritain, Daniel-Rops, and other French writers, and she is the author of several books, including a recent biographical memoir of Maritain. She was an editor for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, French Book Club, Longmans Green Company, David McKay, and P. J. Kenedy.
EDGAR LEE MASTERS COLLECTION - The Library has purchased an important collection of Edgar Lee Masters material which Kimball Flaccus, an American poet and scholar, assembled for a biography of Masters. The collection includes extensive biographical files, many Masters autograph letters, and a large number of his books.

ALFRED E. SMITH PAPERS - Mrs. John Adams (Emily Smith) Warner recently presented to the Library a collection of the papers of her late father, the Honorable Alfred E. Smith (1873-1944), former Governor of New York and candidate for President. Governor Smith destroyed most of his personal papers, and this group of 24 scrapbooks, programs, printed ephemera, and correspondence is of unusual value to students of Smith's career. The scrapbooks and photographs document the span of Smith's political career from 1913, when he was elected Speaker of the New York State Assembly, his terms as governor of New York, and his unsuccessful Democratic candidacy for the Presidency. In the collection are letters to Smith from Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, whose papers already are in the Library's manuscript collection.

THE FR. JOHN LA FARGE, S.J., PAPERS - From America House in New York and Fr. Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., editor-in-chief of America, the Library recently received the papers of Fr. John LaFarge, S.J. (1880-1963), who was an author of many books and articles and an editor-in-chief of America. Fr. LaFarge was a distinguished leader in the Catholic Interracial Council, the Catholic Association for International Peace, the Catholic Laymen's Union, and many other organizations. The large collection of his papers document his writings and public career and are an important addition to Georgetown's collections of twentieth century American Jesuit history, which include papers of Frs. Edmund A. Walsh, Wilfrid Parsons, Richard Tierney, Francis X. Talbot, Francis A. Barnum, John Courtney Murray and Gustave Weigel.

PRESIDENTIAL BIOGRAPHIES - In recognition of the importance of a good library of biographies of Presidents of the United States, a special fund for the acquisition of Presidential biographies was developed and presented to the Library by Thomas A. Dailey, '77 AB, and several of his fellow students, including members of the Gaston Hall Committee and the Graduate Students Organization. This fund is an excellent example of Georgetown student interest and assistance in developing an outstanding library.

POLITICAL CARTOONS - In 1976 the Library and the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists organized and conducted a symposium on the contemporary political cartoon which was attended by more than one hundred editorial cartoonists from throughout the United States, Canada, England, and Mexico. Among the speakers, panelists and guests were David Levine, Jules Feiffer, Gene Basset, Draper Hill, Herblock, Tony Auth, Jim Berry, Eric Smith, Jeff MacNelly, and Keith Mackenzie. A transcript of the symposium was made and is available in the Library's Special Collections. Several cartoonists have given to the Library examples of their work. A Georgetown alumnus, Eric M. Smith, '67 AB, '72 JD, editorial cartoonist and columnist for Capital Gazette Newspapers in Maryland, has given a large collection of his original cartoon art. Gene Basset, editorial cartoonist for Scripps-Howard newspapers, recently gave examples of his cartoons and more than 1500 photographs which he had used as reference material in drawing cartoons of prominent persons.
AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES - The Audiovisual Department in the library provides valuable teaching and research resources and services in a wide range of subjects, including international and intercultural topics, contemporary political and economic issues, historical events, scientific research and discovery, business and technology, literary and theatrical productions, artistic and musical masterworks.

Audiovisual facilities include two multimedia classrooms, a microfilm room equipped with several microfilm readers, more than forty multimedia study rooms and booths, a studio, a photographic laboratory, and other necessary facilities. The audiovisual materials collection contains more than 300,000 microfilms and other microtexts, more than five thousand audiotapes, and several hundred thousand feet of videotape material. These facilities and materials have more than 200,000 users per year. The present audiovisual equipment has had more than seven years of intensive use and must be replaced with new modern equipment which will serve the needs of students and faculty with greater efficiency and at less operating expense. A greater range of educational material can become available with new equipment having capability for handling a wide variety of audio and video tapes, 16mm and 35mm films, cassettes, ETV broadcasts, and other appropriate material. New equipment also will enable the library to transmit audiovisual programs to selected classrooms in other buildings on the campus. A detailed list of essential new equipment has been prepared and the current market cost is $250,000. Alumni and corporations are being invited to contribute to this urgently needed fund. Associates can be very helpful by contributing directly or by suggesting possible sources of funds for audiovisual purposes.

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We are grateful for your continued advice, assistance and contributions which help provide essential library resources for Georgetown students.

Sincerely,

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