Dear Associates:

ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 4, 1977 - The 1977 annual meeting of Associates is being planned for Saturday, June 4. The Associates Board of Trustees will meet during the afternoon and the membership meeting will convene at 8 p.m. in the Pierce Reading Room. The agenda will include a report by Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Honorable John W. Snyder, and University Librarian, Joseph E. Jeffs. The Archivist of the United States, Dr. James B. Rhoads, has been invited to be the guest speaker, and he will talk on the United States presidency. There will be a special exhibit in the Howard W. Gunlocke Special Collections Room displaying letters, manuscripts, documents and books of the Presidents of the United States from the Georgetown University Library Collection.

All Associates will be invited to this meeting and guests are welcome. Invitations will be mailed in May. Please note June 4 on your calendar.

JOHN W. SNYDER LIBRARY - Georgetown is honored to receive from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Library Associates, Honorable John W. Snyder, several hundred books from his personal library. The books are on many subjects, including history, politics, diplomacy, economics, business, geography, literature and classics. Many were signed and inscribed by the author and presented to Mr. Snyder when he was Secretary of the Treasury.

In addition to Mr. Snyder's present position as Chairman of the Associates Trustees, he has served as Chairman of the Board of Regents, chairman of a major development campaign, and was a member of the Georgetown Presidents Council. His gift of his library is another significant contribution to educational resources development at Georgetown.

MAYFIELD GIFT OF DICKENSIANA - Georgetown's collection of Dickensiana has been expanded by a gift of several interesting items presented to the library by Associates' trustee, John S. Mayfield. The gift included the first edition (1892) of drawings by Felix O. C. Darley which were designed to illustrate characters in Dickens' writings, a Walter Crane original drawing depicting Mrs. Sarah Gamp, the first printing of the Copeland edition of Dickens' essay A Plated Article originally published in Household Words in 1852, and other material illustrating the writings of Dickens.
WILLIAM K. WIMSATT COLLECTION — Georgetown has received from Mrs. William K. Wimsatt the library of more than four thousand books formed by her late husband, the distinguished Georgetown alumnus, William K. Wimsatt, '28 AB, '29 MA, Sterling Professor of English at Yale University, who died in December, 1975. Prof. Wimsatt received a doctorate at Yale in 1939 and soon thereafter his dissertation, The Prose Style of Samuel Johnson, was published in the United States by Yale University Press. He taught English literature at Yale for more than thirty years and wrote many important essays. His book, Literary Criticism: A Short History, co-authored with Cleanth Brooks, is highly acclaimed and widely studied. He wrote several essays on Alexander Pope, and his book The Portraits of Alexander Pope, published by Yale University Press in 1965, is a monumental volume. Among his several other books are The Verbal Icon: Studies in the Meaning of Poetry; The Idea of Comedy; Day of the Leopards: Essays in Defense of Poems.

In a recent article in The Yale Review, René Wellek, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature at Yale, praised Wimsatt as "a towering figure of complete integrity whose air of authority was constantly mitigated by his generosity...."

His library, which has been moved from New Haven to Georgetown, is an outstanding scholarly collection of books on every phase and era of English literature. Rich in both primary source material and critical commentary, it particularly reflects Professor Wimsatt's devoted interest in the 18th century. This collection is a working library of enormous benefit to students of English, American and comparative literature. In addition to books, the collection includes extensive sets of many scholarly journals and literary magazines.

CIVITATES ORBIS TERRARUM — The Library has received from an anonymous donor a complete copy of the Civitates orbis terrarum, a collection of more than 300 views and plans of the cities of Europe, Asia, and America, compiled and engraved principally by Georg Braun and Frans Hogenberg, and published in Cologne between 1576 and 1618. The six volumes are bound in two with the plates uncolored, as issued. The Georgetown copy bears on each volume the gilt super-ex-libris of Gaspard Coignet de la Thuilerie (1596/7-1653), Comte de Courson, a noted French diplomat and public servant under Louis XIII. The Civitates offers the student of the Renaissance rare and unique descriptions and illustrations of cities of the time. Of particular interest is the plan of London, which is the earliest known extant printed map of the city and shows London much as it was when Shakespeare lived there. This rare and important book was given by the donor in memory of Lt. Michael N. Zurfluh, U.S.N., who died in 1975.

ROBERT FRANCIS KELLEY LIBRARY — From the estate of Robert Francis Kelley, the Library has received a very fine collection of more than 3,000 books on U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe. Kelley had a long career with the United States Department of State, after which he was affiliated with the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism and the Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the U.S.S.R. The Library also received many of his letters and papers which together with his books will enrich Georgetown's research resources on U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.
EDWIN EMERSON COLLECTION - Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mayfield recently presented to the Library the papers of the late Colonel Edwin Emerson (1869-1959), author, war correspondent, and "Rough Rider." Emerson was born in Germany of American parents and returned to the United States for study at Harvard University where he graduated in 1891. He wrote on many subjects, ranging from a book on the Gutenberg Bible to a history of the 19th century. Among the manuscripts in the Edwin Emerson Collection are articles on life in pre-World War I Germany; hand drawn maps of troop movements in the Russo-Japanese War; drafts and notes for short stories, plays, movie scripts, and an unpublished autobiography.

LYND WARD AT GEORGETOWN - Library Associates and guests enjoyed an evening last November with the distinguished artist and book illustrator Lynd Ward who described in detail his long productive career and accomplishments, including six artistic books composed of sequences of wood engravings. During the evening he demonstrated his wood-engraving methods and techniques, and he displayed several of his books and engravings. His first book, God's Man, was published in 1929 and has been reprinted in several editions in the United States and abroad. He has illustrated many of the Limited Editions Club Books and also has been the illustrator of several children's books written by his wife, May McNeer.

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND BOOKS - Georgetown is fortunate in having in the library's Special Collection more than 200 manuscripts, letters, documents and other items handwritten or signed by Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Gerald Ford. The George Washington letters are interesting and delightful, and one written in 1796 expressing his strong view that government employees should reside near the Capitol was reproduced and printed by the Library Associates in 1976. In the Fulton Oursler Memorial Collection the library has many Franklin D. Roosevelt letters from the correspondence between Oursler and F.D.R., and in the Senator Robert F. Wagner papers are many important letters from F.D.R. to Wagner. The library's rare book collection has books which once belonged to the Washington family at Mount Vernon, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and other Presidents. In the John W. Snyder collection are many items from President Harry S. Truman, including two large folio volumes of memorabilia from Truman's inauguration.

The librarian will be pleased to hear from Associates who have Presidential letters, books, or other historical items.

AMERICAN STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY - In commemoration of the American Bicentennial many new books were published on state and local history and several historical journals were reprinted. The library is making a strong effort to acquire state and local history books and journals, and the Library Associates allocated $5,000 to initiate a fund of $50,000 for this purpose. Alumni in every state are invited to contribute to this fund so that the important history books and historical journals of all fifty states will be acquired. This project will establish at Georgetown a highly important collection of historical information about the entire United States.
GEORGETOWN ALUMNI ANNUAL GIFTS - Georgetown alumni are invited to designate the Library as the beneficiary of their annual Alumni Fund gifts by so specifying on pledge cards and checks. The Alumni Fund will receive full credit and the Library will directly benefit.

LIBRARY ENDOWMENTS AND MEMORIALS - In the first Newsletter (August, 1975) we announced that the library wishes to establish endowments and special funds for each of the following:

- American history
- American and English literature
- Arabic studies
- Audiovisual materials
- Business and finance
- German history and culture
- International business and foreign trade
- International politics
- Irish history and literature
- Italian history and literature
- Japanese history and literature
- Jewish history and literature
- Latin American history and culture
- Public policy studies
- Russian studies

We are pleased to announce that Associates have enabled the initiation of endowments for American history, American and English literature, and Irish and Italian history and culture. Your assistance is needed to develop these four endowments. The immediate goal for each is $30,000. You can assist by your contributions and by suggesting other possible donors. We also need your advice and assistance in initiation and development of endowments or special funds for all other topics listed above.

Endowments and special funds are established by gifts of money, stocks, bonds, insurance policies. The income from endowments provides assured annual funds for the purchase of essential books and journals required by students and faculty for research and study. Donors of endowments and memorial funds can arrange for books purchased with such funds to be identified by a special bookplate bearing an appropriate inscription.

Your continued advice, assistance, suggestions, and contributions are greatly appreciated. Your beneficiaries are the thousands of Georgetown students, faculty, alumni, and friends who use the library for study and research.

Gratefully yours,

John W. Snyder
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of the Library Associates

Joseph E. Jeffs
University Librarian
Secretary of the Library Associates