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Mr. Barney Cannon
Chairman-Elect
Nevada Association of
Library Trustees
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Henderson, Nevada

Dear Mr. Cannon:

The growing interest of Clark County library personnel in planning for county wide library service is most encouraging. Each time I hear from Lydia, I am encouraged by hearing new evidence of interest.

I have been invited to talk to a Unitarian-Universalist group in Las Vegas (with a possible date of July 31) about statewide library development. It is my hope that someone representing Clark County libraries will attend the meeting with me and report on steps being taken to make county wide service possible.

It would be well if you or another trustee of one of the libraries would seek clarification from a county attorney or district attorney on NRS 379.080 to determine:

1. If a county district library can be established to include the unincorporated areas of Clark County excluding Clark County Educational District #1; and
2. If a county library could be established (NRS 379.010) to serve the unincorporated areas without double taxation on the five existing library service areas.

The rather crude map enclosed illustrates the problem. The areas not served, around and between the existing service areas, does not constitute any kind of a subdivision to provide boundaries for a new library district.

Perhaps the only answer is special legislation, (which is usually not desirable) exempting the present library service areas from the county library tax. However, the district attorney could clarify it.

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The next problem would be the library building. If one is constructed to serve the area now without library service from local, state, federal, and/or foundation funds, could it be done under county sponsorship in order that all libraries could use it for a resource library.

I know you are extremely busy and I would ask someone in the Attorney General's office to clarify these things except that these are local matters and any request to the Attorney General's office should come from the district attorney, or other legal representative of the local subdivision.

I have just received word from Lydia that there will be a meeting on July 29 to which representatives of all the libraries will be invited.

If the interpretation of the library laws could be secured before the July 29th meeting, the group would have more definite information as a background for planning service for the county.

If it is possible for you to attend the meeting on July 29, I shall look forward to seeing you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Mildred J. Heyer
State Librarian

encls: Nevada Library Laws
Map of Existing Library Service Areas

cc: Lydia Malcolm ✓
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