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Dear Doris:

First of all, may I wish you and yours a very contented and blessed New Year.

You will recall, Doris, my mentioning to you that I have decided to give up my braille chairmanship which I've had for almost 20 years. About two months age I broached the subject of assuming this chairmanship to one of our group who took the braille course and became certified, and asked that she think about it. I really felt it would be physically impossible for her to take over as she is a vice-president and is extremely active in Sisterhood, but I thought it didn't hurt to ask! With the exception of one other braillist who is also active in Sisterhood, and due to health problems could not accept, all our other braillists are living out of town--Greensburg. McKeesport, Wexford, Morgantown, W. Va., etc. In order to take care of the needs of our braillists, someone centrally located (Pittsburgh, in this case) is needed.

I got in touch with the head of volunteers at the Library of Congress to ascertain if our women could work directly through them, instead of my getting the books to be brailled, then distributing them to the braillists as needed. Mrs. Glennon advised that the Le of C. was considering dropping this method of sending books to the various group chairmen and that there was a possibility of the braillists shifting their requests for books to the Regional Library for the Blind in Philadelphia.

I asked Mrs.Glennon if (should the women get their books direct from the Regional Library) the Library of Congress would pay for the braible paper. She said they could not, but that when a book was completed, and reported as having been brailled, to the Library of Congress, the braillist could take her book for proof-reading to our same proof-reader; that the Library of Congress would pay him for the proof-reading, and that whoever supplied the paper would be reimbursed \$1.00 per volume transcribed as has been done in the past.

To pursue this further, I 'phoned the Regional Library in Phila, to ask if THEY would pay for paper and I was told "no"; that the wolunteers were willing to pay for their own paper. I then wrote to the American Printing House for the Blind from whommwe have been getting our braille paper and they advised individual braillists could buy the paper from them at the same pricethe Sisterhood's been paying. I relayed this information to the Library of Congress but was informed by Mrs. Gle nnon that should the individual braillist buy her own paper, then request reimbursement from the Lib rary of Congress, they would be unwibling to undetake all the bookkeeping such an arrangement would involve. I haven't as yet broached the subject of paying individually for paper to our braillists until I hear from DDY Executive B@ard about this: When our braillists are transferred to the Regional Library in Phila., requesting books directly from them, will the Sisterhood look favorably upon the idea of continuing to supply the newessary paper, having it d elivered to the Synagogue office where the braillists can pick it up as needed, under which plan the Library of Congress will reimburse the Sisterhood for all paper? The only draw-back to this is: should the supply of paper run down someone will need to assume the task of re-ordering.

However, I feel that personally, I am willing to purchase my own paper and should any our group object, I will suggest that they join another group (I'be been wondering if the Temple group would absorb ours). Mrs. Lowenthal is willing to continue braille classes—we do have 9 braillers in excellent condition) but she needs a chairman to assist her.

Please consider all I've written with your Executive Board and olet me hear from you before the end of the fiscal year. My husband is retiring, fully, within the next year or so and our plans are to move South for most of the year, which is why I wish to make this transition as smooth as possible for our braillists and Sisterhood.

as for me, AI shall continue brailling as long as I have my sight and will always make myself available, as will Mrs. Lowenthal, to our braillists for advice in braille problems, Will look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. line Wachs week sendere with one Broid will or a with se HONORER'S LEET MENT BELLEVILLES. eye been lebolt the only sten-orde to the Ta: allowing of P.S. Should Sisterhood consider favorably supplying paper, I feel (since Mrs. Lowenthal and I will awailable for braille advice) if someone WHO DOES NOT KNOW BRATCLE KMX IS WILLING TO ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP, something can be worked out to keep our group intact even though each braillist will need to supply herself with her own work through the Regional Library. The chairmanship requires ordering paper, keeping records of work done, corresponding with the Library of Congress when necessary, reporting finished work to them for reimbursement (paper reimbursement). Ell this, I shall be pleased to explain to anyone willing to accept the job. thom at the same pricectes absterrachalls men paying. I related Paper - 30.15 - 10 reases of paper can then -then it and ends succeed authors the being point to believe and after both che alle no the bibling of Congress, on profitting could take ber need for a concontaining sort pupiling with a peak are confirmed, and reacted as making been tarious trous comitmen and that there was a considirity of the brailitate solution many many first the is of C. bus comedianting droiting this mothed of administrating books to the ne cartain it our woman could work directly through them, institute as no cod, erro, and book residence of the society all our other conflicted ord fivile our of timb-- desidence, according violation, we lead to the society of the confliction, according to the confliction, according to the confliction of the confli resources of one other orelative wie is also eccess in within the an one to other electronical active in abserveous, but a thought it didn't have to and, which the DIGITE CONTEST ON DECEMB CONCESTED ON TOWN THE DATE OF COURSE OFFICE OF

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