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Ms. Phyllis Jose Chair, DALNET Board Oakland County Research Library 1200 N. Telegraph Road Pontiac, MI 48341-0453

Dear Phyllis:

Since MLC began group purchasing for libraries, the DALNET Collection Development Committee has been struggling to define its role. We have been somewhat inactive for 1999-2000 although we endeavored to compile a listing of member subscription electronic databases. I am enclosing that compilation, which is not comprehensive because of poor response, but does reflect the richness of electronic databases in our consortium.

Because I am transferring to another department at OCC, I will no longer be involved with collection development and must tender my resignation as Chair of the CDC. I surveyed the other CDC members for their opinions on the future of the Committee and received responses from four members. Three of the four are longstanding members who voted for disbanding, a decision with which I agree. The fourth member, who is new to the committee, voted to go on a hiatus until a mission is determined. I did not receive responses from four members.

I've appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Committee and to meet such wonderful colleagues. However, to quote from one member's comments, "We have spent so much time trying to define our role, I've come to the conclusion we really don't have one."

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagler

Chair, DALNET Collection Development Committee