January 22, 1957

Miss Julia Plummer, Librarian
Lamar State College of Technology
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Miss Plummer:

We are in receipt of a letter from Honorable Jack Brooks, naming your library as a designated depository for United States Government publications. In accepting this designation the full import of the duties and responsibilities should be taken into consideration.

The law requires that libraries which are constituted depositories of public documents must contain one thousand books other than those issued by the Government; that the publications when forwarded shall be made available for the free use of the general public; and that they remain the property of the United States.

The law also provides that no part of the sum appropriated for supplying depositories with publications shall be used for sending copies that have not been requested by such libraries.

It is the intention of this act that libraries shall receive such publications as they desire and are capable of handling to the best interest of the public, but libraries must satisfy the Office of the Superintendent of Documents that they are equipped to handle and make available all the publications that they may request under the "Selective Plan". In this connection your attention is respectfully invited to the fact that under the law the Superintendent of Documents has the right to investigate thoroughly the condition of all libraries designated as depositories.

If you desire to become a depository under these conditions, please fill out the enclosed statement form and sign both copies of the acceptance of designation and return all three immediately. If after considering the information supplied by you, it is found the law has been fully complied with, the name of your library will be placed on the list of depositories.
Miss Julia Plummer, Librarian

You will then be supplied with copies of the descriptive list of publications for the purpose of selecting the various classes which you wish to receive.

Sincerely,

CARVER W. BUCKLEY
Superintendent of Documents

Enclosures