

CARNEGIE-MELLON UNIVERSITY,
Pittsburgh Pa., March 21, 1968.

HON. ELMER J. HOLLAND,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HOLLAND: I understand that the Congress is now considering H.R. 15067, Title IX of which contains the Networks for Knowledge Act of 1968.

Carnegie-Mellon University is a member institution of the Interuniversity Communications Council, called EDUCOM, which is working to develop plans to develop an information network to interconnect colleges and universities in the U.S.

The passage of Title IX would be a great help to higher education, for it would make possible both the sharing of informational resources among institutions of higher education and the strengthening of developing institutions. I hope that this legislation will be given your full support.

Respectfully yours,

H. GUYFORD STEVER,
President.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
Chicago, Ill., February 15, 1968.

HON. EDITH GREEN,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MRS. GREEN: I was delighted to see Section 1004 (pg. 100) contained in HR 15067. This section answers an extraordinarily troubling and unnecessary problem with which I am familiar.

I

As you know, the Center for Research Libraries is located on the campus of the University of Chicago. Originally this entity was organized as a not-for-profit corporation in 1949 by a group of major universities as a "library's library" through which they could cooperate to make readily available more research materials than each participant would be able to provide individually in its own library. The Center's collections, housed in its facilities, amount to more than two million volumes.

In June of 1966 the Association of Research Libraries, constituting the seventy-odd major research libraries in the United States and Canada, approved a report urging that all members of the Association become members of the Center for Research Libraries.

II

Section 201 of Title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 provides:

"Sec. 201. There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and for each of the two succeeding fiscal years, to enable the Commissioner to make grants under this part to institutions of higher education to assist and encourage such institutions in the acquisition for library purposes of books, periodicals, documents, magnetic tapes, phonograph records, audiovisual materials, and other related library materials (including necessary binding). For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and the succeeding fiscal year, there may be appropriated, to enable the Commissioner to make such grants, only such sums as the Congress may hereafter authorize by law."

Section 204 provides:

"Sec. 204(a) (1) Twenty-five per centum of the sums appropriated pursuant to section 201 for each fiscal year shall be used by the Commissioner in accordance with this subsection.

"(2) Of the sums available for use under paragraph (1) sixty per centum may be used to make special grants (A) to institutions of higher education which demonstrate a special need for additional library resources and which demonstrate that such additional library resources will make a substantial contribution to the quality of their educational resources, (B) to institutions of higher education to meet special national or regional needs in the library and information sciences, and (C) to combinations of institutions of higher education which need special assistance in establishing and strengthening joint-use facilities. Grants