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The Honorable Bruce R. James
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Dear Bruce:

On behalf of the Depository Library Council please accept our response to the four draft documents presented at the recently concluded Spring 2004 meeting. You will note that Council is overall very receptive to the four draft documents and appreciates the work GPO has engaged upon. Further, Council wants to recognize the efforts GPO has put forth to engage the library community and other interested stakeholders as GPO pursues these new and challenging initiatives.

It is the hope of Council that as GPO moves forward, questions raised in our responses as well as those raised by the community will be answered appropriately and in a timely manner by GPO. Further Council requests that comments received from the community be forwarded to Council and the library community via the appropriate communication venues normally utilized. Council believes that as these initiatives are further vetted in the community they gain the support necessary to realize success. Council understands that while somewhat radical in approach, the initiatives demonstrate the shift in paradigms necessary to bring the GPO and the FDLP into the 21st century.

At this juncture much of my work as Chair is finished. Although my term isn't officially completed until September 30th, it has been the past practice that the current chair, upon completion of Council's work in the Spring, turns matters over to the incoming Chair. It has been my pleasure to serve you and GPO the past three years, the most recent as Chair. I believe this Council to be one of the hardest working, diligent, and unique Council's I've witnessed these past 20 years. It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to have worked with these vastly intelligent and creative people. You are fortunate to have an extremely competent Chair in John Phillips, the remaining Council members as well as the newly appointed members. I wish you and Council success on your future endeavors.

With warm regards,

Daniel C. Barkley
Chair, Depository Library Council

Cc: Judy Russell