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*The Secretary
Renwood Public Library
598 Gloucester St
Christchurch 1.*

Dear *Mr Rainbow*

Enclosed is a copy of my report to Council covering aspects of library development in Christchurch. Obviously the section on suburban library services will be of interest to your committee.

Whilst my recommendations may be upsetting to some libraries, they were reached only after considerable research and study of the facts available. The need for this sort of development has been voiced by several prominent suburban library workers and there has been a growing disquiet that the service to the suburbs is inadequate by present day standards. Yet it is already apparent that the burden borne by some committees is becoming irksome and they cannot be expected to undertake longer hours or more demanding routines to improve the service.

I would like to emphasize, however, that any developments will take place over a long period and there is a continuing need for the voluntary system to operate in some areas for many years to come. I would hope, therefore, that we shall be able to look forward to your continued co-operation and that you will view my recommendations as a move towards improving the service to the community for which you have so willingly and devotedly assumed responsibility in the past.

Yours sincerely,

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