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## THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAWRENCE

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To Head of Department Concerned:

Enclosed you will find a list of Journals charged to your department.

Please revise this list and return it by October 20. If not returned by that date, in view of the emergency, the Director of Libraries will use his own judgment in cancelling items.

You are reminded that the Library's Book Fund was cut from \$28,800 to \$18,500, a reduction of over 35%. Efforts to increase this fund have not been successful. It is safe then for a department to assume that its book fund has been cut to that extent and that the difference must be absorbed either by going without books or journals.

Just how Continental subscriptions can be handled this year is a matter still under study by the American Library Association. Perhaps subscriptions should be kept up, but the foreign items should be carefully scrutinized to see if some have not lost all scholarly value owing to their political background. The domestic journals may also need weeding.

It is possible that some subscriptions are continued by inertia or habit long after the usefulness of the journal has ceased.

During the year 1940 - 1941 73 % of the Physical Education expenditures was for books.

Asking for your immediate cooperation at this trying time in order that our subscriptions may be placed promptly, I remain

Respectfully,

Director of Libraries

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