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Dr. Vernon J. Shiner, Jr.
Chairman
University Library Committee
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Dear Dr. Shiner:

The School of Music acknowledges with appreciation the allocation of \$16,000 for its book budget. We would nonetheless wish to express serious concern regarding the relationship of this amount to our teaching and research program, and to the present state of the publishing industry.

There are several areas in which our library must increase its acquisitional program, following action taken by the School of Music Academic Council. These areas are:

1. out-of-print monographs cited in standard references
2. catalogues of major music library holdings
3. microform publications of the Musikwissenschaftliches Film-Archiv
4. backfiles of major music periodicals
5. replacement of major volumes known to be missing from holdings.

In addition, further demands have been placed on the library by the instrumental departments to build our holdings in orchestral scores, chamber music and instrumental studies.

Lacunae in such areas as keyboard pedagogy caused no major inconvenience to our teaching programs in the past. We now have three professors vitally interested in these problems, with resulting changes in curricula and institution of special workshops in this field. Our library has accordingly been strongly urged to dedicate immediate and special attention in this area. This request is symptomatic of the pressure being directed from subject fields which had previously made only nominal demands on the library.

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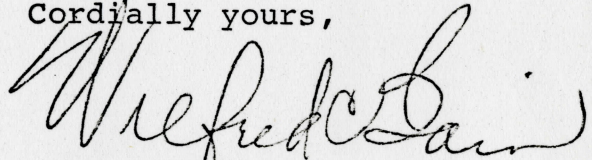
A proposal for the establishment of an Institute on Negro Music in the Americas is now being considered by the Office of Education. Our library holdings in this area are minimal, and will need to be strengthened during the present fiscal year in order to serve the Institute next summer.

We feel furthermore that the budgetary latitude should be wide enough to allow our Music Librarian to exercise some initiative in acquisition on his own, after specific faculty requests have been satisfied. Within our present allocation, it is not even possible to care for the immediate demands of our faculty.

Careful estimates indicate that the library will need \$6,000 in addition to its present allocation in order to care for top-priority requests.

So that our rapidly expanding teaching program for the current year will not be handicapped, I ask that a supplemental allocation of \$6,000 be granted to the Music Library.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilfred C. Bain".

Wilfred C. Bain, Dean

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