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DECKER, LESLIE E. DR.
b Maine
February 14, 1967

Dr. Leslie E. Decker
12 Main Street
Orono, Maine 04473

Dear Dr. Decker:

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection? It is an exhibit of Maine writing -- books about Maine, or books written by Maine people. Most of the books are inscribed presentation copies, the inscriptions lending particular interest and value to an outstanding collection. Some of the inscriptions are simple autographs, some are autobiographically revealing, some are humorous, some artistic; but they all contribute a distinction. We also gather biographical and critical material about our authors, and try to have complete information for visitors and students.

Your book RAILROAD, LAND AND POLITICS is an important book, of course; and you were born in Maine, we understand. We hope, therefore, that you may want to inscribe and present a copy of your book for inclusion in the Maine Author Collection. It would give us pleasure as well as pride to place this work with the other Maine books.

Sincerely yours

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In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
February 17, 1967

Mrs. F. W. Jacob  
Maine State Library  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mrs. Jacob:

The first printing of Railroads, Lands, and Politics is long since sold out. However, it was reprinted in 1966 and perhaps I can get a copy from the publisher. I have extra copies of neither printing.

It is possible that the publisher can come up with a stray copy of the first printing. If so, I assume that you would prefer it. At any rate, I shall be happy to donate whatever I come up with.

Please give my regards to Edith Hary.

Very truly yours,

Leslie E. Decker