Harvard and RLG

This statement from Douglas W. Bryant, university librarian, Harvard University, recently appeared in HUL Notes.

A reluctant decision, but one unanimously supported by those at Harvard University who have been chiefly concerned with RLG, was reported in a letter of April 4, 1978, from President Bok of Harvard to James E. Skipper, president of The Research Libraries Group:

I am writing to inform you that Harvard University no longer finds it possible to participate actively in The Research Libraries Group, Inc., and has under consideration

withdrawal as a member.

We take this action only after my colleagues and I have deliberated long and searchingly. While we continue to believe that collaboration among research libraries is important, we have now come reluctantly to the view that our continued active participation from this point is not the most effective course for either Harvard or RLG. Five years ago, when the Rosenthal study was undertaken to explore the basis for establishing this consortium of four research libraries, the similarities among them seemed to be greater than, in our opinion, they have proved to be. Since then, the institutional imperatives operating within each of the four libraries have led to differing perceptions of individual needs and priorities. It is clear that the development of the Harvard libraries must now take first priority in the use of our resources. Moreover, the complexities in the organiza-tion, administration, and financing of the nearly one hundred libraries that comprise the Harvard University Library system have made our participation in RLG singularly difficult.

Though it has been concluded that active participation in RLG is no longer desirable, President Bok's letter commends the progress that has been made by the organization toward several goals; endorses the recommendations made in the chapter, "The Major Research Libraries: Strengthening a National Heritage" in the February 17, 1978, report, Research Universities and the National Interest, issued by the Ford Foundation; and emphasizes Harvard's interest in continued cooperation with RLG and other research libraries and in maintenance of close communications.

I should like to express my appreciation to all members of the university library staff who have been involved in RLG activities. If the experiment had been unsuccessful after only halfhearted participation by Harvard, the outcome would have been regrettable indeed. As it is, the Harvard Library can take pride in having made an honest and strenuous effort.

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