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Dear Mrs. Meagher,

I want to thank you very much for your help the other evening—you were very generous with your time, and your interview was most informative. I have contacted two of the people you recommended—Allard Lowenstein and Dr. Cyril Wecht, and they both were very gracious and agreed to assist me with interviews, so your suggestions were quite helpful.

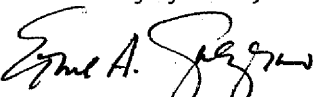
I talked at length with the social science librarian here at the University of Missouri—June DeWeese— and she suggested an avenue that Scarecrow Press might want to pursue in regards to your index. She told me that virtually all university libraries in the United States have "Approval Plans" in which "jobbers" they have contracted with, provide them with books by major and minor clearing houses as well as university publishers. The 'jobber' that this university uses is Baker and Taylor. Their selection of books is based upon a catalogue listing provided to them by the various sections of the library. ^{subject}

The 'jobbers' selection of books is then based on a listing or the bibliography provided by publishers. The jobber checks the catalog subject listings to see if a library is interested in a book on a particular subject. Ms. DeWeese noted that if you wanted to be sure that your index was selected by as many libraries as possible, you would want to have an extensive listing in the catalog of the subjects covered in the book. For example, in your case she suggested "political science" "assassinations" "John F. Kennedy" "Martin Luther King" "Congressional investigating committees" "Warren Report" "House Assassinations Committee" "Lee Harvey Oswald" and any other general topics that would be touched upon in the index. Apparently, the more subjects that are covered in a book, the greater is the likelihood that a library jobber will select it.

Having an extensive listing of the subjects in the catalog is one way of assuring that the book will be selected. A second way might be for Scarecrow Press to send promotional material to library jobbers around the United States, as well as sending it to the libraries themselves. Ms. DeWeese did say that Scarecrow Press does send it bibliographies to the library here, but selection of books from those listings can depend on the whim of the librarian or available funds. I hope these comments can be of some help to you. If they are unclear, or if you have some questions, please drop me a line, and I'll be glad to call you back.

Again, my thanks for your help, and I'll drop you a copy of my manuscript as soon as it is done. Best of luck in the future.

Sincerely yours,


Ethel A. Galzerano