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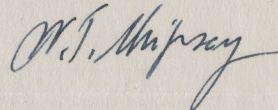
Dear Miss Barneberg:

Mr. Joseph Leary called here in your
absence from town and left with me the enclosed
letter from the City Fire Department.

It suggests certain fire prevention measures.

It is the thought of Mr. Leary (and also
of the Mayor) that if necessary the City will assist
in the cost. He suggests that the matter of changing
the doors be taken care of promptly and first.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Miss Doris Garcelon.

Mr. Joseph Leary.

City Fire Department

CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
CALIFORNIA

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cc: Mr. Leary
Hon Joseph Leary, Commissioner
Public Health and Safety
City of San Luis Obispo

Dear Sir; A fire inspection was made at the San Luis Obispo Public Library, and the following report covers the same.

The main entrance doors, both at the adult and childrens sections of the Library open inward, this of course constitutes a serious situation in a panic of any kind, the entrance doors leading into the adult section jam at the top, making it hard to close the doors or open them when closed, this trouble seems to be caused by a sag in the supporting door jams. These doors should be rehung so they will open out, and provided with approved panic bar release.

The childrens section which is located in the basement, has but a single door opening inward leading from basement up a narrow stairway to the yard. This door should be enlarged, hung to open outward, and equipped with a panic bolt, the narrow stairway replaced with a concrete ramp if possible, the age bracket of these children, makes a ramp far more suitable for a quick evacuation.

At least (4) fire extinguishers should be provided for a building of this floor area, and this type of occupancy, they should be of the acid and soda type, and hung from wall brackets out of the reach of children, all key personnel should be instructed with their operation.

Some deterioration, due to dry rot in window frames was noted, which made it impossible to open windows, this condition makes it hard to secure proper ventilation during business hours, and would offer some difficulty in securing adequate ventilation if it became necessary to fight a fire there.

Heating and electric equipment seemed to be in a reasonably safe condition, no rubbish accumulations were found, and the whole Library was very clean and neat.

Yours very truly

W. L. Payton

W. L. Payton, Chief Fire Dept
San Luis Obispo, Calif.