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Dear Mr. Halpern,

The Government Documents Round Table (ALA) thanks the Government Publishing Office (GPO) for working with depository libraries to assess their government documents collections to identify those documents that need preservation in paper and digital formats.

GPO's first pilot projects engaged FDLs to preserve and digitize WWII documents of historical importance. Preserving these collections is a priority because of the quality of paper of the era, much of which is disintegrating. Digitizing these materials opens access to more users and offers a service that many libraries are unable to provide within their own institutions. To build on these first projects, GODORT encourages GPO to work with depository librarians to identify additional WWII-era documents in their collections of broad public interest and that are in need of preservation.

GODORT thanks you for your workshop at ALA Annual in Chicago in June 2023. The session provided an opportunity for depository and non-depository librarians to learn about the FDLP and GPO initiatives. Every librarian needs to know about depository collections and services so they can ask for information and refer users to depositories.

GODORT also appreciates GPO sending staff to ALA conferences starting in the early 1970s. GPO's participation in ALA provides the opportunity for GODORT members, librarians, and GPO staff to work together to promote "Documents to the People".

Sincerely,

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