



## ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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Mr. Richard G. Davis  
Acting Superintendent of Documents  
Director, Library Services and Content Management  
U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20401

Dear Mr. Davis,

These comments on the *GPO Summary Report: Digitization Demonstration Project* are submitted on behalf of the Association of Research Libraries. ARL commends GPO for engaging in the pilot digitization project. These efforts permit GPO to determine the most appropriate role for the agency in digitizing the legacy collection. ARL appreciates the work GPO invested in outreach to experts in the community, and for delineating specifications for preservation level scanning.

Many ARL libraries stand ready to work with GPO to identify materials to digitize and make broadly accessible in digital form. There is strong interest in working collaboratively with GPO on digitization of public domain resources to preservation level standards as noted in GPO's specifications. The depth, breadth and redundancy of the print ARL federal depository library collections allows these institutions to make these resources available in order to provide enhanced access to these resources to the public.

Greatly enhanced discovery and research is possible with digital materials thus the strong interest in partnering with GPO on this project. Please let me know how ARL might support GPO as it moves ahead with digitization of the legacy collections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prudence S. Adler".

Prudence S. Adler  
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