Dear Zena:

Thought you might like to see a copy of this.

I (for I hope you'll make 2) don't want to deal with anything but the cost facts from this task force -- I have had it up
To my ear I owe, with embracing this
motive without facts and figures at hand.
And I distinctly don't want to be annexed
by the details of the case, which is what Gene, let me believe her,
committee, and provided accommodations etc.

L. P
December 7, 1979

Dear Gina:

Happy Pearl Harbor Day!

On November 30th, Marilyn L. Miller, ALSC President, sent a memorandum to ALSC's directors. In it, she urged ALSC's directors to write to you and/or Gail Sage about any recommendations we might have for alternatives to a banquet celebration of the Newbery/Caldecott Medals Awards.

Although I'm not certain exactly what Marilyn asked you and your committee to do by Midwinter '80, I'd like to let you know what I had hoped for since I opened the can of worms by calling for some more cost-efficient way to properly celebrate the N/C Medals Awards.

To me, the operative terms in the above are "cost efficient" and "properly."

In order to make a business-like decision on a N/C alternative, I feel that the directors need to know how much items cost. Therefore, I'd like to see the figures for:

- hiring auditorium space in public institutions
- catering services for:
  - wine
  - wine and cheese
  - open bars
  - hot hors douvres
  (and any combination of the above)
- transportation fees for any bussing service that might be called for.
- current menus and charges for banquet services in S.F.'s major hotels for breakfasts, luncheons, dinners & receptions.

I personally hope that you and your committee won't go into matters involving the celebration itself (introduction, officer, N/C Committee line-up, receiving line, etc.) because I think that this would invade the program prerogatives of the ALSC president for 1981, Amy Kellman, and the ALSC local arrangements committee she will appoint for the San Francisco conference.
In brief, what I hope you will bring us are the facts on costs for the N/C Awards alternatives on which the ALSC directors can base a decision on format.

Sincerely,

Lillian N. Gerhardt
Past-president

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cc: Gail Sage
    Marilyn L. Miller
    Amy Kellman