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Dear Potential dLOC Member,

The Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) is a premier international collection of Caribbean research resources. Established in 2004, dLOC has grown from the initial nine partners to more the thirty. dLOC is a content-contributing partner organization and all materials in dLOC will remain freely and fully available as **open access**. The project builds capacity in the region to support digitization and preservation and to provide access to partner holdings locally and internationally. The collection consists of more than 10,000 titles and 1.5 million pages of content and registers over 750,000 human hits per month.

On behalf of the dLOC Executive Board, we are seeking financial support to sustain and expand dLOC. To date, dLOC has been primarily funded by grant and in-kind support from partner institutions. To ensure long-term sustainability, a collaborative funding model has been established. This funding will supplement institutional and grant funding sources so that dLOC can continue to develop new content and features.

The current administrative and technical hosts are committed to supporting dLOC as an ongoing program. However, additional support is required for the project to meet the current and future demands of scholarship worldwide. To date, dLOC has commitments from 11 institutions in the US and Caribbean to provide \$53,750 annually to support the collaborative. The strategic planning process is underway and the dLOC Executive Board will review the plan in June 2012. Your commitment now will enable us to better plan for the continued success of the project. Please consider joining as a financially supporting member.

We are inviting institutions to support dLOC at one of the following annual membership levels and are encouraging a three-year membership commitment. Supporting membership dues are pooled to cover the technical infrastructure costs, partner training and the development and promotion of the collections. All memberships support the general hosting and development of the resource in addition to the following benefits:

- **Executive dLOC Member - \$10,000** (US and European members) / **\$2,500** (Caribbean members)
Opportunity to identify up to 4,000 pages of eligible content to be priorities for digitization.
- **Sustaining dLOC Member - \$5,000** (US and European members) / **\$1,250** (Caribbean members)
Opportunity to identify up to 2,000 pages of eligible content to be priorities for digitization.
- **Supporting dLOC Member - \$2,500** (US and European members) / **\$750** (Caribbean members)
Opportunity to identify up to 1,000 pages of eligible content to be priorities for digitization.
- **Contributing dLOC Member - \$1,000** (US and European members) / **\$250** (Caribbean members)
Opportunity to identify up to 250 pages of eligible content to be priorities for digitization.

We also recognize that there are many individual supporters of dLOC who may be interested in investing in this valuable resource. Individuals may support dLOC at one of the following annual membership levels:

- Executive Sustaining Membership - \$1,000 and above
- Sustaining Membership - \$500 (US Members) / \$250 (Caribbean)
- Supporting Membership - \$250 (US Members) / \$100 (Caribbean)
- Contributing Membership - \$100 (US Members) / \$50 (Caribbean)
- Scholar Membership - \$50 (US Members) / \$25 (Caribbean)
- Student Membership - \$25 (US Members) / \$10 (Caribbean)

dLOC would like to recognize the important support of the follow institutional and individual who have already become dLOC members.

Institutional Members 2011/2012:

Executive dLOC Members: The College of the Bahamas Library, Florida International University Libraries, Florida State University Libraries, University of Central Florida Libraries, University of Florida Libraries, University of Virgin Islands Library

Sustaining dLOC Member: University of Miami Libraries

Supporting dLOC Members: Florida International University Latin American and Caribbean Center

Contributing dLOC Members: Brown University John Hay Library, Princeton University Library, CARICOM

Individual Members 2011/2012:

Executive Sustaining Member: John Dartigue

Contributing Members: Laurie N. Taylor, Pete Taylor, Brooke Wooldridge

Scholar Members: Hillary Landorf

Please lend your institutional or personal support to strengthen this equitable model for continued development of dLOC and ensure that these Caribbean research resources are accessible online now and for years to come. We would be pleased to discuss your interest in supporting the Digital Library of the Caribbean. Please contact Brooke Wooldridge, Project Director, at dloc@fiu.edu.

Sincerely,



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DIGITAL LIBRARY OF THE CARIBBEAN (dLOC) is a cooperative digital library for resources from and about the Caribbean and circum-Caribbean. dLOC provides access to digitized versions of Caribbean cultural, historical and research materials currently held in more than twenty five archives, libraries, and private collections. Collections include books, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, photographs, government reports, legal materials and much more; for more information, go to www.dloc.com. The project is hosted by Florida International University Libraries and the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries.