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Dear Professor Clarke:

It is my pleasure to advise you that the Law Library of Congress will be announcing three full-time positions in the near future that some of your colleagues may be interested in. It will take approximately six months to fill these positions once they are formally announced. During this selection process, however, we desire to make temporary appointments to these three positions as soon as possible for a period of six to twelve months.

The first is a senior executive level position that will serve as a division Chief, the second is a GS-14/15 level Chinese law specialist, and the third is a GS-11/15 level Southeast Asian law specialist. A candidate for the position of division Chief must be an experienced attorney capable of performing duties requiring a high level of competence in the laws of an Asia Pacific civil law or other customary law jurisdiction. Similarly, candidates for the positions of Chinese and Southeast Asian law specialists must be experienced attorneys capable of performing duties requiring a high level of competence in the laws of these respective jurisdictions. I have attached a short fact sheet that describes in more detail the responsibilities of the Law Library of Congress, and those interested can learn more about the Law Library of Congress at our website www.loc.gov/law.

My office will provide you a copy of the formal announcements as they are posted. In the meantime, we kindly ask that you disseminate this letter widely among your colleagues that may be interested in either of these three temporary appointments and who are available to begin work within the next three to four weeks. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to the attention of my Director of Legal Research, Walter Gary Sharp, Sr., by email at wsharp@loc.gov or by fax at (202) 707-1820. Should anyone have any questions, Gary may be reached by phone at (202) 707-9148.

Thank you for taking the time to disseminate this letter among your colleagues. We look forward to hearing from them and serving you in the future.

Sincerely,

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