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TO: Miss Adams
FROM: Miss Burnett ✓
SUBJECT: CARL SNYDER'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH GOVERNOR STRONG, 1921 - August, 1928

Last week I "rediscovered" in the Reference Library a box of Carl Snyder's papers that had been removed from a storage vault during rearrangement of old periodical files. This proved to contain memoranda from Mr. Snyder to Governor Strong and from the latter to Mr. Snyder. Aware of their possible interest for Dr. Chandler I had them sent up to him for his inspection.

Dr. Chandler reported that they are very interesting and pertinent to his study and he believes from his study of the other Strong files that they are not duplicated there.

For the record I wish to state the origin of this collection. It constitutes the remains of Mr. Snyder's personal files which his secretary, Edna M. Gross, culled through before destroying the routine or unimportant matter. One lot of the papers was strictly personal in nature and remained in an old telescope in our storage vault for several years. After Mr. Snyder's death they were sorted by Lucille Bagwell and dispatched to the bank in Los Angeles that acted as his executor.

The remaining papers that related to his work in the bank were left in the Research Department's storage vault in the above-mentioned box, until some one could look them over and decide on their disposal. As I recall, they were offered to Miss Dillistin for her correspondence files, but she was reluctant to accept them because of the labor involved in incorporating them into old files. It seemed possible, also, that some of them, if not all, were already in those files in their original form.

However, Dr. Chandler thinks they were not duplicated and probably were regarded by both Governor Strong and Mr. Snyder as a strictly personal interchange of ideas. For this reason, it seems to me they should be preserved in their present arrangement as a unit, but kept permanently with the other Strong papers. It would undoubtedly

lessen their usefulness if they were separated according to subject matter as is done with the regular correspondence files.

There is no record of these papers now in the Reference Library, and since they were left in my care, I am now duly transferring them to you for safekeeping.