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November 8, 1984

Ms. Joan Patota  
Vice President for  
Public Affairs  
Rhode Island School of  
Design  
Two College Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Patota:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for 
bringing the Museum's current NEH application to my attention.  
I am delighted to know about the plans for the Victorian  
book exhibition.

I have taken the liberty of writing to Chairman Bennett  
at the Humanities Endowment and am enclosing a copy of my  
letter to him for your own records. As soon as I hear anything  
further from him, I will be back in touch.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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October 23, 1984

The Honorable William J. Bennett
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has recently come to my attention that the Rhode
Island Historical Society has an application currently
pending for a Challenge Grant in the amount of $250,000.

I realize that a final decision on this proposal will
be reached at the upcoming meeting of the National Council
on the Humanities. Before any action is taken, however, I
wanted to inform you of my very keen support for this impor-
tant request.

A Challenge Grant from the Endowment will be the corner-
stone of a major fund raising campaign which will secure a
$1 million special endowment for the Society over the next
three years. This fund will be used primarily for the opera-
tion of the historic John Brown House, one of the great museum
houses in the United States and which serves as the Society's
headquarters.

With this stable financial future, the Society will be
able to concentrate its other resources on the superb programs
for which it has become well known.

It is my sincere hope that the National Endowment for the
Humanities will ultimately act favorably on this tremendously
worthy request for a Challenge Grant.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

AC/ap

Claiborne Pell