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Dear Mr. Gries:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for sending your resume. I am delighted that you have followed up on our conversation of a few years back at Bishop Hendricken High School.

I am sorry to learn that the Arts Council of San Antonio finds it necessary to terminate your position but I am afraid this is a situation which arts organizations will face more frequently in the future. The budget reductions proposed by the Reagan Administration are going to have serious repercussions throughout the arts community.

Hiring in federal agencies is now at a virtual standstill because of a strict hiring freeze. The Arts Endowment, in fact, must reduce staff by 10 people before January 1982. So it is difficult for me to advise you on what channels to pursue for a future position. Should you wish to relocate in Washington, however, and explore the Federal agencies in the arts and education, I suggest you contact members of my staff for further education.

David Evans would be glad to assist you in the education area and Alexander Crary in the arts and humanities. They can both be reached by mail at Room 4230, Dirksen Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 or by phone at (202) 224-7666. I wish I could offer you more positive advice.

Thank you again for writing.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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