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Senator Claiborne Pell
Federal Building Room 418
Kennedy Plaza
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Senator Pell,

I am writing to you, Sir, requesting a letter of introduction to Mr. J. Carter Brown, Director of The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. If you would be so kind, it would mean a great deal to me.

Soon after my graduation from Georgetown University, I decided to pursue a longtime interest in precious gems and art objects, and subsequently attended the Gemological Institute of America in Santa Monica, California.

As a graduate gemologist with a strong business background, I now feel that I am qualified to make a genuine contribution.

You might, perhaps, know of someone else highly placed in this field whom I could also contact.

I will follow up your introduction with a letter, résumé, and a request for an interview.

Thank you so much, Senator, for your interest and kind attention. I would like to thank you in person if it would be convenient for you to see me on one of your visits to your Rhode Island office.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Bliss

P. S. I have fond memories of your and Mrs. Pell's receptions in Georgetown given for Rhode Island area students. I have relayed to many friends the experience of having met Charlton Heston at one of them.