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Mr. Albert T. Klyberg
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Dear Al:

Many thanks for your recent letter in regard to the re-authorization of the Smithsonian's National Museum Act.

The current bill before the Senate Rules Committee would authorize the President's requested figure of $782,000 for 1983 and "such sums as may be necessary for the two succeeding years."

Senator Mathias, however, may offer an amendment at the Committee's upcoming mark-up to replace the "such sums" language with the specific dollar amount of $1 million for both 1984 and 1985. This amendment has a very good chance of being adopted and would have my strong support.

I appreciate that you have taken the time to write me on this issue. The Museum Act is an especially important program to me and I will always do what I can to make sure that it prospers.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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