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Senator Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator,

Thank you for your letter concerning the grant application submitted by the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

As you may be aware, all of the Institute's grants funds for Fiscal Year 1982, totalling $10.9 million, have been proposed for rescission by the Administration. Pending the outcome of Congressional action on the rescission proposal, we are continuing, to the limit of our abilities, our grants review processing.

If the Congress determines that the Institute's grants program is to be funded, I would be most happy to notify you of successful applications in your state prior to the public announcement of the awards.

And you have my assurance, Senator, that every appropriate consideration will be given to the merits of your constituent's application.

I hope that you will not hesitate to write or call if I can be of further assistance.

With every good wish, I am,

[Signature]

Director
Institute of Museum Services