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Mr. Alexander D. Crary
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities
Room 4230, Dirksen Senate Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sandy:

Thanks for your interest in the Elderly Theatre Project. Prior to your letter, I had no knowledge of the condition on grants set by the Expansion Arts Division.

Due to Ed Worthy's (NCOA Humanities Project) interest in the project; the grassroots participation of the Seniors in R.I.; and the evolution of my work with the elderly, I'd prefer to develop the idea this Fall, and to this end I'm moving the administrative operation of the project from the Family of Man Foundation to the Community Resources Center (Westminster Mall Senior Center).

The Community Resources Center is a non-profit organization with a community based board of directors receiving grants from the state and federal and has been developing arts workshops and productions with the elderly for the past three years. (See enclosed documents on the Center).

I'm writing Paula Terry and Henreitta Sanford to advise them of this change and will appreciate whatever additional support you can give to the project. I'm very sorry no one informed me of the one-project limitation of Expansion Arts. This project can be of national significance and it is important it be done now in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Brad Smoker

P.S. The administration at the Center is supportive of this change.