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Attached is a Section-by-Section analysis of action taken by the House Subcommittee on Arts and Humanities — they anticipate Committee action next week.

On page 3 as clipped is their Museum Services Act — pretty much verbatim from the version we began considering in 1972-3.

It's placed under HEW as was our original.

I'm told that Al Quie insisted on this — I suspect John Brademas was not too displeased as he does want emphasis on science and technology museums, which the Arts Endowment was not funding, nor was the Humanities Endowment, in more than relatively small fashion. As mentioned to you, I think Nancy Hanks is not adverse to the HEW location, as she has felt all along that a special legislated program for museums under the Endowment favors one arts area over others, and mitigates against even-handedness.

I still would like to see Museum Services under the umbrella of the Arts and Humanities rather than separated, but there are strong political considerations for not disturbing this one. Greg Fusco tends to present a Javits view favorable to the House (Quie) action.

I have checked with Geo. Seybolt — he's delighted that it is finding its way into legislation, and leaves the legislative
and political considerations to us.

The House took the Challenge Grant Program
which he had suggested at the lunch with Brademas verbatim,
and all hands here seem to like it.

I had a long meeting with Fusco this afternoon,
and with other staffers as I could find them. General agreement on
principles and concepts -- but not yet on specifics.
We will not be able to include Arts and
Humanities in Tuesday's Exec. The staffs aren't able to
focus on it until after the Ed. bill clears Committee (hopefully
Tuesday) -- though I will do as much ground work as possible.

We were eminently successful (thanks mainly
to Jean) in getting excellent staff rapport on Education,
but the same members are involved with A & H, and except on a
person to person basis, they won't be ready to sit down and
discuss things until after Tuesday morning. Nik Edes feels a delay on A & H
at this time favors your Berman stance; it postpones need for decisions.

Both Mondale and Eagleton have strong
State Humanities people (and good programs for the most part
in Minnesota) urging them not to change the set-up... But
the staffs see the merits in our cause -- and I foresee a somewhat
better solution than the House adopted in this respect in Subcommittee.

It appears to me that Brademas pretty much caved in to a substantial
academic group in Indiana.

Basically, the House version for State
Humanities allows Berman to maintain a status quo, but provides
provisions so that the State committees will be more representative,
more accountable, more less limited in their programs.

We would grandfather in State councils, or
grandfather out the existing committees, in three years.