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TO: Liv Biddle

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FROM: ~~Robert Wade~~

RE: Language for Insertion in Committee Report, Section on Endowment Advisory Panels (Suggested for insertion at end of material second full paragraph, p. 4, House Rept. 94-1024)

Further, the Committee recognizes, to the extent allowed by law, the need for confidentiality regarding advisory panel review of grant applications and discussion of other matters requiring the expression of frank and candid views by panel members. The Committee notes with approval that despite the frequent need for confidentiality, the Endowment has opened to the public a substantial and significant number of advisory committee meetings. It is the view of the Committee that the Endowment and its panels have struck a proper balance between, on the one hand, the interest of the agency in obtaining candid expert advice and, on the other, the interest of the general public in being properly informed as to Endowment activities. Finally, the Committee wishes to commend the Endowment's panels for professionalism and dedication in carrying out this advisory function.