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TO: SENATOR

FROM: LB

Dec. 10

You'll recall at the joint Arts and Humanities hearings you said you'd like personally to go over your statement about Steve.

The House has finally gotten its copy of a transcript and sent me a copy -- and here is the section re Steve.

It sounds fine to me.

1 have greatly strengthened our national understanding and
2 appreciation of the values and meaning of the arts.

3 State witnesses today will address that important sub-
4 ject -- and will provide some basis for comparison when we
5 consider, tomorrow, the programs of the National Endowment
6 for the Humanities.

7 I must add, in conclusion, that I am concerned with
8 the development of the Humanities in comparison and in
9 contrast with the Arts.

10 I am troubled by what appears to me a lack of balanced
11 progress between the two Endowments. Perhaps the time has
12 come to consider that the need for parity in funding between
13 these Endowments has come to an end.

14 Perhaps the two Endowments, once considered twins in
15 our cultural progress, should be allowed to go separate ways.

16 I look forward to exploring these and other concepts
17 as these hearings develop.

18 Representative Brademas. Thank you, Senator Pell.

19 Before beginning, the Chair would like to take a moment
20 to say a word of tribute to the late Steven Waxler who served
21 Senator Pell in the Senate Subcommittee on the Arts and
22 Humanities with such distinction and served, indeed his
23 colleagues on the House side, as well. I think it appro-
24 priate that notice should be taken as we begin these hearings.

25 We are pleased to see Livingston Biddle who has served

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1 in the same capacity over a number of years and has served
2 also an important role for Miss Hanks at the Arts Endowment
3 is serving Senator Pell and his subcommittee again.

4 Senator Pell. Thank you very much, Chairman Brademas,
5 for your statement.

6 Needless to say, I appreciate your taking the initiative
7 in making mention of Steve. My heart is as heavy and full of
8 grief now as it was a month ago when he was so cruelly killed
9 by a drunken driver on a Saturday afternoon a few miles
10 from here.

11 Representative Brademas. Miss Hanks, I want to join
12 in the tribute to you and Mr. Straight which Senator Pell
13 has paid because I think, without any question, one of the
14 reasons that the Arts Endowment has enjoyed the support
15 that it has both from Presidents and in Congress has been the
16 effective way in which you have administered these programs.

17 On this tenth anniversary, we want to wish you Happy
18 Birthday, and say we are very pleased to have you back.

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