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TO: SENATOR

FROM: LB

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

State witnesses today will address that important subject -- and will provide some basis for comparison when we consider, tomorrow, the programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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

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

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

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

Representative Brademas. Thank you, Senator Pell.

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

We are pleased to see Livingston Biddle who has served
in the same capacity over a number of years and has served
also an important role for Miss Hanks at the Arts Endowment
is serving Senator Pell and his subcommittee again.

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

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

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

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