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July 8, 1975

The Honorable Claiborne Pell United States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Pell:

Knowing of your strong support and important contribution to the arts, I am writing to request your participation as a speaker at a meeting of the National Association of Schools of Art in Washington, D.C. in October 1975.

The National Association of Schools of Art, established in 1944 to improve educational practices and maintain high professional standards in art education, includes in its membership the outstanding independent and university educational centers in art and design. The full Association of Deans and Presidents meets annually to further encourage and stimulate the quality of higher education for the artist and designer. The October meeting will be the first time that the Association has met in the Nation's Capital and over 100 college art presidents and deans of art departments will be attending. The Corcoran School of Art and Howard University are acting as hosts for the meeting, mucht of which will take place in the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

The focus of this year's meeting will be "Government and the Arts". On behalf of the Association, I am honored to request your participation in a panel discussion: "Congress and the Arts" for Friday, October 17th from 11:15 am to noon. The panel discussion will be held in the Corcoran School of Art, 17th and New York Avenue, N.W. A cocktail reception will follow from noon to 1 pm with a luncheon at 1 pm in the Corcoran Gallery of Art. It is planned that Nancy Hanks of the National Endowment of the Arts will be the luncheon speaker. You are cordially invited to join us for the

reception and luncheon as well. The Association would consider your participation a valuable contribution to a successful NASA conference. If you wish, I would be happy to give you further details. Your reply is anxiously awaited.

Sincerely,

Roy Stade

Director of the Gallery Dean of the School

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