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November 8, 1984

The Honorable William J. Bennett  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Rhode Island School of Design has recently submitted an application to the Museum and Historical Organizations Program at the Humanities Endowment. A grant of \$16,187 is being sought to assist the Museum in mounting an exhibition of 78 British nineteenth century books from New England libraries.

In addition to the exhibition, a catalogue will be published and a symposium will be held on the history of the book in nineteenth century England. The history of the Victorian illuminated book and its relation to the rich social and cultural history of its time will make this a particularly fascinating exhibition.

It is a pleasure for me to bring this fine proposal to your attention and I wish to express my hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

November 23, 1984

The Honorable Caliborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting the application that we have received from the Rhode Island School of Design.

The application is being reviewed in our Division of General Programs, Museums and Historical Organizations Program Office, and final action is anticipated at the May 1985 meeting of the National Council on the Humanities. We will give it careful review and consideration.

As soon as possible after the meeting of the Council we will be sending you a listing of all awards made in Rhode Island to aid in any follow-up communication that you might want to have with your constituents.

Your interest in the work of the Endowment is appreciated. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Bennett".

William J. Bennett  
Chairman