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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERVICES

TO: Dr. Mary F. Berry
Assistant Secretary for Education

FROM: Director, Institute of Museum Services

DATE: June 25, 1979

SUBJECT: Location of Institute of Museum Services

At its meeting on Friday, June 22, 1979 the National Museum Services Board (NMSB) of the Institute of Museum Services adopted the following resolution:

"While acknowledging the merits of transferring the Institute of Museum Services to the National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities, the NMSB recognizes the current advantages of being in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Considering the present state of development of IMS, the Board prefers to stay in HEW or move to the proposed Department of Education for the present time."

Furthermore, the Board agreed that any decision on where to locate IMS should be based on the following seven priorities:

1. Maximum funding of museum programs;
2. Efficiency of administration;
3. Maintenance of a plurality of funding sources;
4. Access to top Executive Branch officials and Congress when changes need to be effected;
5. Protection of existing programs;
6. Protection of the existing aims of the legislation; and,
7. Maintenance of qualitative criteria.

Until a more thorough evaluation of these priorities can be analyzed, IMS strongly requests that it remain within HEW or transfer to the proposed Department of Education.

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Political considerations discussed in the attached Washington Star article also need to be taken into account before HEW recommends transferring IMS.

Thank you for your consideration.



Lee Kimche

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attachment
cc: National Museum Services Board