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Dear Sandy,

I appreciate your inquiring into the situation of the West Virginia Humanities Foundation's compliance plan with the NEH, and am glad to hear that the situation is somewhat less dire than we had been led to think.

Of course, the decisions about what the Humanities Foundation will do will be made by its board, but I personally think there are two important issues at stake in this matter:

- Where is the demarcation between necessary requirements to ensure compliance with the legislation and report language, and inappropriate interference in self-governing independent institutions;

- How the requirements for compliance can change over a period when there has been no change either in the legislation or in the bylaws of the State Humanities Council which had been declared in compliance the last time around.

Oh, the ways of the agency!

As you know, my vacation was a good one - all 2 1/2 days of it. I'm hoping that spring will bring a bit longer one!

Let us all hope that the fall term comes along -

Cordially,

Bob