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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 19, 1984

Mr. Gilbert Gude
Director
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Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Gil:

You are fully aware of my long-standing interest in libraries and their importance to society. Their function as community information centers increases with each passing year, emphasizing the significance of the support they provide to citizens.

It is my intention to introduce legislation in the next Congress calling for a Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1989. This action will raise the Congressional level of awareness and involvement concerning the importance of these institutions. Both members and staff need to become better acquainted with the status and potential of libraries' many roles.

At the time of the first White House Conference on Library and Information Services, involved congressional leaders received valuable support in the planning and execution of that milestone event from Robert L. Chartrand, your Senior Specialist in Information Policy and Technology. As a Presidential appointee to the Advisory Committee for that Conference, and because of his extensive experience with information services and systems, his contributions were most useful.

I should like to request that Mr. Chartrand be available for continuing consultation with my staff in matters related to our interest in this program.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell