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The National Humanities Alliance

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DATE: May 1, 1984

TO: Alliance Members

FROM: Lisa Phillips
Executive Director *WP*

The White House has sent to the Senate a list of nominees for confirmation to serve six-year terms as members of the National Council on the Humanities. As you know, the Council reviews and makes recommendations on grant applications made to the Humanities Endowment. The Council is made up of 24 members with staggered terms so that one-third of the Council members are replaced every two years.

The Senate must approve these nominations, and the process is relatively pro forma. This year, however, members of the Senate have expressed greater interest in the nominees than in the past, and we may see a hearing before the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services Committee on the qualifications of the nominees.

The following list of nominees and their backgrounds is summarized from documents sent to the Senate. The material initially was provided by the nominees themselves.

Nominees

- Kathleen S. Kilpatrick
President, American Literary Society and
Publisher, The Yale Literary Magazine
- Leon Richard Kass
Henry R. Luce Professor of the Liberal Arts of
Human Biology, The College and The Committee on
Social Thought, University of Chicago

M.D., University of Chicago, 1962
Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Harvard University, 1967

Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Fellow and Member of the Board of Directors, Institute of Society, Ethics,
and the Life Sciences

"Refinements in Criteria for the Determination of Death," Journal of the American Medical Association, 1972.

"Implications of Pre-Natal Diagnosis for the Human Right to Life," Ethical Issues in Human Genetics, 1973.

"Teleology and Darwin's The Origin of the Species: Beyond Chance and Necessity?" in Stuart F. Spicker, ed., Organism, Medicine and Metaphysics, 1978.

- William Barclay Allen
Associate Professor of Government, Harvey Mudd College/
Claremont Graduate School

Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School, 1972

Consulting Editor, Improving College and University Teaching
Program Administrator, Liberty Fund Bicentennial Project

"The Manners of Liberalism: A Question of Limits," Improving College and University Teaching, 1982.

"Uncle Tom & Father Calvin: Seminal Ideas in Uncle Tom's Cabin," Polit.

- Helen Marie Taylor
Political and civic activist with extensive experience with regional and national theater companies and with the Virginia Republican Committee and Republican National Committee.

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London

Chairman, Executive Committee, James Monroe Memorial Foundation

Member, Eagle Forum

Virginia State Co-Chairman, Moral Majority

- Mary Josephine Conrad Cresimore
Homemaker and civic leader active in the North Carolina Republican party

A.B. in Economics, Woman's College of North Carolina, 1957

President, Raleigh (NC) Chamber Music Guild

Member, Board of Directors, Wake County Phi Beta Kappa Association

- James Vincent Schall
Associate Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University
and ordained Roman Catholic priest

M.S.T. in Theology, University of Santa Clara, 1964

Ph.D. in Political Theory, Georgetown University, 1960

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Fellowship of Catholic Scholars

Member, American Catholic Committee

Redeeming the Time, Sheed, 1968.

Human Dignity and Human Numbers, Alba Books, 1971.

The Sixth Paul, Alba Books, 1977.

Two additional nominees will be submitted to the Senate in the near future.

The following page is a list of current Council members. Those with terms expiring in 1984 will no longer serve once the nominees are approved by a vote of the U.S. Senate.