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TO: Alliance Members
FROM: Lisa Phillips
Executive Director

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

• 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.

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.