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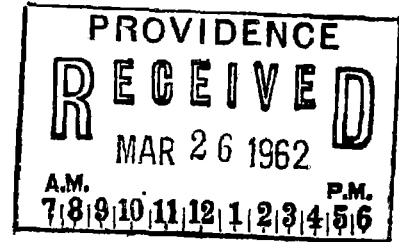
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
PROVIDENCE

JOHN A. NOTTE, JR.  
GOVERNOR

March 20, 1962



The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
New Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I was delighted to have your letter of March 5th, offering a plan whereby some outstanding art treasures can be brought most conveniently to the attention of our citizens. Speaking for the state government, I can assure you that the State House will be available for exhibition of these wonderful paintings. Perhaps you have already written a similar letter to Barney Reynolds; but if you would like me to, I would be happy to advance to him a request that the City Hall also be permitted to serve as a place of exhibition.

I will be able to supply the two-hundred-dollar rental fee from funds here, and can also cooperate in setting up sufficient protection for the paintings against fire and theft.

I could not possibly overstate my admiration for so fine a project as this, and I am grateful for the good taste and initiative which you have shown in helping to make the exhibition in Rhode Island possible.

Yours sincerely,

John A. Notte, Jr.  
Governor

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