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MEMORANDUM

AC
lets talk

July 10, 1981

TO: Senator ✓
FROM: ADC
RE: John Kerr

I had a long conversation with Livy this morning about John Kerr. He says that John is not legally entitled to the money that he is trying to recover out of a Senate appropriation.

Livy suggests writing Kerr and saying that you understand that the NEA is currently adjudicating Kerr's case in accordance with the latest information that the Endowment has received from Kerr and his lawyer, etc.

Livy is eager for you to know the sordid details of this case and is going to send you a confidential memo about Kerr and what he and the Endowment have gone through.

In short, Kerr has been reinstated at the Endowment. He is back on the payroll. He is now negotiating for disability retirement pay which will give him a non-taxable income for the rest of his life. This is being worked out. In other words, Kerr gets the best of all possible worlds. He wants the disability pay so that he can stay in retirement in RI. Apparently he never had any intention of returning to Washington. Livy said that if he ever does come back to the Endowment, he will be fired immediately.

Livy is especially hurt because Kerr has misrepresented all of the assistance that Livy offered him when he was told that he would not be kept. For example, Livy gave him 6 months notice that he would have to leave. Kerr accepted this eventuality at the time and enlisted Livy's help in getting another job. Livy wrote over 50 letters for him.

If you still would consider introducing a personal bill for Kerr's \$150,000, Livy must talk to you first.