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To: Senator

From: LB

Re: Javits amendment on State Humanities Program

Purpose: It would make possible funding of existing State Committees provided that they had a plan, in which the Governor of the State involved concurred, that there would be an appropriate appeals procedure to settle grievances of individuals who protested the program.

My feeling here is that if such a procedure was introduced in States continuing with existing Committees, such an administrative hassle would result and so many headaches with disgruntled potential clients, that the Committee would want to opt for the phase-in we have in mind.

Note the Javits proposal is simply another option -- it leaves intact the options we have prescribed.

Also -- If the Governor under the Javits plan wanted to, he could simply not concur with the plan of the State committee, thereby ending it. In sum -- I don't think the Javits plan detracts too much from your goal.

MORE IMPORTANT, I THINK, ARE THE FUNDING LEVELS.

"or;

(C) the existing State Humanities Committee submits, with the concurrence of the Governor of the State, assurances that there is an independent procedure within such State through which an individual can file, with the Governor or his designee, a legitimate grievance regarding the activities or plans of the State Humanities Committee, for review, and if deemed appropriate, by the Governor or his designee, a hearing to resolve such grievance. The plan shall also include the assurances set forth in (iii) through (vii) in clause (B) of this subsection; and".