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October 1, 1984

Ms. Nina Gibans
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Dear Ms. Gibans:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for bringing me up to date on the status of your research materials.

The advice you received from the staff at the Western Reserve Historical Society is without doubt very sound. The problem, however, is locating repositories that have collections of national reputations relating to the arts. The service organizations such as the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies are perhaps not appropriate because they do not maintain resource collections.

My best suggestion is to explore the universities that offer graduate level courses in arts management. The New York Public Library has also been a significant resource for scholars in arts issues.

One other thought would be to contact the new organization known as Friends of the Nancy Hanks Center to explore with them the possibility of inaugurating an archives in the arts under their jurisdiction. The Center, as you know, is the home to the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and occupies the Old Post Office Building on Pennsylvania Avenue. If there were sufficient support for such an archives from people such as yourself, the Congress might very likely give the endeavor a boost.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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