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February 5, 1976

Mr. Livingston Biddle  
Counsel to Special Subcommittee  
on Arts and Humanities  
Committee on Labor and Public  
Welfare  
Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Liv:

The GAO Auditors were in to show us their final draft on Tuesday. Regrettably, it was just their customary "courtesy clearance", since the report is intended specifically for the Committee and we do not therefore receive a copy. Which brings me to the point.

We are, of course, delighted with the report. I had not expected that any Federal agency--or a private corporation--could get such a clean bill of health from its auditors: certainly I've never seen one--and I guess I should be glad that they weren't around here longer! But it does seem to me that it would be an extremely interesting document for our Council and senior staff to look at; and the two or three procedural suggestions that it makes really ought to be brought to the attention of the Foundation's Grants Offices and our own State-Based people.

Since it seems to contain only minor technical observations, I assume you won't be publishing it (these things usually create more confusion than clarity among the uninitiated!). I wonder, therefore, if you could let us have a private copy just as soon as you have looked it over? If that could be before our Council meeting at the end of the month it would be helpful, but anytime would be better than none. Granted its nature as a restricted Committee document, we would of course hold it strictly within house.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Kingston".

Robert J. Kingston  
Deputy Chairman