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SENATOR PELL GREET NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Senator Claiborne Pell (D - R. I.) hailed today the first meeting
of the National Council on the Arts as a "major historic event in the
cultural life of the United States."

The Rhode Island Senator, Chairman of the Senate Special Sub-
committee on Arts and Humanities, spoke in greeting to the Council
after swearing-in ceremonies at the White House.

"For almost 90 years the concept of a Federal cultural establish-
ment had been before the Congress," Senator Pell said. "Now the
concept has been translated into Public Law. It is my great hope that
this Council may soon be given much more comprehensive scope and
programming through the establishment of a National Foundation on
the Arts and the Humanities, as proposed by President Johnson and
endorsed by many members of the Congress. Legislation to achieve
this goal, I am convinced, can have a most profound beneficial meaning
to the welfare and the aspirations of our country."