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MEMORANDUM

July 19, 1996

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To: Senator, Tom ✓  
From: PDW  
Re: Arts & Humanities Reauthorization

I would like to propose an alternative strategy to an amendment restoring \$10 million to the NEH in the Interior Appropriations bill. This would be something we could keep "in our hip pocket" in the case that offsets cannot be found. The amendment would be very simple language reauthorizing the NEA, NEH, and IMS for two years at current funding. Current levels would serve to bring NEH back up to \$110 million. The idea is to have a menu of options when the Appropriation bill come up on the floor. It is expected that Senator Helms will try to penalize the Arts Endowment for either or both a film entitled *The Watermelon Woman* and the Phoenix Art Museum Old Glory exhibit (which, by the way, the NEA did not support).

Please let me know if you think that a reauthorization amendment is something that you would like to pursue. Senators Bennett and Bumpers are still working on the other.

4/2/96