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MEMORANDUM

July 17, 1996

To: Senator, Tom
From: PDW
Re: Arts & Humanities Appropriations Update 2

The full Interior Appropriations Committee met yesterday afternoon and the bill passed. Unfortunately, the offsets could not be found to replace the \$10 million taken out of the NEH budget so no amendment was offered. Senators Bennett, Jeffords and Bumpers all spoke up forcefully against the cut and announced that they were still looking for the offsets and that there would be an amendment on the floor. As you know, Senator Cochran's mother died so he was not at the meeting. Senator Stevens was nowhere to be seen. He has been a disappointment as far as the arts and humanities are concerned.

Because 33 members signed the letter from you and Jeffords supporting a slight increase in FY'97 for both Endowments, I do not think that we will have trouble lining up 50 or so members to support the amendment. I will keep you posted on our progress. The amendment may be for \$15 million -- \$10 million for NEH and \$5 million for NEA.