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Sept 23, 1981  
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Re: Kerr vs National Endowment of the Arts

MSPB Docket BN07528010005

Dear Mr Enroll,

As of this date (Sept 23, 81) the National Endowment of the Arts has not reinstated me (as per your letter of June 2, '81 to my attorney Mr Stanger) or your letter of June 3, 81 to Senator Hatch — despite weekly entreaty from me. Please help.

N.E.A. has restored a few of my benefits and sent three or four checks, some without deduction forms, but that is all officially.

They keep unofficially and officially saying they will comply in part, but do not completely. They have refused or ignored pleas for official reports and reinstatement notice of the job with its job description the same or comparable to my own; (Though my lawyer got a letter saying a job description was enclosed, it was not); they have refused me interest on the money withheld which I explained to them had been awarded by Courts in similar cases; They have refused travel, storage and relocation expenses forced on me by their illegal acts; they have made inroads and whittled down without justifiable explanation the back-pay owed me and just have not paid it, though they say it is in the works (even since April 6<sup>th</sup> 7 months!); they have refused my request for just compensation and damages for the irreparable injury, harm and loss done to us a family by their illegal acts which were called to their attention by me as early as 1979, but stone-walled by them.

I think you must agree we have waited a reasonable time, and

\* By accepting back pay and reinstatement if it ever comes, may I still file in court for injury and

despite my weakly entreaties to them, all documented in writing as there were letters in addition to phone conversations initiated often by them calling me unobtrusively, they have used every conceivable device to delay.

I ask you also assist us in getting lawyer's fees as it has taken all the skill of my attorney to try to prevail in fact as he did on paper, and he still strives diligently as I do.

Frankly, I must question their good faith in this at the Endowment!

For my part, on your advice, as Senator Pell's to be "proud", as Senator Hatch's that he would make something which he did, and lately on President Reagan's White House, I have gone through channels and waited for action while periodically prodding with letters each week. Still I have no job to go to and no back-pay to enable me to reestablish myself in Washington.

I cannot even determine (as I do not have a job or job description) if I should apply for retirement immediately - until they act to provide me this. Even though they have suggested I look into this aspect. I ask assurances against reprisals by firing me again on return if I do not retire as we have had indications of this. Please assist me, as it is 6 to 7 months since the formal meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1981 and I am still not reinstated nor has the agency taken the necessary steps to "make whole" the successful appellant.

Sincerely,  
John Honeker

cc: National Subject of the Act  
Senators Pell and Hatch  
The White House