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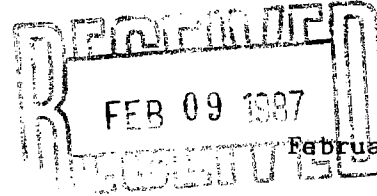
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Senator Claiborne Pell
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Dear Senator Pell:

At the time of the hearing on the appointment of Lois Shepard as Director of the Institute of Museum Services I was struck not only by your courtesy and consideration for her (which is not unusual for you, I know) but by your judgment that she might be a good candidate despite a lack of expertise in areas normally considered indispensable in dealing with the range of personalities and experience in the world of museums and their patrons.

Today, I finally got around to seeing Lois in her office, and I thought of you as she took me around and showed me some of her accomplishments -- most particularly -- the rescue from dusty basements of neglected and damaged works by WPA artists. Now repaired and reframed, these hang on the office walls thanks to her effort in raising private money for the work and her imagination in rescuing them. Her enthusiasm and energy is fully exercised and her education is a continuing one.

It occurred to me that one hears infrequently of the effects of one's insight and judgment and that one person, at least, appreciates your perceptiveness in supporting her appointment. Of more concrete importance of course is the affirmation represented by the appropriation voted the Institute recently.

Sincerely yours,

Edna G. Rostow

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