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My dear Claiborne,

I can see your thinking and it is certainly persuasive. I'll be glad to get this chapter behind us. One way or the other.

Our NEH Institute has gone well, with our thirty professors, and I also spoke for an NEH Seminar in NYC at Yeshiva University. Since I am still within a year of my Council membership, I cannot receive a fee, but there is the payment of satisfaction at seeing NEH programs work well and doing my share in them.

As I indicated, I think the NEA Council can do a better job, but let's let some time pass and see before I play out for you some concrete ideas. I'll chat with Sandy and go over things. I am the first person to serve on both Councils and I think I have something to suggest here and there. But there also are ways in which the NEA council does a better job.

Warm regards,

Jack