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November 28, 1979

Mr. Joseph T. Ventura
Executive Director
The National Italian American
Foundation
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Dear Mr. Ventura:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for bringing to my attention the grant request which has been submitted by NIAF to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Due to the time constraint mentioned in your letter, I have taken the liberty of writing directly to Chairman Duffey at the Endowment to express my support for the Italia Viva proposal. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

I very much appreciate hearing from you and wish you every success as you develop these regional conferences.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
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Honorable Joseph D. Duffey
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Humanities
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has recently come to my attention that the National Italian American Foundation has submitted a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The financial assistance being sought will allow the NIAF to hold a series of symposia to be called Italia Viva, which will focus on the role that Italians and Italian Americans have played in American society.

The goal of these symposia will be to provide a series of panel presentations and discussions in five to ten cities around the country which will explore the historic and cultural roots of contemporary Italian Americans, their development as a community within communities and their contributions to America.

One aspect of this project which is especially appealing to me is the fact that the local sponsoring groups will be given the freedom to develop the regional conferences based on themes that are particularly relevant to that community's own interests.

I am pleased to add my enthusiastic support to this grant request and sincerely hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell