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To; Senator

From: Lb

LB, TH  
Thank you -  
I'll do nothing  
more - just at it lie.  
May 20

(Thursday)

Yesterday afternoon, a call from PG suggested that I call Ernest Nathan re the pro-Berman George Will news article which was in the Wash. Post and reprinted in the Prov. Journal.

I couldn't get him yesterday evening -- but called him this morning. I had met him during the campaign, at the party he gave with Sen. Ribicoff...His wife is head of the RI Alliance for Arts Education. I've sought to help her program (and a major help for it can come from the Arts Ed. Title <sup>IV</sup> in the new Arts and Humanities bill.)

Nathan said he had had a long talk with you last night, May 19... and that he was fully ~~was~~ aware of your position vis a vis Berman and the State Humanities program, etc.

I had been led by PG to believe Nathan might be preparing a letter of rebuttal in your behalf to the George Will article.

7. However, every time I came back to asking him if he needed any further info. on the position you have taken, or more background, he changed the subject. He seemed to indicate that he might not be preparing a letter -- and that he was in disagreement with your views... But I could not be sure because of the evasive tactics... I don't know him that well, and I may be wrong.

I reported the above to TH, who suggested this memo.