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September 23, 1983

Mrs. Regina Serrao Emerson
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Dear Regina:

Thank you very much for your two recent letters and for informing me of the Foundation's current grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts. I especially appreciate having the full up-to-date financial statement regarding gifts to the Foundation.

I have taken the liberty of writing to Chairman Hodsoll at the Arts Endowment to express my strong support for this excellent grant request. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed for your information. I have also sent a copy to Bob Silva and will keep him informed as I learn more from the Endowment.

Let me also take this opportunity to express my very great personal gratitude to you for all you have done in launching and guiding the Foundation over these first - sometimes rocky - years of full operation. Your superior skills and determination have been the cement holding everything together and they have helped place the Foundation as one of the leading cultural organizations in Rhode Island. Though financial problems will always be with us, I believe we are firmly on the way to establishing a major national cultural institution.

I am sure your new duties with the Portuguese Mission at the United Nations will be exciting and rewarding. We will miss you in Rhode Island but wish you well in this new assignment. Please let me know whenever I can be of service to you in the future.

With warm personal regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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