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February 19, 1980

Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Magnuson:

Thank you very much for bringing to my attention the concern of the Washington Humanities Council about future funding for the American Council of Learned Societies, (ACLS).

It is regrettable that the Ford Foundation is finding it necessary to terminate its support for organizations such as ACLS. The National Endowment for the Humanities, however, rather than withdrawing its matching monies for these programs, intends to provide a substantial increase for them beginning in FY '81. An additional \$3.2 million is being requested for Research Programs in the Endowment's 1981 budget.

In light of this increase, I do not believe a Federal charter and endowment for ACLS need be pursued at this time. I am happy to see that the Endowment's commitment to basic humanities research both here and abroad continues to be a strong one.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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