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July 26, 1984

Honorable Susan E. Phillips  
Director  
Institute of Museum Services  
Room 510  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I want to express my appreciation to you for your courtesy in informing my office of the recent General Operating Support grants slightly in advance of the public announcement. This news meant a great deal to the successful museum applicants in my home state of Rhode Island. I want to commend you and your staff for the fine work done in completing this grant round with efficiency and promptness.

The situation regarding the Rhode Island Historical Society is one issue that continues to concern me. This very fine institution has been unsuccessful in the last three grant rounds while similar institutions with somewhat lesser impact in their communities have been awarded GOS grants. I would appreciate it very much if you would look into this situation and suggest ways to me that the Rhode Island Historical Society might improve its standing in next year's round.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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