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MEMORANDUM

July 30, 1996

To: Senator, Tom ✓
From: PDW
Re: NEH/NEA Appropriations

The \$10 million to replace that amount taken from the NEH has been identified (but not one hundred percent agreed on) by the friendly appropriators. The question is now whether or not the \$10 million should be evenly divided between the two agencies. Only Senator Bennett seems keen on the split, but he is the key to the entire process. Many of us think that the \$5 million to the NEA would be removed in conference; that it would be smarter and safer to go for the full \$10 million to NEH.

Needless to say, Sheldon and Ann are very eager to have "their money" restored. If you agree, would you please give Senator Bennett a call as soon as convenient to: 1) thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the agencies, and 2) to share your views about the \$10 million? I have been working closely with his arts staffer, Corine Larson, and she has alerted him to a possible call from you.