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Ralph J. Staffer, Jr.  
Ex. Director  
Looking Glass Theatre  
The Casino  
Roger Williams Park  
Providence, R. I.

September 21, 1978

Mrs. Paul W. Smith  
The Barnes Foundation, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1560  
Bristol, CT 06010

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I understand that Looking Glass Theatre of Providence, Rhode Island, has recently submitted a proposal for funding assistance to The Barnes Foundation.

I just want to add my own personal endorsement of this application. For over thirteen years Looking Glass Theatre has provided theatrical performances for elementary school children throughout New England. Their productions have reached more than one-half million children during this period.

The efforts of Looking Glass Theatre not only introduce young people to theatre but actually involve them in the theatrical experience. The concept that underlies their offering is an excellent combination of both the educational and the artistic benefits of live theatre. It is a concept that Looking Glass Theatre has carried forward with great enthusiasm and vigor.

I am very hopeful that you will look favorably upon the proposal from Looking Glass Theatre so that this organization can continue its important work.

Kind regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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