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Robert Wade. Esq. General Counsel National Endowment for the Arts

Dear Bob.

I enjoyed talking with you earlier this month and had hoped we had informally reached agreement and I'd have a call from Liv or letter confirming it some time back, and that my indication of what I considered minnimum fair treatment had been accepted informally (as I realize you felt the conversation must be as one among old friends trying to get together. Accordingly I waited 2 days (even) longer than the deadline you indicated I'd hear by before posting MSPB (as the Washington Office of MSPB advised me to do) Boston where we were. Again my Oct 14 letter plus our conversation and subsequent letters clearly indicates we have gone over things in detail, but I need something in writing as words seem to fade away under other pressures I can well understand may be getting priority at this busy time.

Beyond this, may I say that I had a letter from NEA's personnel Director on the 1977 illness compensation of \$8000 (over). Thru what I point out is a miscalculation, NEA indicates I must pay some \$10,000 to get the money. I have explained to the Director by phone I paid back that advanced leave and was assured I had by Personnel in the period '77 thru'79, so I eagerly await NEA's check, or DOL's. NEA must sign off so I can be paid. Personnel said to give them 24 to 48 hours. What has happened? Please notify me as soon as my medical benefits are restored and insurance I had to drop financially, as I have expensive health tests pending I can't now afford with medical treatment for my sons, too. Sincerely.

> John Hoare Kerr Director of Education in absentia