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June 18, 1973

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

A small conference to consider problems relating to the training of museum conservators was held at Winterthur on June 15-16, 1973. Those present included the heads of existing training centers and their academic administrative officers, and representatives of federal and private foundations. We were very pleased that Mr. Livingston Biddle could attend the first day of the meeting as your representative.

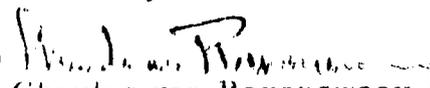
All of those present were aware of your past and present efforts to strengthen museums and their services, and of your interest in seeking practical solutions to the conservation of the national treasures which museums possess as custodians for the public. On June 16, the second day of our meeting, the following expression of appreciation for your fine work was drafted and unanimously approved. I take pleasure in forwarding it to you.

The participants of the Conference on Museum Conservation sponsored by the Winterthur Museum and the University of Delaware, June 15-16, 1973, unanimously and warmly endorsed the enlightened efforts of Senator Claiborne Pell to bring attention to the pressing needs in the field of conservation of cultural property. The rapid economic and industrial growth of modern civilization seriously threatens the deterioration of our cultural heritage. The Conference strongly backed Senator Pell's attempts to provide guidance and support to meet the urgent conservation needs of American museums.

Charles van Ravenswaay, Chairman

With personal regards and every good wish for your continued efforts.

Sincerely,


Charles van Ravenswaay
Director