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February 11, 1980

Honorable Livingston L. Biddle
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that Providence College has recently submitted a grant proposal to the Literature Program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The proposal, which is of particular interest to Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking citizens in Rhode Island, would provide financial support for a literary journal known as Inti. This publication, begun in 1974 by a Providence College professor, is the only journal printed in Spanish, English, and Portuguese which attempts to bring together the works of creative writers and literary scholars in the Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian cultural worlds.

I believe that with Endowment support coupled with increased assistance from Providence College, Inti can become a self-sustaining journal. The response to Inti from the international literary community has been tremendously positive but this momentum can be sustained and expanded only with additional financial commitments.

I, therefore, urge you to give this application your careful consideration, and I hope that, ultimately, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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March 11, 1980

Dr. Paul van K. Thomson
Vice President for Academic Administration
Providence College
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Dr. Thomson:

I recently received the enclosed letter from Chairman Biddle at the Arts Endowment.

I thought you would be interested in having his comments about the recent grant request from Providence College to the Endowment's Literature Program.

A final decision will be reached at the May meeting of the National Council on the Arts.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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