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No Solace for Suspicion

A few days ago we recorded the memorable phrase—"If you ever need a grant, call on Pell. If you ever need a subsidy, ring my bell. . . ."—crossed to the Association of American University Presses by Livingston L. Biddle Jr. Mr. Biddle is an aide to Senator Claiborne Pell, who has claimed the arts and humanities as a personal fiefdom since sponsoring the act establishing national endowments to support them financially. We expressed our hope that pressures to turn them into pork barrels would be stoutly resisted by Joseph Duffey, the Carter campaign aide named to head the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now we learn that the leading candidate to head The National Endowment for the Arts is none other than Livingston L. Biddle Jr.