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June 30, 1982

Honorable Lilla Tower
Director
Institute of Museum Services
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Lilla:

I thought you should have a copy of a letter which I recently sent to President Reagan in regard to the current vacancies on the National Museum Services Board. I hope you will do all you can to expedite the nominations process.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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June 23, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you in regard to the National Museum Services Board, the body which guides the policies of the Institute of Museum Services.

At full strength, this Board consists of fifteen members, all of whom are Presidential appointments. At the present time, however, there are only six individuals serving on this Board and three of these people have terms that expire in December of this year.

Since eight members constitute a quorum, I am concerned that the current Board may be unable to carry out its legislative mandate and exercise its important responsibilities in regard to the policies of the Institute. The Institute and its valuable museum support program can only suffer from this neglect.

I respectfully urge you to make the additional nominations to the Museum Services Board so that many important pending decisions, particularly in regard to the future of the Institute, can benefit from the guidance of a full 15 member Board.

With regard and respect I am,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell