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June 22, 1984

Mr. D. Richard Rodi
President
Pearson Travel
93 Dyer Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Rodi:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in support of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Senator Stafford and I have recommended to the Senate Budget Committee that the Arts Endowment be funded at \$178 million for fiscal year 1985. This figure represents a reasonable increase over the 1984 funding level of \$162 million. The House and Senate appropriations subcommittees have yet to make their own recommendations but I believe an increase of this nature is in the realm of possibility.

I appreciate the fact that you have written me on this important issue. As you know, the health and vitality of the National Endowment for the Arts is of very special concern to me and I will certainly do everything I can to obtain as high a budget as possible.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Bell

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