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Sincerely,

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FROM: Bob Lyke
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SUBJECT: Budget Requests and Appropriations for Selected Arts and Humanities Agencies, Fiscal Years 1981-85

At your request, we are providing information about budget requests and appropriations for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum Services (IMS) for fiscal years 1981 through 1985. We have also included information about rescissions proposed by the President. It might be noted that the budget authority in a given fiscal year for these agencies sometimes is different from the sums specifically appropriated for that year due to legislative provisions permitting funds to be spent in subsequent fiscal years.

Fiscal Year 1981

On January 28, 1980, President Carter announced a fiscal year 1981 budget request of $167,960,000 for the NEA, $164,325,000 for the NEH, and $12,900,000 for the IMS. He subsequently recommended reduced budgets for the NEA ($160,060,000) and the NEH ($152,241,000). In the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1981
(P.L. 96-514, December 12, 1980), Congress appropriated $158,560,000 for the NEA, $151,299,000 for the NEH, and $128,857,000 for the IMS. 1/

President Reagan recommended a rescission of $12,357,000 of the fiscal year 1981 IMS appropriation on March 17, 1981. Congress did not enact this.

In the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1981 (P.L. 97-12, June 5, 1981), Congress appropriated an additional $235,000 for the NEA, bringing its total for fiscal year 1981 to $158,795,000. On June 8, 1981, President Reagan proposed rescissions of $6,650,000 for the NEA and $7,417,000 for the NEH. Congress did not enact either of these.

Fiscal Year 1982

The initial fiscal year 1982 budget estimates, which were announced on January 15, 1981, were prepared under President Carter. Under his recommendations, the NEA would have a budget of $175,000,000, the NEH a budget of $169,483,000, and the IMS a budget of $16,937,000. On March 10, 1981, President Reagan formally proposed new estimates: $88,000,000 for the NEA, $85,000,000 for the NEH, and $220,000 for the IMS (the latter funds would be used only to phase out the agency). On September 24, 1981, the President announced a further reduction in the estimates, reducing his request for the NEA to $77,440,000 and for the NEH to $74,800,000.

In the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1982 (P.L. 97-100, December 23, 1981), Congress appropriated

1/ From October 1, 1980 until December 12, 1980, appropriations for the three agencies were included in Continuing Appropriations, 1981 (P.L. 96-369, October 1, 1980).
$143,040,000 for the NEA, $130,560,000 for the NEH, and $11,520,000 for the IMS. 2/ On February 8, 1982, President Carter proposed that $10,877,000 of the IMS appropriation be rescinded. Congress did not approve this. In the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1982 (P.L. 97-257, September 10, 1982), Congress appropriated an additional $416,000 for the NEA, bringing its total for fiscal year 1982 to $143,456,000.

**Fiscal Year 1983**

President Reagan proposed the fiscal year 1983 budget on February 8, 1982. Among other things, he requested $100,875,000 for the NEA and $96,000,000 for the NEH. He did not request funds for the IMS. On December 30, 1982, Congress appropriated $143,875,000 for the NEA, $130,060,000 for the NEH, and $10,300,000 for the IMS in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1983 (P.L. 97-394). 3/ In Supplemental Appropriations, 1983 (P.L. 98-63, July 30, 1983), Congress appropriated an additional $137,000 for the NEH, bringing its total for fiscal year 1983 to $130,247,000.

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3/ Under provisions of P.L. 97-257 (September 10, 1982), $720,000 of the funds made available for the IMS in fiscal year 1982 by P.L. 97-100 were to remain available for obligation until September 30, 1983. From October 1, 1982 until December 30, 1982, appropriations for the three agencies were included in Continuing Appropriations, 1983 (P.L. 97-276, October 2, 1982) and Further Continuing Appropriations, Fiscal Year 1983 (P.L. 97-377, December 21, 1982).
Fiscal Year 1984

President Reagan proposed the fiscal year 1984 budget on January 31, 1983. Among other things, he requested $125,000,000 for the NEA, $112,200,000 for the NEH, and $11,520,000 for the IMS. In the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1984 (P.L. 98-146, November 4, 1983), Congress appropriated $162,000,000 for the NEA, $140,000,000 for the NEH, and $20,150,000 for the IMS. 4/

Fiscal Year 1985

President Reagan submitted his fiscal year 1985 budget request on February 1, 1984. Among other things, he requested $143,975,000 for the NEA, $125,475,000 for the NEH, and $11,612,000 for the IMS.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to telephone.

4/ From October 1, 1983 until November 4, 1983, appropriations for the three agencies were included in Continuing Appropriations, 1984 (P.L. 98-107, October 1, 1983) and Further Continuing Appropriations, 1984 (P.L. 98-151, October 31, 1984).