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File: Warren Kraetzer, General Manager WSBE-TV

September 14, 1978

Honorable Joseph D. Duffey  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that WSBE-TV, Channel 36, in Providence, Rhode Island, has submitted a grant application to the Endowment's Division of Public Programs for a Media Production Grant.

This public television station seeks funding to produce a script for a one hour documentary on Bishop George Berkeley's visit to Newport, Rhode Island, in 1729. The 250th anniversary of Bishop Berkeley's visit to America will be celebrated in 1979, and this television presentation should be an important event in marking the significance of this historic occasion.

I want to express my keen interest in this project partly because of the special appeal it will have to those of us in Rhode Island, but also because it may be the first full co-production between a foreign network (Irish Television) and an American public broadcasting station. Radio Telefis Eirann will be collaborating on both the script preparation and the subsequent television production.

I enthusiastically support this grant proposal and sincerely hope that the Humanities Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education,  
Arts, and Humanities

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