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October 28, 1980

Mr. John Hoare Kerr Derrydown, RFD #1 Newport, RI 02840

Dear John:

Many thanks for your two recent letters and for keeping me abreast of the developments regarding your petition the Merit System Protection Board.

It is my understanding that the Endowment has appealed the MSPB's recommendation and that a final decision on the appeal is still pending.

I have asked the staff of my Subcommitte on Education, Arts, and Humanities 66 keep me apprised of all developments in this matter and, in particular, to inform me of the Board's final ruling.

The Endowment's re-authorization legislacton will hopefully be compleated when the Congress returns in mid-November and the Subcommittee has no plans to hold further hearings until this legislation has been enacted and implemented by the Endowment.

with warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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