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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
HUMAN RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-8300

April 7, 1992

Mr. Joseph E. Ross
Director
Congressional Research Service
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20540

Dear Mr. Ross:

As Chairman of both the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, I am interested in taking an in-depth look at international cultural issues as an important public policy consideration in the changing role likely to be played by the United States in the post-Cold War era.

Because the United States lacks a coherent cultural policy at the national level, data on our cultural programs and activities are not immediately available. I propose, therefore, that the Congressional Research Service do an inventory and assessment of international cultural activities that are supported currently in-whole or in-part by federal funds. Such a study would provide the tool by which Congress could begin to evaluate the impact and strategic importance of American cultural activities as the basis for formulating a sensible policy to help the United States participate fully in a new global economy and world political order.

I would like CRS to oversee this undertaking and provide me with a report that could be used as a basis for our tentative legislative agenda in the 103rd Congress. Because Ruth Ann Stewart and Susan Boren have been of enormous help in this area in the past, I would appreciate it if they could be the contacts for this study.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call my staff contact, Alexander Crary, at extension 4-7666.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

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Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts & Humanities

cc: James Billington