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Mr. Raymond A. Bliss
279 Woodland Road
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895

Dear Mr. Bliss:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for telling me of your interest in pursuing a career as a gemologist.

The National Gallery of Art under the Directorship of Mr. J. Carter Brown, is concerned exclusively with collections of paintings and sculpture. The National Museum of Natural History under the Smithsonian Institution, however, does have an extensive collection of gems. My suggestion to you is to contact the head curator of this division with your specific questions about possible work at the Smithsonian and with other such collections in the United States.

The person to contact is Mr. John White, Associate Curator, Division of Mineralogy, Museum of Natural History, Mail Stop MBB 119, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to write to me and I hope that this information will be of help to you.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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