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# POPULAR CULTURE ASSOCIATION

September 6, 1979

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

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Dear Senator Pell:

Two professional associations have been kind enough to recommend me for appointment to the National Council for the Humanities. My reason for writing you is the impression that some of my views about the development of the National Endowment for the Humanities resemble your own. To help you judge if that's true I'm enclosing photocopies of a few bits of relevant data.

I'd be glad to talk with one of your staff members or give you additional information. On the other hand, it may not be worth your trouble and I'll certainly understand if you're not interested.

With best wishes.

Faithfully,

*Carl Bode*

For lagniappe I'm enclosing a couple of my occasional newspaper columns.

CARL BODE: Biographical Sketch (Who's Who in America)

Born Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 14, 1911. Ph.B., University of Chicago, 1933; M.A., Northwestern University, 1938, and Ph.D., 1941. Married Margaret Lutze 1938; (deceased); children: Barbara, Janet, Carolyn; married Charlotte Watkins Smith, 1972. Teacher, Milwaukee Vocational School, 1933-37; assistant professor of English, University of California, Los Angeles, 1946-47; professor of English, University of Maryland, 1947---, and executive secretary of its American Civilization program, 1950-57; cultural attache, American Embassy to Great Britain (on leave from the University of Maryland), 1957-59; chairman, U. S. Educational Commission (Fulbright) in United Kingdom, 1957-59, visiting professor (mainly summer sessions): California Institute of Technology, Claremont Colleges, Northwestern University, Stanford, University of Wisconsin. Fellow: Northwestern University, 1940-41; Ford Foundation, 1952-53; Newberry Library, summer, 1954; Guggenheim Foundation, 1954-55. Fellow (honorary), Royal Society of Literature, U.K.; elected 1958. Served in U.S. Army 1944-45.

Member: American Association of University Professors (council, 1965-68); American Studies Association (founder, first president, 1952); delegate to American Council of Learned Societies, 1963-73; College English Association (president, Middle Atlantic Section, 1951-52; director, 1955-57); Maryland Historical Society; Modern Language Association; Thoreau Society of America (director, 1955-57; president, 1960-61); English-Speaking Union (D.C. board of governors, 1965-68); Popular Culture Association (vice-president, 1972-76; president, 1978---); Marshall Scholarship Advisory Council, 1960-69; Maryland Arts Council, 1971--- (Chairman, 1972-76); Mencken Society (founder, first president, 1976---), Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Beta Kappa (honorary). Democrat. Episcopalian. Clubs: Cosmos (Washington, D. C.); Hamilton Street (Baltimore).

Author: The Sacred Seasons (poems), 1953; The American Lyceum, 1956, republished 1968; The Man Behind You (poems), 1959; The Anatomy of American Popular Culture, 1840-1861; published 1959--paperback version, Antebellum Culture, 1970; The Half-World of American Culture, 1965; paperback, 1967; Mencken, 1969; paperback; 1973; Highly Irregular (newspaper columns), 1974; Maryland: A Bicentennial History, 1978. Editor, Collected Poems of Henry Thoreau, 1943; enlarged edition, 1964; The Portable Thoreau, 1947; revised edition, 1964; American Life in the 1840's, 1967; The Selected Journals of Henry David Thoreau, 1967--hardcover version, The Best of Thoreau's Journals, 1971; Ralph Waldo Emerson: A Profile, 1969; paperback, 1969; Midcentury America: Life in the 1850's, 1972; The Young Mencken, 1973; The New Mencken Letters, 1977. Co-editor, American Heritage (anthology, 2 vols., 1955); American Literature (anthology, 3 vols., 1966); The Correspondence of Henry David Thoreau, 1958. Editor and contributor, The Young Rebel in American Literature, 1959; The Great Experiment in American Literature, 1961. Contributor, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Encyclopedia American. D. A. B. Newspaper columnist, Baltimore Evening Sun. Contributor (chiefly poetry and reviews) to British and American journals.

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