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Committee on Finance

Senate Chamber

April 15, 1976

Mr. Livingston Biddle
c/o Office of Senator Claiborne Pell
Room 325
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Liv:

In response to our telephone conversation today, I am enclosing a copy of my testimony before the platform committee of the Democratic National Committee in Newport on April 3, 1976 regarding the need to properly celebrate the era of American Independence Bicentennial.

I believe that Senator Pell's bill, S-3100, would serve a very useful purpose for the State of Rhode Island. I would be pleased personally to appear at any appropriate hearing either here in Rhode Island or in Washington. I would also be able to arrange supportive testimony from the Rhode Island Bicentennial Commission as well as the Bicentennial Council of the 13 Original States. I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Walter T. Peters, Jr., Chairman of the Council and Mr. Jesse W. Whitley, Executive Director of the Council. I am certain that one or other of these gentlemen will be in contact with you regarding the Senator's bill.

Thank you for all the information supplied. I look forward to supporting the Senator's legislation and certainly hope it will be enacted during the current session of Congress.

I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. McKenna
Senator - District 50

RJM:glr

Enc.