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October 4, 1985

The Honorable Lowell Weicker
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Weicker:

During the October 2 hearings on my nomination to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, you raised a number of questions about a letter which I sent on May 26, 1982 to the President, suggesting the abolition of the National Institute of Education.

When I sat before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for confirmation for the Peace Corps Deputy Directorship, many of the questions dealt with this same issue. I acknowledged at that time my error of judgment. I was asked whether I would attempt to abolish the Peace Corps, and I responded that under no circumstances would I recommend such an action. Furthermore, I am proud of whatever contributions I have made that have helped to further the goals and good work of the Peace Corps Volunteers during my three year tenure as Deputy Director.

Throughout my professional life, I have had only the highest regard for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Under no circumstances would I recommend abolishing NEH.

Sincerely,

Edward Curran

cc: Members of the Committee