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Mr. Albert T. Klyberg
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Dear Al:

Many thanks for your recent letter in regard to the reauthorization of the Smithsonian's National Museum Act.

The current bill before the Senate Rules Committee would authorize the President's requested figure of $782,000 for 1983 and "such sums as may be necessary for the two succeeding years."

Senator Mathias, however, may offer an amendment at the committee's upcoming mark-up to replace the "such sums" language with the specific dollar amount of $1 million for both 1984 and 1985. This amendment has a very good chance of being adopted and would have my strong support.

I appreciate that you have taken the time to write me on this issue. The Museum Act is an especially important program to me and I will always do what I can to make sure that it prospers.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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