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March 17, 1980

Honorable Joseph Duffey
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the United States Capitol Historical Society has recently submitted an application to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant request for \$150,000 has been submitted to the Media Program in the Division of Public Programs.

The Capitol Historical Society intends to research and write three pilot scripts for a series of six television films to be called "The Price of Union". In 1974, the Society enjoyed a tremendous success with the film "City Out of Wilderness" and I have every reason to believe that this series will be equally probing and enlightening.

Once the three pilot scripts are completed, funding assistance for all six films will be sought from Federal and private sources. Each film will deal with a critical period in American History and in particular with events that took place in Washington, DC, the symbolic center of the "Federal Republic".

I want to express my support for this important grant request and am hopeful that, after careful consideration, the Humanities Endowment will act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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