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July 22, 1980

Mr. Robert B. Hewett
Corporation Secretary
Board of Governors
East-West Center
1777 East-West Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96848

Dear Mr. Hewett:

I am delighted that John Hoare Kerr is a candidate for the Presidency of the East-West Center in Hawaii and only regret that my hurried trip through Hawaii and on to Samoa prevented my speaking with you directly to give him my personal recommendation. We have been colleagues for a number of years and I am certainly an admirer of the great number of things that he has accomplished in the education and the arts fields. I understand also that prior to coming to the Endowment in 1969, he served as a senior Foreign Service Officer in the Far East. It would seem to me that he has a unique combination of assets to offer you and I know that his association with the many diverse cultures in Asia and the Pacific would contribute well to the position he seeks.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can elaborate on this any further.

With best wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.
Chairman

bcc: John Hoare Kerr ✓

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