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November 17, 1978

Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator:

Here's my recommendation for  
John Hoare Kerr as we discussed;  
John has talked with John Winslow.

Best!

Livingston Biddle

Enclosure

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WASHINGTON  
D.C. 20506



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National Council on the Arts

November 17, 1978

John G. Winslow, President  
Preservation Society of  
Newport County  
118 Mill Street  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear John:

I am happy to learn that my friend and colleague, John Hoare Kerr, has talked with you about the opening at the Preservation Society of Newport County. John and I have been closely associated in the years of the Endowment's existence and I have been in a position to observe John's work carefully. It is thanks to John being our Director of Education these past nine years that we have achieved the advances we have in arts education.

What would John bring to your organization? First his mature enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication. Beyond this he has many contacts and good friends here in the cultural world. Second, his buoyant personality, ability to get along well with others and his good sense of humor, and third, I would note a characteristic which is important in our work here and which I suspect you may be looking for too. John is a good listener. While maintaining his own good judgment he lets others have their full say and seeks to find the best in the comments of those whose accomplishments he prizes and whose loyalty to a common goal he encourages. He has had some of America's most distinguished artists and educators work with him to develop excellence in arts programming and education. He is a strong administrator and executive.

After nine years of dedicated service as Director of Education under three Endowment Chairmen, we would miss John here at the Endowment but hope to call on him for advice and counsel in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Biddle, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.  
Chairman

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