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March 7, 1960

Honorable Joseph Duffey
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Providence Public Library has submitted an application to the Division of Public Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities. The library is seeking \$18,725 from the Public Library Program for a planning grant to develop a statewide program entitled "A Lively Experiment."

"A Lively Experiment" will be a cooperative effort of the Providence Public Library with other libraries and cultural and educational institutions within Rhode Island. Because of its small size, the State is an ideal workshop setting for this important project which will cover a broad variety of historical and cultural issues. The program will serve as a catalyst in sparking thought and discussion on how Rhode Island's unique history and ethnic diversity have influenced the life of its people.

It is a project with a tremendous amount of potential. I strongly support the library's request for a planning grant and hope that the Endowment will share my enthusiasm for what promises to be a rich and rewarding project.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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