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Dear Dr. Ellen:

I recently received the enclosed letter from Chairman Lynne Cheney at the Humanities Endowment in regard to your pending application. I thought you should have a copy of it for your own files.

It appears that everything is in order as the NEH review process gets underway. A final decision is expected at the May meeting of the National Council on the Humanities.

As Mr. Crary of my staff has told you, he will endeavor to learn the decision as early as possible and let you know before the official notification. This is not likely to happen, however, until late April or early May.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities
Dear Madame Chairman:

It has come to my attention that Dr. Maria Moreira Ellen of the Foreign Literature and Languages Department at Southeastern Massachusetts University has recently submitted an application to the NEH requesting funding for a summer seminar in 1991. The grant request has been made to the Division of Education Programs.

The proposed seminar, which will be on the topic of the "Internationalization of Portuguese Studies", will offer sessions on the history, culture and literature of the main countries of Portuguese expression. It will bring to the host university many recognized scholars who will share their extensive expertise with the participating high school teachers. Government and academic leaders from Portugal, Mozambique and Brasil will also participate as distinguished visiting lecturers.

In my opinion, Dr. Ellen has submitted a strong proposal for a summer seminar at Southeastern Massachusetts University which will provide not only an enriching educational experience but also an opportunity to foster better relations between the United States and all Portuguese speaking countries.

It is my hope that, after careful consideration, the National Endowment for the Humanities will act favorably on this grant request.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities