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November 17, 1978

Honorable Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing you to recommend John Hoare Kerr for the recently announced post of "Senior Official" to work with the U.S. Office of Education and the NEA in their united arts-education efforts. I am very hopeful John's talents and achievements could be used in this effort, and I know your own evaluation of his work has been outstanding. John certainly is capable of doing a fine job in higher education as well as primary and secondary education, and for years has been an advocate of greater cooperation and funding between USOE AND NEA on all levels. In addition, he has strong knowledge of the needs in training of artists and teachers in the arts area.

I do hope your Selection Committee can interview him very soon, as I understand his time as Director of Education at the Endowment is up at the end of this month and that he would be immediately available.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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