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November 17, 1978

Honorable S. Dillon Ripley  
Secretary  
The Smithsonian Institution  
1000 Jefferson Drive, SW  
Washington, DC 20560

Dear Mr. Ripley:

My fellow Rhode Islander, John Hoare Kerr, Director of Education at the National Endowment for the Arts, has applied to the Smithsonian for employment.

I believe he has applications on file for several positions, including those of Director for the Museum of History and Technology and for the Air and Space Museum. As you know, John has a good background in the museum and cultural world. I am sure your Selection Panel would enjoy meeting with him, and I know he appreciated your kind note several months back which indicated your pleasure that he was interested in once again joining the Smithsonian.

As John is soon to leave his post as Director of Education where he has served with distinction for almost a decade, I am hopeful his abilities may serve you well in some capacity at the Smithsonian, and I enclose a copy of his resume.

Best wishes.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

RJ:CF