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September 27, 1979

The Honorable
John E. Reinhardt
Director
International Communication Agency
Washington, D. C. 20547

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Many thanks for your recent letter and for detailing the full scope of the excellent initiative that ICA is about to undertake in the arts. I am delighted to know that a major effort is underway to bring the richness and variety of the arts in America to a wide audience abroad. The fact that this can be done within your current budget is very encouraging.

The participation of the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities in developing the "Arts America" programs has my fullest support. This is precisely the kind of interagency cooperation that I hoped would emerge from efforts of the recently revived Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities.

I appreciate hearing from you and hope that you will keep me informed as the "Arts America" program, with its tremendous potential for increasing international understanding, is implemented.

With every good wish.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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