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April 15, 1981

Mr. John B. Lyons, Acting Director
Institute of Museum Services
Room 4008
330 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Lyons:

It has come to my attention that the Slater Mill Historic Site in Pawtucket, Rhode Island has recently submitted an application to the Institute of Museum Services for assistance under the 1981 grants program.

Past I.M.S. grants have been used to particular advantage at the Slater Mill to improve programs and to increase visitation. New staff have been hired with this special grant support bringing with them new skills in research and public relations. I.M.S. support will be especially important during the coming year until costs can be covered by visitation revenues. The general operating support grant is critical to keep the Slater Mill on a firm financial basis during this expansion period.

I want to express my sincere support for this grant request to you and hope that, after careful consideration, the Institute will act favorably on it.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell