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November 17, 1978

Honorable John E. Reinhardt
Director
International Communications Agency
1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20547

Dear Mr. Reinhardt:

I understand my fellow Rhode Islander, John Hoare Keer, has been talking with your agency about his desire to serve again as a cultural officer abroad, but that at the moment there are no openings on the senior level. I know John has excellent qualifications for such a post and hope that a suitable opening may occur. He has great rapport with and knowledge of other cultures, and I know his experience could be very useful to this Administration.

In the meantime, John tells me the Endowment and ICA see merit in placing him on loan to ICA and that this possibility is being pursued now. He has done much in the area of education and culture, and any assistance you can provide in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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