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April 28, 1980

Mrs. Lee Kimche
Director
Institute of Museum Services
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mee:

It has come to my attention that the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society has submitted a grant application to the Institute of Museum Services' 1980 grants program. The Society has requested \$16,854 for general operating support.

Over the last few years, the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society has developed an exciting and unique exhibitions program that is bringing the history of Blacks in Rhode Island to an ever-increasing public. The funds sought from the Institute will permit the Society to hire a full-time collections manager who will research and catalog the documents, photographs and artifacts that form the Society's museum collection.

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

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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