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July 11, 1978

Mr. Bayard Ewing
Tillinghast, Collins & Graham
2000 Hospital Trust Tower
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Bayard:

I understand that the directorship of the RISD Museum will be vacant with the upcoming departure of Dr. Stephen Ostrow.

In this regard, I would like to put forward the name of Earl A. Powell III (Rusty) as an excellent possibility for this position.

Rusty is currently Aide to the Assistant Director of the National Gallery of Art. He has had various major responsibilities at the Gallery including the coordination of international exhibitions such as the recently opened "Splendors of Dresden" show. The tact and skill with which he handled the events surrounding the opening of this superb exhibition were especially impressive to me.

Rusty was born in Providence and after earning a Ph.D. in fine arts from Harvard; he worked for a time at the University of Texas. He loves Rhode Island, continues to maintain a house in Newport, and would, I believe, be interested in becoming a candidate for the position of director of the Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design.

If this thought has merit to you and your search committee, I would hope you might care to get in direct touch with Rusty.

All best wishes.

Ever sincerely,

BCC: Rusty Powell

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Enclosure

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