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**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

December 4, 1978

Senator Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for commending to me John Kerr. I have heard fine things about his work at NEA.

Ramon Ruiz, Professor of History at the University of California has recently accepted my invitation to become Director of the Division of Public Programs. I had intended to announce this appointment at a later date, but mention it now because it precludes Mr. Kerr's being considered for the position. Had I known of his interest earlier, I would have been happy to talk with him.

If I am able, in the near future, to fill a similar position, I will give Mr. Kerr every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Duffey".

Joseph Duffey  
Chairman