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Expansion Arts Committee
National Endowment for The Arts
2401 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Chairman,

Please be advised that the R.I. Department of Elderly Affairs has reviewed the proposal submitted to your organization by the Family of Man Foundation of R.I. As you are aware, the proposal would provide funding for the development of an original theatre piece to serve as a companion piece to the National Council on Aging Humanities Program.

R.I. Senior Centers, over the past few years, have demonstrated a growing commitment to the humanities. Many have participated directly in National Council on Aging programs with great success. We, at the Department of Elderly Affairs, feel that the theatre piece would provide an excellent extension of the existing humanities programs in R.I. as well as a most effective introduction to humanities for persons of all ages.

We have long been acquainted with the fine work done by Brad Smoker, the project director for this proposal. Brad has worked with a number of senior groups in R.I. and has been instrumental in the growth of these groups in the field of performing arts.
We, at the Department of Elderly Affairs are most enthusiastic about the Family of Man Foundation's proposal to The Expansion Arts Committee. We are confident that the results of this project will be of value to seniors not only in R.I. but throughout the country. We urge your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Anna M. Tucker
Director

cc: Brad Smoker
    Anthony T. Zompa