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January 25, 1984

Ms. Susan Danly Walther
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Dear Ms. Walther:

Thank you for your recent letter and for informing me of your current project to do a book on the railroad in American art.

I believe you are on the right track in contacting the railroads themselves for the additional outside funding that you are seeking. The companies and their philanthropic foundations would seem to be the best place to start.

If the timing is appropriate, I would be very happy to indicate my support for the MIT application to the National Endowment for the Humanities. If you believe this would be of assistance, please send me the details of the application.

I also want to thank you for your kindness in sending the fascinating catalog on "The Railroad in the American Landscape". It is a superb piece of scholarship on a topic of very special interest to me.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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