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

Dear Mrs. Kinche:

It has come to my attentiumnthat the Museum of Fine Arts in Hunston has made a grant application to the Institute of Museum Services. Their request is for \$25,000, the maximum amount available this year.

I wish to express my strong support for this application which comes from one of the finest art museums in the Southwest. Like all similar institutions, the need for assistance in meeting operational expenses has become critical.

I sincerely hope that the request from the Houston Museum of Fine Arts will be acted favorably on by the Institute. With With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell Chairman Subsemmittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities

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