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Honorable Joseph D. Duffey
Chairman
National Endowment for
the Humanities
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Afro-American Studies Program at Brown University has recently submitted an application to the Division of Special Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The funds requested will assist the Program in developing a project known as FINDING A PEOPLE'S IDEOLOGY, an interdisciplinary study of contemporary Black working-class ideology through the perspectives of race and social class. Research in the disciplines of linguistics, psychology, literature and political science will be incorporated into original dramatic plays which will subsequently be performed for the public.

This research-to-performance method which was developed by Brown's Afro-American Studies Program has proved to be tremendously successful since it was first used in 1973. I heartily endorse this latest project and hope that the Endowment will share my enthusiasm for it by approving this grant request.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell