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Mr. Roger B. Wilson
81 Irving Avenue
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your recent letter in regard to the Felix Mendelssohn organ recording project.

As you are aware, the Arts Endowment itself establishes the guidelines for its various program categories and, as the Endowment is a Federal agency, it seems reasonable to me that the Music Recording category should concentrate on the music of American composers. I trust that the Endowment has not led you to believe otherwise.

My suggestion to you in connection with your Mendelssohn project is to contact both Mr. Anderson and Miss Hellman to get their ideas on alternate private sources of financial assistance. I would assume that they are both intimately familiar with this area. Mr. Anderson's telephone number at the Endowment is (202)-634-6008 and Miss Hellman's is (202)-634-6390.

I hope you will be able to successfully complete the Mendelssohn recordings.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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