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July 29, 1980

Honorable Livingston L. Biddle
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Office of the Central Park Administrator in New York City has recently applied to the Design Arts Program at the National Endowment for the Arts. A request for \$30,000 has been made to assist in the architectural design of two adjacent areas in Central Park known as the Mall and the Rumsey Playground.

Upon completion of the study and design phase, construction work, funded by the City of New York, will begin. The goal of the project is to restore the Mall to its original state and transfer much of its heavy use by the public to the nearby Rumsey Playground.

The project combines an important historic preservation component with the practical alteration of a park area for better community use. I want to express my support for this grant request and hope that, after careful consideration, the Arts Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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