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Miss Tammy Grimes
The Watergate Hotel
2650 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Tammy:

It was good talking with you the other day. I am sending you now, some information on how public television is handled by the Senate.

The Senate Commerce Committee is responsible for overseeing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting through the work of its Subcommittee on Communications. This Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, authorizes CPB's budget and programs. The staff member handling this area is Ms. Mary Jo Manning. The Subcommittee address is Room 5202, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. Senator Howard Cannon of Nevada is currently chairman of the Commerce Committee.

The Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee is then charged with appropriating the funds for the Corporation's programs. Senator Warren Magnuson is chairman of this Subcommittee and can be reached at Room 127, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. His staff person dealing with public television is Mr. Sam Hunt. On the attached sheet I have listed all the members of each committee that has any responsibility in regard to public television. It might help to keep in mind that most of the substantive work is done at the Subcommittee level.

I hope this information will be of some help to you. Please let me know if there is anything else that I can do for you.

With warmest regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

[Handwritten note: Much enjoyed our luncheon and hope to see you very soon.]