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November 17, 1980

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 Public Library in Providence, Rhode Island has submitted an implementation proposal to the Division of Public Programs. This is a follow-up application to a planning grant that the Library received in the Spring of 1980.

The project, known as "A Lively Experiment", is designed to promote and support public programs and exhibits throughout the state, based on the themes of Rhode Island's history and ethnic diversity. One of the most intriguing aspects of the project is that these programs and exhibits will be cooperatively developed by public libraries statewide.

The project's target audience is out-of-school adults in Rhode Island, and an objective of each program will be to provide participants with hands-on experience in using the humanities collections and resources throughout the state.

I am certain that the Endowment will share my enthusiasm for this exciting project which uses the state library network to provide free and innovative learning opportunities to their adult constituents.

I am strongly supportive of this grant request and hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell