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February 27, 1978

Hon. Claiborne Pell
325 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Claiborne:

Although your staff is well aware of the proposal, I thought it worth writing directly to see if there is some procedural possibility of acting on a most praiseworthy piece of legislation this session: namely, the bill to establish a National Building Arts Education Foundation. The reason for the urgency is that the Pension Building, a Washington, D.C. landmark, will be empty and available in June, 1978, and would make an ideal home for the Foundation's contemplated National Museum of the Building Arts. My information, from Herbert Franklin, Esq., whom I knew many years ago, is that there is no competing proposal for the building, but time is of the essence. Knowing of your consistent and even valiant sponsorship of worthy educational innovations, I thought you would wish to have this idea drawn to your attention (although my guess is that your shoulder is already at the appropriate wheel !).

At our Macro-Engineering Symposium, which I am happy to say went extremely well, Professor Peter Laad of Illinois Institute of Technology described the housing project he managed in Peru as a United Nations demonstration of how to construct ultra low-cost housing on a self-help basis and with maximum aesthetic and social benefits. I hope Peter can help the Museum when it is started !

All the best,

Cordially,

Frank P. Davidson