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March 2, 1979

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 Semitic Museum of Harvard University has applied to the Division of Education Programs at the Humanities Endowment for funds to extend a teacher-training program known as "WHENCE" (Worldwide Historical Enquiries: News of Current Explorations).

In 1977, the Semitic Museum received a NEH grant to launch a "WHENCE" Pilot Project which was a highly successful one. The Project staff has now developed a specific 3-year program to extend the teacher-training institutes along with a curriculum of case studies on Near Eastern explorations actually in progress.

I want to express my sincere interest in this unique program and its exciting method of bringing important aspects of our ancient history into the classroom. It is a pleasure to add my support to this grant proposal, and I hope that the Humanities Endowment will ultimately act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell