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HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR.  
CHAIRMAN

# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES

TO: Senator  
FROM: ADC  
SUBJECT: Semitic Museum Application  
to NEH

At John Slocum's request you have written a letter to the NEH supporting a grant application from Harvard's Semitic Museum. A copy of this support letter was sent to John Slocum last week.

You also wrote Carney Gavin at the Semitic Museum and sent along a copy of the NEH support letter.

This Feb 27 letter from Gavin does not need an answer. NEH has told me privately that the Museum's request has been turned down. They wanted \$444,000 to develop a teacher training program to bring information about Near Eastern archeological excavations to American classrooms. Harvard itself is not supporting this proposal.

Gavin's main concern now seems to be keeping you informed about the Semitic Museum's programs - with an eye towards future support.