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418 Federal Building
Providence, Rhode Island
November 29, 1965

Mrs. C.D. Wells
410 Lake Shore Drive
Warwick, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Wells:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of November 19, regarding the possibility of a Repertory Theater coming to Providence.

As you are no doubt aware, the plans for this federal project are still tentative and there is no assurance that Providence will in fact be one of the cities chosen. However, I must say that I certainly hope it is.

I feel that this endeavor will be a help to the Trinity Square Playhouse rather than a hindrance. There is always the possibility that members of that company will be used in the national company and thus gain tremendously valuable experience. Even if it does not work out that way, I think that the climate for the appreciation of good theater will be enhanced which in turn will mean that the potential audiences for the Trinity Players will be increased.

At any rate I am pleased to know of your interest and I assure you that my primary concern will continue to be the enrichment of Rhode Island's cultural life.

Sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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