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September 3, 1985

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
The United States Senate
335 SROB
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Claiborne:

Three weeks ago Bill Ward, my successor as President of the American Council of Learned Societies, died; at the request of the Board of Directors I have returned to run the shop until a new president is selected. Now I find that one matter of great concern here is the hearing on October 2 for Edward A. Curran, whom the Administration has proposed as next Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

My purpose in writing to you, a senior member of the Senate Committee which will hold the hearing, is to say that many of my colleagues and I do not believe that Mr. Curran's experience and accomplishments are such as to fit him for that position. I therefore ask that you pay particular attention to this matter when the hearing takes place. In view of the considerable number of years that you and I have spent worrying together about NEH, I hope that my writing you in this fashion is not inappropriate.

Best wishes,

Bob

R. M. Lumiansky
President pro tempore

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