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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to nominate Mr. Robert Lee Chartrand for membership on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Sciences.

Mr. Chartrand served for many years as the Senior Specialist in Information Policy and Technology for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, in which capacity he became nationally known as an authority on the implications of the electronic age for libraries and information processing.

He has served as a special consultant to the Executive Office of the President for the Ford, Carter and Reagan Administrations, and earlier in his career served in the intelligence community as well as in the information industry.

Mr. Chartrand served, as a Presidential appointee, on the Advisory Committee for the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and also served as senior advisor to the Executive Director of the 1991 White House Conference.

He is the author or editor of a number of books and Congressional studies, including Critical Issues in the Information Age and The Congress and Information Technology. In recognition of his achievements, he has been awarded a number of citations and fellowships. He also has held a number of academic appointments and consultancies.

Mr. Chartrand is clearly qualified to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and I am happy to suggest his appointment.

Sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President recommending Mr. Robert Chartrand for appointment to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

It is apparent from your comments that you have a great deal of respect for Mr. Chartrand, and we sincerely appreciate receiving your personal endorsement on his behalf. I have shared your letter with the Office of Presidential Personnel for their most careful consideration.

Thank you again for your interest in writing.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Frederick D. McClure
Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
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