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The Honorable Robert T. Stafford
133 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stafford:

On behalf of the forty-five constituent organizations which form the American Council of Learned Societies, I want to express deep appreciation for your sharing our view that Edward Curran's experience and accomplishments were not suitable for the Chairmanship of the National Endowment for the Humanities. As you know, the ACLS' Report of the Commission on the Humanities (1964) sparked the creation of NEH in 1965, and we consequently have great concern about the well-being of that agency and the scholarly qualifications of its Chairman.

In that connection, I want to let you know that we would find Professor Robert Hollander of Princeton University thoroughly qualified for this position. Also, I understand that the White House is seriously considering nominating him.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Lumiansky
President

cc: The Honorable Claiborne Pell

Dear Claiborne:

I hope that you agree about Bob Hollander. Many thanks for all you have done.

Yours,

Bob