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November 24, 1978
Ref: Application H-33671

Dr. David Kranzler
729 Avenue North
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Dear Dr. Kranzler:

I am sorry to inform you that your application for support from the National Endowment for the Humanities has not been approved.

Since the Endowment's funds are limited, and the national competition for those funds is intense, often we find ourselves having to choose not between good and bad proposals but between applications all of which have merit.

To help insure that judgments are informed and objective, the Endowment requires that every application be carefully reviewed by a panel of outstanding persons in the humanities and other appropriate fields. The National Council on the Humanities, an advisory group of distinguished private citizens appointed by the President must also, by law, review and make recommendations on each application. I recognize that this cannot allay your disappointment or my regret, but at least I can assure you that your application received full, careful attention.

We appreciate the opportunity to learn something of your work, and we are grateful for the interest that led you to apply for support. We hope that other means of carrying out your project will be available.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Joseph D. Duffey
Chairman

cc: Rabbi Boruch Borchardt