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November 29, 1978

Dear Claiborne:

It goes without saying that any friend of yours is a friend of mine, and I know that if you think well of John Hoare Kerr I would too. My understanding is that Liv Biddle and Ernie Boyer are in the process of interviewing possible candidates for the combined arts education post. Frankly, I just do not feel it would be appropriate for me to mix in that process.

Regarding a position on the Federal Council, that staff is tiny, in place, and at this juncture does not seem likely to grow. I am however, going to send a copy of our correspondence to Peter Kyros.

Fritz and I were disappointed that we could not be on hand for your birthday bash. We keep hearing what a really grand evening we missed. Best wishes for lots more good and happy birthdays.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
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