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January 31, 1995

Board of Directors
Newport Preservation Society

Newport, RI

Dear Directors:

DESIGN—of products, services, communications, and environments—is a strategic national resource whose full potential has yet to be realized. While there is a breadth of talent and energy being devoted to enhancing American design excellence, the efforts are diffused. To address this situation, the National Endowment for the Arts is organizing a national forum on design.

To carry out this project, we have assembled a planning committee of 25 prominent leaders from the public and private sectors. The first meeting of the committee will be March 3-4 in Providence and Newport. On Friday, March 3rd, the committee will meet at the Rhode Island School of Design. I am writing to ask if the meeting in Newport on Saturday morning, March 4th, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., could be held in one of your historic properties. Meeting in a building that represents American architectural excellence would help reinforce and inspire the committee members as they develop their ideas and plans for this important national event. Following the morning meeting, the committee members have been invited to lunch at the home of Senator Claiborne Pell.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and hope that you will be able to respond positively. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202/682-5652 or Daniel Ritter of Senator Pell's staff at 202/224-7666.

Sincerely,

Sandy Cray
Chief of Staff to the Chairman