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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

September 1, 1982

The Honorable Claiborne Pell United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

This is in reply to your recent letter on my decision to abolish the position which coordinates the international aspects of NEH's responsibilities. Although this specific position will no longer exist, I fully agree with you that NEH must continue to be active in maintaining contact with the cultural organizations of other countries and in giving thought to how we may best maintain and expand such contacts. These responsibilities will continue to be exercised by my staff, and I will give attention to this area. Your long service on the Committee on Foreign Relations, and your expertise on the Endowment, make your views on these matters particularly worth hearing, and I appreciate your taking the time to give them to me.

Sincerely,

William J. Bennett

Chairman