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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

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

Dear Clai:

Thank you for your recommendation of John Hoare Kerr to the "Senior Official" position recently proposed by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Office of Education (OE) in a Memorandum of Understanding between Livingston L. Biddle and Ernest L. Boyer.

Both agencies historically have worked together in supporting the Arts and Education and are cooperating in this venture under the aegis of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

Further details and recruitment for the position will be developed through the Federal Council where both agencies collectively will address national needs in the areas of arts education, artist training, and career development. Therefore, I am forwarding your letter of nomination and Mr. Kerr's resume to Mrs. Joan Mondale, Honorary Chairperson of the Federal Council.

Your immediate assistance in the selection of a highly qualified candidate to fill this post and your continuing interest in the relationship of Arts and Education is deeply appreciated.

Sincerel Joseph A. Califano, Jr.