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MEMORANDUM

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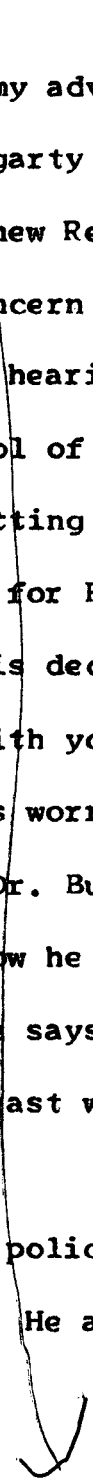
*1 spoke to Bud Brown
over.*

TO: SENATOR FELL

FROM: ISABELLE

Ted Holmberg called me this morning to "ask my advice." Bush-Brown had told him that he (BB) and John Fogarty alone were going to make the decision about where the new Repertory Theater would be housed in Providence. Ted's concern was that the Albee Theater would not be given a fair hearing since the 2nd possibility for a home is the School of Design Auditorium. I told him that I thought he was putting the cart before the horse; that the first problem is for Providence to get the theater. Secondly, I doubted that this decision on facility would be made without consultation with you. Then I called Liv to discuss it. He agreed that Ted's worry is premature. However, he suggested that you call Dr. Bush Brown and ask how the meeting in Tarrytown went, and how he thought the whole project could best be developed. If he says he is going to push hard for his auditorium, then at least we know where we stand.

I called Ted back and told him that the best policy right now was lack of publicity for the whole project. He agreed. I promised to keep him posted.



Apparently, the reporter
covering Tarrytown meetings
incensed Bush because ~~the~~
the reporter criticized meetings for
being "secret" when they
were supposed to be closed
anyway. Rep. O'Ryan said
there was much sparring
when there was very little.

Anyway, all is well and,
from my conversation, I'm
sure all theaters will be
given equal access.

Let Ted know I
phoned Bush