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June 14, 1985

TO : Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
Attention: Sandy Crary

FROM : Bob Lyke
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SUBJECT : Comparison of the Fiscal Year 1981 Appropriations, Adjusted
for Inflation, the Fiscal Year 1986 Budget Request, and the
Fiscal Year 1986 Authorization Levels in S. 1264 for the
National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities

At your request, we have prepared a table comparing the fiscal year 1981 appropriations, adjusted for inflation, the fiscal year 1986 budget request, and the fiscal year authorization levels in S. 1264 for the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities. There are three Federal agencies within the Foundation, each of which receives a separate appropriation: the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum Services (IMS). (In fiscal year 1981, IMS was part of the Department of Education, not the Foundation, but it still had a separate appropriation.) There is no separate appropriation for the fourth entity within the Foundation, the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

In making the comparisons, we used the total amounts appropriated, including a supplemental appropriation, for these agencies in fiscal year 1981. 1/

1/ Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, Fiscal Year 1981 (P.L. 96-514, December 12, 1980) and the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1981 (P.L. 97-12, June 5, 1981).

We adjusted the appropriations for inflation by expressing them in constant fiscal year 1986 dollars. ^{2/} The resulting figures are then compared to the fiscal year 1986 budget request that President Reagan made on February 4, 1985, as well as to the fiscal year 1986 authorization levels in S. 1264, the "National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1985."

If you would like additional information about these data, please feel free to telephone.

^{2/} When actual fiscal year 1981 appropriations are expressed in constant fiscal year 1986 dollars, they can be compared directly to budget levels that are being recommended for fiscal year 1986. In theory, this constant fiscal year 1986 dollar level for the Foundation shows what the actual fiscal year 1986 appropriation for it would have to be if an amount were provided that in real economic terms were the same as the amount provided in fiscal year 1981, that is, if the appropriation were changed only to compensate for the effect of inflation on prices. However, since price indices specific to the arts and humanities are not available, the constant dollar calculations were made using a general index, the implicit price deflator for the gross national product. For arts and humanities, this index may not precisely measure the inflation that has occurred since 1981; actual inflation may have been higher or lower. Data for the gross national product implicit price deflator, including the estimate for fiscal year 1986, were obtained from the Office of Management and Budget in February, 1985 (the fiscal year 1986 estimate was based upon certain economic assumptions that might or might not be borne out). For the table, the fiscal year 1981 appropriations for the NEA, NEH, and IMS were multiplied by the ratio of the estimated price deflator for fiscal year 1986 to the price deflator for fiscal year 1981, or by 244.23/195.35 (with the price deflator for fiscal year 1972, the base year, equal to 100). For example, the NEA's appropriation of \$158,795,000 was multiplied by this ratio, resulting in the produce of \$198,528,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand dollar).

National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities

Comparison of Fiscal year 1981 Appropriations (adjusted for inflation), the Fiscal Year 1986 Budget Request, and the Authorization Levels in S. 1264

	Actual FY 1981 appropriation	FY 1981 appropriation in constant FY 1986 dollars <u>a/</u>	FY 1986 budget request	S. 1264 authorization levels
National Endowment for the Arts	\$158,795,000	\$198,528,000	\$144,450,000	\$163,660,000
National Endowment for the Humanities	151,299,000	189,157,000	126,000,000	139,478,000
Institute of Museum Services	12,857,000 <u>b/</u>	16,074,000	292,000 <u>c/</u>	21,600,000

a/ See footnote 2 for how the figures in this column were calculated.

b/ Part of the Department of Education in Fiscal Year 1981.

c/ Under the President's budget proposal, IMS would only be given administrative funds for fiscal year 1986; it would be terminated effective October 1, 1986.