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1100 Sixth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024
April 4, 1979

Hon. Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Your most welcome letter arrived this morning concerning my attempts to "gain axis" into the Endowment for the Arts. It gave me the impetus I needed to try once again to create a path for the American Indian people.

The meeting with Gordon Braithwaite, Minority Affairs Coordinator, couldn't have been better. To wit: next Monday there will be a meeting where we will go over the paperwork, meet with the Congressional Liaison and speak with the people from the four areas I have been trying for so long to work with; Expansion Arts, Special Projects, Dance and Folks Arts.

From there, Mr. Braithwaite wants us to plan a brief program for this summer (with funding to come from those four branches), to work on a Chairman's Planning Grant so that we will be able to submit viable proposals for funding for next year.

The people on whose behalf I have been struggling were delighted when I told them the outcome of this afternoon's meeting. You certainly did aid me, once again, in an effort for others. My thanks and those of those minority people are yours, along with our respect and gratitude.

Respectfully,



Barbara Wheeler Gilbert

P.S. Mr. Braithwaite was not at his office last week when you were over there. He asked me to take him to meet you some time, as he too, is an admirer of yours!