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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

March 25, 1980

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

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your March 10 letter supporting the New England Aquarium Challenge Grant proposal.

As you may know, final action on this year's round of Challenge Grant applications will be made following the August meeting of the National Council on the Humanities, our chief advisory body. The Council will make its final recommendations after reviewing the evaluation comments of peer panelists and other outside experts who will have reviewed the proposals during the preceding months.

As soon as possible after the meeting of the Council we shall be sending you a listing of all awards made in Rhode Island, to facilitate any follow-up communication you might desire with your constituents.

Thank you for your continued support for and interest in the work of the Endowment. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Duffey

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Chairman

cc: Challenge Grants Program