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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE Rhode Island Historical Records Survey State House, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 95 Davis Street

May 20, 1980

Mr. Sandy Creary Sen. Pell's Education Subcommittee Room 4228 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sandy:

Our application for funding by NHPRC will be up for consideration by the Commission at the June meeting. For your personal reference, I have enclosed a copy of the Addendum to our 1980-81 Grant Application.

Actually the Addendum is a complete revamping of the program as delineated in the 1980-81 Application and lays the foundation of a Records Management Program for Rhode Island. The original concept, the location and identification of historic and archival records is the final step in an all inclusive records program.

We are very excited about the records program and its possibilities. Rhode Island is long overdue for such a program. The best part is, that State officials recognize the need for such a program and are very receptive to it.

The State has committed itself for the Director's salary and office space. We are applying to NHPRC for the salary of the supportive staff, for funds for travel, supplies and the services of a consultant. In total we are requesting \$47,030 from NHPRC and the State has committed itself for \$49,228. We were very fortunate in getting as a consultant, Edward Johnson who was on the President's Reorganization Commission and headed the Archives and Records Management Task Force. With his assistance, we revamped our program and we hope to use Ed as a consultant in 1980-81 pending the availability of funds.

From our conversations with the NHPRC Staff, the Project, as delineated in the enclosed Addendum, stands a good chance of being funded.

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Our former Assistant Archivist has accepted another position with the State and we hired a new person, who will be joining the staff as of June 1st. Needless to say we are very hopeful both for the Project itself and the results of the Commission's June meeting.

I will be in Washington this weekend and will try calling your office on Friday afternoon.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Zofia Sywak Director

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