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Senator Claiborne Pell Old Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of a large grant proposal which I submitted on March 1, 1981 to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The proposal seeks to gain funding from the Endowment for a two year research effort leading eventually to the writing of a history of Rhode Island in the twentieth century. This proposal covers the period from 1900 to 1941. A quick reading of the narrative at the beginning of the proposal will make the scope of our research, the historical sources to be utilized, and the interpretive framework around which we will organize the data gathered.

I have long recognized your support of the two national endowments and your special concernischolarly efforts relating to the history and culture of Rhode Island. I bring this project to your attention for any support you may wish to give it as it wends its way through the evaluation process at NEH. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours

James Findlay

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