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October 8, 1985

Mr. Walter H. Capps 1724 Santa Barbara Street Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Mr. Capps:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for sending along a copy of your fine piece from the Los <u>Angeles Times</u> about the nomination of Edward Curran to head the Humanities Endowment.

I appreciate having this thoughtful article and hope you won't mind that I made it part of the official hearing record during our questioning of Mr. Curran last week.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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October 24, 1985

The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter to recommend Dr. Walter H. Capps as a superb candidate for a future vacancy on the National Council on the Humanities.

Dr. Capps is the current president of the National Federation of State Humanities Councils and also serves as chairman of the California Council for the Humanities. In both of these distinguished positions, Dr. Capps has been directly involved in the important effort to bring a better understanding and appreciation of the humanities to the American public. I have been very supportive of the work being done by the state humanities committees and am impressed with the fine leadership that Walter Capps is providing.

In addition, Dr. Capps is a professor of Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara where he has been a member of the faculty for over 20 years. In the course of his career he has had experience with virtually every aspect of the National Endowment for the Humanities - as a panel reviewer, frequent grantee and consultant.

In short, Walter Capps has the breadth of experience and distinguished academic credentials to make him an ideal nominee to the National Council on the Humanities. I enthusiastically commend him to you and ask that he be given every consideration when a vacancy on the Council occurs.

With regard and respect, I am

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell