

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
October 29, 1996

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*I believe I've
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SEP 16 1996

United States
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To: Janet PR

Draft response for POTUS
and forward to CHR by: _____

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Please reply directly to the writer
(copy to CHR) by: _____

Please advise by: _____

Let's discuss: _____

For your information: _____

Reply using form code: _____

File: _____

Send copy to (original to CHR): _____

Schedule ? : ☐ Accept ☐ Pending ☐ Regret

Designee to attend: _____

Remarks: _____

Will still
need to talk
about stuff!
guz



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President Clinton Signs Museum and Library Services Act

Washington, DC - On 30 September 1996 President Clinton approved legislation creating an Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Enactment of H.R. 4278 establishes IMLS to improve museum, library and information services. The new Institute consolidates federal programs of support for museums, which are currently administered by the Institute of Museum Services (IMS) and programs supporting libraries, currently administered by the Department of Education. The legislation takes effect in FY 97 (beginning October 1, 1996), but FY 97 will clearly be a year of transition.

Under the new law the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) will add to its responsibilities the role of advising the Institute on general policy related to financial assistance for library and information services. The National Museum Services Board will continue to provide policy advice on museum programs.

Speaking about the IMLS, Diane B. Frankel, IMS Director and the new IMLS Director said, "This new agency sends a strong signal about the contribution museums and libraries make to education and to communities across the country. I look forward to working with libraries and museums to ensure that the tremendous power they have- to enrich our lives is realized.

"I look forward to working closely with members of both the museum and library worlds to assure a smooth transition to the Institute of Museum and Library Services."

Jeanne H. Simon, NCLIS Chairperson, expressed satisfaction with the new arrangement: "NCLIS Members are very pleased about the prospects for increased cooperation between libraries and museums. We are also gratified that the important

federal role supporting libraries will continue through the new Library Services and Technology Act."

Provisions of the Museum and Library Act of 1996 include the following:

- Authorize an annual appropriation of \$150 million for libraries and \$28.7 million for museums (note: appropriations for library and museum programs continue to be the responsibility of different Congressional committees)
- Continue museum programs to encourage and assist museums in their educational role
- Renew and reorganize provisions contained in the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) and the Higher Education Act (HEA) title II into a new Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
- Establish a directorship of the Institute of Museum and Library Services with a four-year term that will alternate between people from library and museum backgrounds
- Transfer functions from IMS Director and Director of Library Programs at the Department of Education to the IMLS Director
- Establish two deputy directors, one for the Office of Museum Services and one for the Office of Library Services
- All of LSTA funding to states via state library agencies
- Provide national leadership competitive grants and contracts for education and training, research and demonstration, preservation or digitization of library materials, and model cooperative programs between museums and libraries.

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02-Oct-1996 05:17pm

TO: Elizabeth E. Drye

FROM: Janet B. Abrams
 Office of the Vice President

SUBJECT: Libraries

One other note: Peter Long is not really that interested in how the White House organizes national conferences generally (as he indicated in the letter to Carol). It seemed from C's handwritten notes that she liked that part of the letter... His interest is (understandably) in planning the next major national meeting on library issues.

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16-Oct-1996 01:53pm

TO: Elizabeth E. Drye
FROM: Carol H. Rasco
 Domestic Policy Council
CC: Janet B. Abrams
SUBJECT: RE: Libraries Commission

Agree with your assessment, Eliz. I do think Libraries could lead the way in modernizing these White House Conferences which were designed to be dialogues but in a period before we had some much technology that will allow something other than the DC extravaganzas all the time now.

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16-Oct-1996 09:07am

TO: Carol H. Rasco

FROM: Elizabeth E. Drye
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CC: Janet B. Abrams

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Janet, please think about how to do a meeting that is brief but useful, given that they seem to want to talk about two very different topics -- how to do a WH conference (technically), and how to substantively frame a dialogue on the future of libraries. If they are really interested in the former, then perhaps we can set it up for them with right people (Office of Admin, public liason, VP's office, DPC staffer) but I don't think it requires Carol's time (unless, Carol, you want to be there).

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Question 1: Is there at this time legislation calling for the next Libraries Conference?

2: If answer to 1 is no, would they understand that our hosting of the meeting does NOT mean we will necessarily go in and fight for a WH Conference?

3. If answer to 2 is that they understand our position, then I would be happy to host a meeting. I think there should be significant coordination among White House staff BEFORE the meeting with these folks on how we wish to proach it.

Make sense?

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MEETING REQUEST/TRACKING FORM

CAROL H. RASCO

DOMESTIC POLICY

Name of Requestor:

Jeane Hunkley Simon

Date:

10/25/96

Affiliation:

National Commission on Libraries + Information

Nature of Request:

meeting on new models for WH conference

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

DCP Staff Person:

Meeting Data: A. Date:

Before Dec. 12

B. Time:

C. Place:

D. Purpose:

to explore new models for traditional
national events like White House
conferences

E. Conflicts:

DECISION

☒ Accept

*Appears we
could do Dec. 10
or 11? 1 hr. w/*

Regret

☒ Forward

To:

*30 min
buffer at end.*

Pending

Comments:

Eliz - pls. assign

*someone on our staff to take this
over -*

*We need to discuss other depts. in WH
to be included in meeting.*



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