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Ms. Melanne Verveer
Assistant to the President and
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Verveer:

This past May the Members of the National Museum Services Board met in Kansas City to discuss the 1999 nominees for the National Award for Museum Service. The Board takes an active role in the selection of the recipients and they agree that reading the nominations is a highlight of their public service. This year's slate of nominees demonstrates the remarkable energy and creativity of museums across the country. Their nominations capture the tremendous spirit of museums that are central to the life of their communities.

This award has strong ties to the Clinton Administration. It originated 6 years ago when Diane Frankel became head of the Institute. It is one of the most exciting examples of the power of public/private partnership. Nominations are received from museums all over the country. For museums across the nation this award embodies the highest standard of achievement.

I recently learned that the National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal will be presented on September 29. As in the past, the Institute of Museum and Library Services would like to schedule the National Award for Museum Service ceremony for about one half hour sometime that day, either before or after the presentation of the medals. I hope that the First Lady's schedule will allow her to present the museum award and make brief remarks.

It is so meaningful for these outstanding museums to be a part of the White House's celebration of the arts and humanities. This is the only national award for museums; it recognizes institutions with programs and exhibitions that make a real difference in their communities. Her

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involvement in this award has been a tremendous honor to past recipients and to the agency.

As you may know, this award does not carry a financial prize, the benefit for recipients stems from the prestige of traveling to Washington to receive this national award. It is the First Lady's participation that provides the momentum. Each of the recipients leverages this momentum in a community celebration back home in the museum. It is inspiring to me how this award is used to tell wonderful stories that are a part of each of these outstanding museums.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 606-4649.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide in this matter.

Sincerely,



Beverly Sheppard
Acting Director

Enclosures

cc: Capricia Marshall
Ellen Lovell

**Institute of Museum and Library Services'
Request for Invitations for Events
Surrounding the NEA/NEH Medals Ceremony**

National Medal of Arts and the National Humanities Medal Ceremony

Approximately 60 invitations:

Kinshasha Holman-Conwill, Chairwoman of the National Museum Service Board (NMSB) and the NMSB members (7-12)
Recipients of the National Award for Museum Service (6 – 12)
Leaders in the museum and library field (4)
Staff at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (30 – 40)

First Lady Presentation of the National Award for Museum Service

Approximately 29 Invitation:

The recipients of the NAMS Award and their spouses (6 – 12)
Senior staff of IMLS (4)
The President of American Association of Museums and the Chairman of the Board (2)
The Director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and the Chair (2)
Members of Congress and Senators from the winners' states (9)

Last year, the Social Office gave us special tickets that we distributed to the individuals who will be coming to the First Lady's presentation. Could that be done again this year?

We would like the First Lady to make brief welcoming remarks and then present certificates (which we can deliver to you at anytime) in a photo op with the recipients of each winning institution. We would be happy to provide talking points for the First Lady.

National Medals Dinner

4 invitations:

Beverly and John Sheppard
Kinshasha Holman Conwill and guest

After-Dinner Entertainment

6 - 12 invitations:

As in the past, we would like our award winners and their spouses to be invited to the after-dinner entertainment.

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