

Tuesday,
2 August 1985

Dear David:

Thank you for your note of 28 July and Congratulations! I think it very good for you and for all of us that you have gained the ANWPAC position albeit temporarily or actingly. It will no doubt put you in a better position to gain insight into the national and institutionalized workings of our culture which may or may not be something anyone wishes to know about but which, I guess, someone best know about! Well, good luck and you can certainly have whatever support I can offer.

I write, however, mostly on other matters in your note and elsewhere. The most important matter is that of the Gallery's grant. In the strongest terms possible we - and ANWPAC, I suppose - should contact the Council about the gross inadequacy of the grant. We certainly did not expect great sums of further cash; however, I think it fair enough to believe that we thought we would at least get our share of the 6%! I don't really care on either a practical or theoretical level how it is done but the Council is going to have to come to better terms with this matter. It would be acceptable to me if they only increased that portion of the grant which goes to salary. But federal policy is such that employees are getting 6% increases and that at least should be reflected in the grant. Although they have us by the balls, I do not, as one board member, think they should be allowed to castrate us at will without at least a cry from us.

I have no reservations about the extra person(s) through the employment grants. I'll certainly give a hand in applying. No problem other than the normal of when!?

Working at the end of August and beginning of September. Gemey and I will be out of town the weekend of the 27th. Otherwise, I cannot speak for her. I, however, can be free for a couple of days if I know well enough ahead of time when. It will be busy for me finishing up some things before returning to the Library and then returning to the Library. Let me know as soon as possible.

The final matter is that of the "publication" from the Gallery. I am working on that and will have a proposal to you soon. I would hope that we can have a proposal off very early in September.

Hope your holidays are good.

JL

John Murchie

P.S. Beany + Steven were in town yesterday
& tried to reach you.