NEW YORK, N.Y., May 22, 1961.

Hon. Frank Thompson, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

Your bills H.R. 4172 and H.R. 4174 are important step toward American recognition of art. Our Government had fallen behind all others in cherishing our arts. American artists barely survive and function in spite of native climate; conditions must be changed quickly if we are to keep pace with rest of world.

AGNES DEMILLE.

(Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)