

E-mail Supplement:

May 14, 2010

Dear Mr. Ferriero,

Late last week I mailed the Founding Fathers Papers editors' response to the report Documents Compass prepared for the NHPRC. Kathleen Williams called and reminded me that U.S. mail, sent to government offices in Washington, is often delayed by rigorous security checks. She suggested that I email a copy of the response to you. The attachment to this email is my cover letter and the editors' response.

In rereading this response, we are concerned that our reference to the funding provided by the NHPRC, in the last paragraph, might be misunderstood. Since 1964, when the Commission received a small appropriation for distribution to the projects, the NHPRC has promoted and generously supported these editions. We are profoundly grateful.

Indeed, in our biannual reports to the NHPRC we emphasize the critical importance of this steady, longstanding, and generous support, which has not only allowed us to maintain momentum, but has also been a key element in our ability to raise the additional funds required to sustain the projects. We have obligations to those other funders as well, to whom we also report regularly. These include our sponsoring institutions, the NEH, private foundations, and numerous individuals. As the NHPRC drafts plans for future work, we hope they will keep in mind the editorial projects' obligations to all of their sponsors.

For the FFP editors,

Sincerely,

Jim Taylor