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Mr. Richard Harteis
337 Kitemaug Road
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Dear Mr. Harteis:

Thank you for taking the time to inform me of recent events at Riverrun, the home of the late William Meredith. Connecticut is proud, as am I, of Mr. Meredith's achievements, from the time he served as our Poet Laureate to the Pulitzer Prize he was awarded for *Partial Accounts*.

The work you do to maintain The William Meredith Foundation is of great importance, it is part of our State's great heritage and I commend you for the work you do in preserving that legacy. I understand that on December 5, 2007 Riverrun was designated an historic landmark on the State Registry by the Historic Preservation and Museum Division of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. This is a great accomplishment and well deserved.

I further understand that through this designation you have been invited to apply for a Special Initiative grant from the Connecticut Commission to produce a documentary film on William Meredith's life and career. I believe that this undertaking will result in a piece of work that will further American's awareness of the important of Mr. Meredith's successes and, thereby, enrich the Connecticut history experience.

I am gratified to learn that the profits from this endeavor will go to help build the center and establish the endowment at Riverrun for The William Meredith Foundation's resident fellow program, which I offer my full support of. I am proud of the Mr. Meredith's accomplishments and offer the highest praise to you for the effort you have made to bring this project about to the benefit of our great state, Connecticut.

Thank you again for informing me of the plans that you have for Riverrun. I hope that you will continue to update me in the future as I will be interested to learn about your progress and its impact on our residents. I offer you my heartiest congratulations on the feats you have accomplished so far.

Sincerely



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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